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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”.



Royal Chapel of Versailles

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Cover Essay –

The Dilemma of King Louis XIV and His Second Wife, Madame de Maintenon, Who Was of Huguenot Descent

By Janice Murphy Lorenz, Editor

In issuing the famous 1685 Revocation of the Edict of Nantes, Louis XIV launched the last stage of his deliberate devastation of French Protestantism. In so doing, Louis XIV broke his “Declaration” of 1652, in which he recalled the Huguenots’ loyal service to the Crown and vowed that the Huguenots would be “kept and maintained in the full enjoyment of the Edict of Nantes, and would be permitted the public exercise of their religion despite any and all decisions or decrees to the contrary, either of our council or of the courts.” Shortly after uttering those words, he began to slowly erode the Edict.¹ Even though there was no open warfare between Catholics and Protestants at that particular time, a cold war was being waged, using the conversion of children as one of its chief weapons. Religious conflict also stormed between Roman Catholics and Jansenists. Louis XIV demanded conformity to strict Roman Catholicism. By the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes and the onerous decrees which preceded it, Louis XIV signaled that he was prepared to suppress non-conformists at any cost. Why did Louis XIV go against his word? One possible answer lies in the profound influence of his illegitimate children’s governess, Françoise d’Aubigné, who was a Huguenot descendant and was later known as Madame de Maintenon.² Meeting Louis XIV as they both approached their forties, they both may have been contemplating the meaning of life. Maintenon and Louis’ Jesuit confessor persuaded Louis to give up his mistresses and frivolous entertainments in order to share Maintenon’s preoccupation with salvation and the goal of leaving a meaningful legacy. Given her Huguenot heritage, and the fact that Louis XIV went on to secretly marry her before revoking the Edict of Nantes, it is almost ironic that Maintenon was raised and educated as a Protestant. She was the fiercely proud descendant of a well-known Huguenot great-grandfather, and her grandfather was the famous Huguenot courtier and author, Agrippa d’Aubigné, whose life is presented elsewhere in this issue of *The Cross*.



Portrait of Madame de Maintenon, with the King's illegitimate sons

The focus upon salvation rather than pleasure translated for both of them into a desire to lead a meaningful life, one whose meaning was tangible and capable of being measured. This focus also created a dilemma because, in order to achieve the type and level of greatness they each desired, it would be necessary to employ methods that could arguably jeopardize the very salvation they sought to earn.

It was a miracle that Maintenon even made it to court, much less managed to develop a strong personal bond of any sort with the King. Her noble credentials were weak to begin with, and were damaged by her father’s criminal and treasonous conduct. He was misnamed “Constant,” and was a criminal, a gambler, a murderer, and ultimately committed treason. He betrayed his father again and again, at one point even losing the family chateau to gamblers and another time, setting up a counterfeiting operation there. He bounced from crime to prison to crime and back, and her mother, the Catholic daughter of one of his early jailers, took the family and accompanied him to various prisons. Maintenon was born in a prison in Niort, France, in 1638. Before her birth, her father’s conduct had already caused Agrippa to disinherit him. To this early life of turbulence and shame may be added religious confusion, for Maintenon never lived continuously with any one caretaker. Due to poverty and the aforesaid circumstances of her father, her Catholic mother gave her away to Maintenon’s kind Protestant aunt, who would raise her as a Protestant, only to be transferred back to her Catholic mother. She was a staunch Protestant until her wealthy but stingy Catholic godmother obtained a court order to take custody and correct that “error.” Godmother put her in a convent to be converted. Maintenon was defiant, just as her famous great-grandfather and grandfather had been, and she would not convert until her mid-teens. Perhaps as she matured, she caught a glimpse of what the future might hold if she did not convert and find a husband.

Despite the instability of her youth, Maintenon was reasonably well read. Her impoverished mother had taught her to read using their only book, Plutarch’s Lives. This book no doubt taught Françoise the value of examining one’s life and making deliberate choices about how to lead it. Her staunch and kind Protestant aunt instilled in her Protestant values and taught her

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OFFICIAL CALL TO 2010 MID-YEAR MEETING

The National Huguenot Society, Inc.
 Semi-Annual General Counsel Meeting and Board of General Officers Meeting
 Fiesta Resort Conference Center
 2100 South Priest Drive • Tempe, Arizona 85282 Phone: 480-967-1441

The Fall Semi-Annual meeting of the General Counsel and Board of General Officers of The National Huguenot Society, Inc., will be hosted by The Huguenot Society of Arizona. The National Huguenot Society was invited to hold its mid-year meetings in the Phoenix Area to coincide with the Fall meeting of the Huguenot Society of Arizona. There will be a workshop for all attendees Friday morning, October 22nd, preceding the General Council meeting. The General Council will meet Friday afternoon, followed by a reception and dinner that evening. The Board of General Officers will meet Saturday morning, then everyone will join the Arizona Society for their meeting, luncheon, and program. Activities are being planned for Saturday morning for those not required to attend the Board meeting.

Friday, 22 October 2010

9:00 AM	Workshop
1:30 PM	General Council Meeting
6:30 PM	Reception and Dinner

Saturday, 23 October 2010

8:30 AM	Board of General Officers Meeting
11:30 AM	Join the Huguenot Society of Arizona Meeting and Luncheon

Note: Standing Committee Chairmen are invited to attend the Meeting of the Board of General Officers. All other meetings and meal functions are open, and all members and guests are encouraged to attend those.

All General Officers, State Presidents, Committee Chairs, Members, and Guests are urged to attend the Workshop, General Council meeting and the Huguenot Society of Arizona luncheon and program. Take advantage of the opportunity to meet and network with your contemporaries from across the country.

This Mid-year meeting will be most interesting and informative, but fun, casual and relaxed at Arizona's unexpected oasis. Dress code will be "resort casual." Come and unwind and do a little "brainstorming" with us. Share what works for you and learn what works for other State Member Societies. This is also the opportunity for State Member Societies to learn more about the workings of the National Society and to give valuable input with suggestions for improvement at the National level.

Total cost for the meeting, including registration, Friday night dinner, and the Arizona State Society luncheon on Saturday is \$90.00. Cost for those who are only attending meal functions is \$50.00 for dinner and \$25.00 for the luncheon. For those staying at the hotel, breakfast vouchers are included in registration (maximum 2 vouchers per room per night).

Please make checks payable to **The National Huguenot Society, Inc.**, and MAIL CHECKS BY 30 September 2010 to:

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Please make hotel reservations directly with the hotel as soon as possible. Cut-off is Oct. 2. Request the National Huguenot Society rate of \$109.00 single/double, excluding tax. Rates will be honored 3 days prior and 3 days following the meetings, based on availability, so make reservations early. Call toll-free 800-528-6481 for reservations. The hotel contact for our meetings is Amanda Cartmel, phone 480-967-1441, e-mail: acartmel@dhhhotels.com. To view the hotel web site, go to www.FiestaResortcc.com.

The Fiesta Resort offers complimentary 24 hour airport and local area shuttle service and free self-parking. The hotel is easily accessible, near I10 at Broadway & S. Priest Drive in Tempe, Arizona. The Sky Harbor International Airport (PHX) is only 10 minutes from the Fiesta Resort and is served by all major airlines and car rental companies. Please see the accompanying articles for more information. Don't miss these fun and exciting Mid-Year functions!

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to give to the poor. Even her stingy godmother, who had her recite proverbs while minding a flock of turkeys in exchange for food and shelter, taught her a few things about survival. Such were the foundation of her character that by her teens, Maintenon was a shrewd, deliberate thinker, determined to choose and control her own fate in life.

To solve the problem of what to do with Maintenon as an adult, her godmother introduced her into Paris society, insofar as she introduced her to an illustrious neighbor, the famous and crippled burlesque poet, Scarron, who maintained a salon filled with the intellectuals and high society of Paris. Unfortunately, he was not widely respected, due to the base humor and habits of some of his confederates. But with Maintenon's full cooperation, they married, he loved her, he taught her several languages, he exposed her to high society, and through him she developed both her education and her ability to converse wittily.

After Scarron died, Maintenon was thrust into poverty yet again. She had determined by then to get herself to court, and to become a person of influence, and not necessarily in that order. Through Scarron, she had developed contacts with prominent women and men. Adopting a respectful, subservient role with the women, she ingratiated herself into their regular society. And reportedly very discreetly bestowing favors upon carefully selected prominent men, she was financially provided for, albeit very modestly. She was rescued from these circumstances by one of the women, Madame de Montespan who, not only was a part of Louis XIV's court, was his mistress and the mother of two of his illegitimate children. Montespan needed a governess for these children, who were at that time still a secret, and who were to be followed by several more children. Maintenon seized the opportunity.

Returning to the question, why did Louis XIV break his word and decide to launch a full assault on the Protestants, several possible answers come to mind. (1) He was approaching mid-life, a time when he wanted to be certain to make the changes necessary to ensure his reign was one of deep, enduring meaning and consequence, which he would prove by completing his campaign to establish one religion in France. To finish the job, he needed to finish off the Protestants by conversion or suppression. (2) He was vulnerable to new influences, such as that of Maintenon and his Jesuit confessor, because Minister Colbert had died. As long as Colbert lived, he had never openly persecuted the Protestants, because Colbert believed that the Huguenots were too economically important to the prosperity of the kingdom to destroy.³ The absence of Colbert's influence could have eroded consideration of the economics involved and influenced the decision. (3) Louis XIV's education was abominably substandard, causing him to lack the knowledge and perspective that might have been expected of someone of his stature and position; (4) He was probably misinformed about the mass "conversions" that had taken place, believing his measures to have been genuinely effective rather than producing fake abjurations; and finally (5) His new Minister of War, Louvois, was a Jesuit intent upon exterminating the Protestants as well as establishing his own value at court by participating in Louis XIV's grand mission of meaning.⁷

Maintenon, for her part, achieved her sense of respect and importance by getting herself to court as the governess to two of Louis XIV's children, albeit illegitimate ones. Once there, she quickly envisioned surpassing her grandfather Agrippa's accomplishments, in two ways. (1) She was the first person to recognize France's need for an educational institution for the daughters of impoverished noblemen. Had such an institution existed before, her own youth could have been much different. To establish such an institution, she would need to establish an even closer relationship to the King than that of a governess to his illegitimate children. Once that was accomplished, together they established Saint Cyr which, although converted into a convent, served its intended function. (2) She noted that, with the right circumstances and a little luck, her favorite child, the Duc du Maine, might have a chance to take the throne one day. This thought provided an enormous sense of responsibility and importance to her.

How did she propel herself from a governess at court to the King's second wife? She employed her natural character traits and certain specific strategies to create and exploit opportunities. Her character was street-smart, educated and worldly, and she was self-possessed enough to be able to successfully hide her rough edges with an aura of piety and dignity. She was deliberate, cunning, and patient, and her strategy was to make the utmost of her position of influence over Louis' illegitimate children, whom he loved. She was genuinely attached to the Duc du Maine, and ceaselessly and ruthlessly created and exploited opportunities to improve his position in the succession and advance his interests in all other matters. She eventually persuaded Louis XIV to make du Maine and his illegitimate brother "princes of the blood," who would be eligible to the throne,⁴ and she also persuaded Louis XIV on his deathbed to change his will and give the regency of young Louis XV's to the Duc du Maine rather than the Duc d'Orleans. Maintenon's specific tactics to accomplish marriage were (1) She injected herself into the King's relationship with Montespan, mediating their disputes, until she had undermined the relationship out of existence and caused Montespan to be expelled from court; (2) She encouraged the King to renew his relationship with

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his wife, the Queen; (3) once the Queen died,⁵ she professed to want to leave court and live alone as Madame de Maintenon at the chateau the King had given her. The result was that he married her, albeit secretly, but nevertheless, forthwith.

The next year, he revoked the Edict of Nantes. There can be no doubt of her awareness of his intention to do so; Louis conducted his daily meeting with his ministers of state in her chambers. She would be consulted regularly for her opinion on a variety of matters, and greatly influenced his decisions on many matters, Huguenots. She seems to have neither entertained nor expressed any equivocation in her beliefs after she converted to Catholicism.

How did she maintain her influence, once established? (1) She made a show of reluctance to exercise her influence before proceeding to exercise it; (2) She took care to conceal her ambition, constantly reiterating her distaste for the business of state;⁶ and (3) She truly was of a steady, unemotional nature, and thought logically and strategically. In fact, when it came to the subject of Huguenots, there is little indication that their persecution fazed her in the least. She enthusiastically converted some of her own young Protestant relatives without their parents' consent, later enticing their father to convert by offering him a position at court. She showed none of the sensitivity one might have expected from a woman who was once such an enthusiastic Protestant, herself, before abjuring under duress.

The religiosity of Madame de Maintenon, and then Louis XIV, seemed to be a deliberately "simple," narrow-minded, and intolerant one. It recognized no nuances and allowed no "novelties" or deviations from the strict construction of the Roman Catholic faith. Yet people observed the discrepancy between Louis XIV's stated pioussness, and his cruel persecutions, senseless wars, and self-aggrandizement. People observed the discrepancy between Maintenon's stated pioussness, and the amazing coincidences of mysterious poisonings and political downfalls experienced by hers and the Duc du Maine's rivals. Louis XIV and Maintenon should have realized, but apparently did not, that when a conversion under duress did occur, it was not necessarily experienced at any depth of feeling, and thus was more of a social rather than religious conformity. For Maintenon in particular, there seems to have been a hint of dissemblance throughout her dealings. Despite the frequency and quantity of her correspondence, her awareness of and the importance of her legacy in posterity raises a question how much of what she devoted to paper was completely forthcoming. She admitted to burning the papers in her own possession that may have been truly revealing as to her own or Louis XIV's lives; and she was caught in the act of removing some of them from her chambers just before his death.

In light of all these issues, it is possible to conclude that Louis XIV's and Maintenon's preoccupation with their salvation may have been pragmatic. Were they aware when they did the wrong thing that they were doing the wrong thing, but thought the end justified the means? We may never know if either of them untangled themselves from the dilemma they seem to have exposed themselves to through their choices, particularly their choices concerning the Huguenots.

1 *The Story of the Huguenots*, by Henry A. Du Pont (Cambridge: The Riverside Press, 1920).

2 Françoise took on the name Madame de Maintenon after she was given the chateau Maintenon by Louis XIV along with a marquise. She will be referred to herein as "Maintenon" for the sake of brevity. Madame de Maintenon, by Emily Bowles (Kegan Paul Trench & Co., 1888) at 35.

3 *Louis the Fourteenth and The Court of France in the Seventeenth Century*, by Julia Pardoe, Vol. III (Scribner and Welford, 1887) at 255.

4 This had a profound impact upon the succession to the throne when a series of mysterious poisonings and sudden deaths swept through the throne, there was a heated competition between the Regent for Louis XV, the Duc d'Orleans, and the Duc du Maine, which the Regent won.

5 Conveniently, she was not required to wait long for the Queen's death to occur.

6 *Famous Beauties and Historic Women*, by W. H. Davenport Adams, Vol. I (Charles J. Skeet 1865) at 236.

7 C.C. Dyson, *Madame de Maintenon—Her Life and Times* (Turnbull & Spears, Printers, Edinburgh 1910)

COVER PHOTO: Royal Chapel at Versailles, France, built shortly after the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes, where King Louis XIV and Madame de Maintenon worshipped.

INSIDE COVER PHOTO: Portrait of Madame de Maintenon, with the King's illegitimate sons, Comte du Vexin and Duc du Maine, by Pierre Mignard, 1685.

THE PRESIDENT GENERAL'S REPORT TO CONGRESS 17 April 2010

The President General presided over the General Council and the Board of General Officers meetings held at the Hampton Inn in Clinton, Mississippi the 30th and 31st of October 2009 at the invitation of the Huguenot Society of Mississippi. The officers and members of that State Member Society were most gracious hosts and went all out to make everyone feel welcome. At the conclusion of the General Council and Board meetings, those in attendance were privileged to join the Mississippi Society for lunch and their Fall State Society meeting.

This officer was quite pleased that there were several attendees at the Mississippi meeting from around the country who had never attended a National meeting. Among them was Fay Charpentier-Ford, President of the Huguenot Society of Kentucky. A result of her attendance was an invitation for the General Council to hold its Mid-year meeting in Louisville in conjunction with the Fall meeting of their State Society in October 2011.

A very well received activity during the Mid-year meeting was the workshop for State Registrars conducted by Registrar General Nancy W. Brennan. This officer was privileged to sit in on the workshop and found several others there who were not Registrars, but wanted the information to take back to their State Societies. The success of that program prompted the inclusion of "mini-workshops" as part of this Annual General Council meeting.

A good deal of this officer's time is spent communicating with officers and members of State Member Societies by phone, e-mail, and postal service. That is one aspect of the President General's position that I particularly enjoy. I welcome their inquiries and try to provide the information they need.

The Board of General Officers charged this officer and the Second Vice President General with continuing to seek an acceptable agreement with the Virginia Huguenot group that has chosen to become independent of the National Huguenot Society. Negotiations have been quite cordial, and it was anticipated that a mutually acceptable agreement would be forthcoming before this meeting.

The President General has completed the compilation of an updated General Council Directory. There had been so many changes and corrections needed that it seemed prudent to do a new one rather than continuing to send out "snippets" of information for everyone to keep up with. The new ones are being distributed to General Council members present at these meetings, and will be mailed to the General Council members not present.

Since last reporting, this officer has been proud to represent the National Huguenot Society at gatherings of several other organizations, and to respond to questions about the Huguenots and the National Society from people who are unaware of the history of the Huguenots or are interested in discovering whether they are Huguenot descendants or are eligible to join the National Huguenot Society.

This officer has continued to perform the customary duties of the office of President General, including the receipt of all bills and invoices, and using the voucher system, approve them for payment by the Treasurer General.

This officer is proud to serve as President General of the National Huguenot Society and does so with humility and devotion to the memory, principles, and virtues of our Huguenot ancestors.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara C. MacManus

MINUTES of the NATIONAL HUGUENOT SOCIETY, INC.
SEMIANNUAL GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING
16 April 2010 Washington, D.C.

The semi-annual meeting of the General Council of The National Huguenot Society, Inc., was held at the Marriott Renaissance M Street Hotel, in Washington, D.C. President General Barbara C. MacManus called the meeting to order at 9:20 A.M.

Invocation was offered 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 Joel Strauch, California State Society.

The Huguenot Pledge to The Flag of the United States of America was deferred to the Saturday General Congress since the Huguenot Flag was not available for the General Council session.

Recitation of the "Sacred Oath" was led by Nancy Brennan, Registrar General.

President General MacManus welcomed members and guests and introduced the program:

Workshop: Guidelines for State Registrars, Nancy Brennan, Registrar General

Workshop and discussion included handouts on "Guidelines for State Registrars" and "Selected Huguenot Bibliography." Mrs. Brennan requested that states provide updates on changes in address or status of membership to keep the mailing list for The Cross of Languedoc accurate. All changes of address need to be provided directly to: Nancy W. Brennan, 6 Barcom Court, San Antonio, TX 78218-6023, email: NHSRegistrar@sbcglobal.net.

Workshop: Guidelines for State Treasurers, Rex L. Gradeless, Treasurer General

Emphasized need for communication with state societies, and importance of up-to-date addresses. Mr. Gradeless also requested that current mailing addresses be provided with annual payment of dues to National Society.

Open Forum: Membership Development

Program for attracting younger members, Carol Chew, Chair: Reported on pilot program to involve younger members and their families in learning Huguenot history and the contributions Huguenots have made to their country.

Using electronic media for membership development, Janice Lorenz, Editor, The Cross of Languedoc and Chairman of Committee on Publications: Reported on using social media on the internet to reach younger audiences and a broader spectrum of interested persons.

Communication with National Society, Barbara MacManus, President General: Identified key issues including having states keep National updated on changes in membership; need states to express to National their needs. Described some of the projects National is providing for states, including: the Huguenot Collection in the DAR Library, The Cross of Languedoc, a national website and a manual that is currently being revised to provide guidance for state societies.

Publicity: Discussion on methods to increase awareness for state societies including paid ads in local newspapers, publicizing society meetings through news articles and event calendars, involvement in community projects, placing plaques at locations of significance in Huguenot immigration and contribution to the development of the early American colonies.

Business Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 am by President General Barbara C. MacManus.

The minutes of the General Council meeting that was held in Clinton, Mississippi on 30 October 2009 were read and approved with corrections by the duly appointed reading committee and published in The Cross of Languedoc. There being no further corrections, the minutes stand approved as published.

The President General appointed Carol Chew and Nancy Brennan to serve as a Reading Committee to read and attest to the minutes of this meeting.

Preliminary Credentials Report, Linda L. Smith, Chairman: Voting Strength twelve (12) Officers and Delegates, 2 Guests, 1 non-voting member present.

Reports of the General Officers

President General Barbara C. MacManus – Present, report deferred to Congress.

First Vice President General Alan W. Moore – Absent, report filed.

Second Vice President General Janice M. Lorenz – Present, no report.

Chaplain General, the Rev. Fr. Paul W. Smith, Present, Necrology report (Memorial Program) will be presented on Saturday.

Recording Secretary General Jan E. Cordell – Present, no report.

Corresponding Secretary General Nancy B. Askew – Absent, report filed.

Registrar General Nancy W. Brennan – Present, report deferred to Saturday.

Historian General Todd B. Frary – Absent, report filed.

Genealogist General Alice J. Sweeney – Absent, report filed.

Reports of Honorary Presidents General

Mrs. Nadine Strang Hardin-Miller – Present, verbal greetings.

Mrs. Neoma O. O'Brien – Present, verbal greetings.

Standing Committee Reports

Bylaws Committee, Sylvia F. McAuliffe – Absent, report filed.

Committee on Finance, Todd Frary – Absent, report filed.

Committee on Programs and Arrangements – Present, report deferred to Saturday.

Committee on Publications, Janice Lorenz – Present, report deferred to Saturday.

Special Committees

Publicity and Web Master, Stephen B. Gerth, Chair – Absent, report filed.

Register of Huguenot Ancestors, Fifth Edition, Jeannine S. Kallal, Chair – Absent, report deferred to Congress.

Activities for Younger Members, Carol Chew, Chair – Present. The committee will begin with a pilot program of contests in three (3) age groups. Details will be mailed to all state societies. The deadline is October 1, 2010. Winners will be announced at the 2011 Congress. Full report is filed.

Member (State) Society Reports: Reports deferred to Saturday.

New Business: Recommendations to the Board of General Officers

Date and Location for 2010 Mid-year Meeting, Jan Cordell reporting: October 22 & 23, 2010 in Phoenix, Arizona area hosted by Arizona State Society. (Motion made and approved at October 2009 Mid-Year meeting.)

Fay Charpentier-Ford, President Kentucky State Society issued invitation to hold October 2011 Mid-year meeting in Louisville, Kentucky.

#1 Motion was made and approved to recommend that the October 2011 Mid-Year General Council Meeting be held in Louisville, Kentucky at the same time as the Kentucky State Society Meeting.

#2 Motion was made and approved to recommend that the Board of General Officers meet in October 2011 in Louisville, Kentucky at the same time as the General Council Meeting.

#3 Motion was made and approved to recommend that NHS be authorized to join the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS), pay for at least two (2) representatives to the FGS annual convention, and be granted authority to spend up to \$100.00 for access to FGS resources.

#4 Motion was made and approved (pending confirmation of details) to recommend that the NHS start a blog website using social media to be administered by the Editor of The Cross of Languedoc/Chairman of the Publications Committee; all content to be approved by the President General; with authority to discontinue it after three (3) months if necessary.

#5 Motion was made and approved to recommend that a special celebration be planned for the 75th Annual Congress next year in Washington, D. C. and a committee be formed to make arrangements.

#6 Motion was made and approved to recommend the approval of the proposal by the Huguenot Society of Pennsylvania to place a plaque at Jean Bonnet Tavern.

Announcements

Announcements were made regarding the Board of General Officers meeting and Friday evening Banquet, and Saturday activities, i.e.: 74th Annual Congress, lunch followed by Memorial Service, and transport of wreath to WWII Memorial.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Estelle Cordell, Recording Secretary General

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.

Minutes of the 74th Annual Congress

Saturday, April 17, 2010

The Marriott Renaissance M Street Hotel
1143 New Hampshire Avenue NW
Washington DC

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 am by the President General, Barbara C. MacManus.

The President General appointed the reading committee of Gelene Woody, Peter Morgan Adams and Fay Charpentier-Ford.

Invocation was given by Chaplain General, the Reverend Dr. Paul W. Smith.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Barbara Schulz, Delegate from Florida.

The Huguenot Pledge to the Flag of the United States was led by Peter M. Adams, Third Vice President General.

The objectives of the Society were read by Recording Secretary General, Jan Estelle Cordell.

The Credentials Committee report was given by Linda A. Smith, Chairman. General Officers present, Six (6); Honorary Presidents General present, two (2); Presidents of State Societies, two (2); Delegates, nine (9); State Societies represented, twelve (12); voting strength nineteen (19). Alternate Delegates, one (1); Non-delegate members, none (0); Guests three (3). Total Registration, twenty-three (23).

Motion was made to accept credentials report. Motion adopted.

Quorum was declared.

The reading of the Standing Rules printed in the program was waived with the exception of Rule #2 which was read by the President General.

The printed program was presented. Motion made to approve the program of the 74th Annual Congress as printed. Motion adopted.

The minutes of the 73rd Annual Congress were approved by a reading committee and published in The Cross of Languedoc. Motion to accept as printed. Motion carries.

Election of Nominating Committee:

Sylvia F. McAuliffe, Nancy Brennan, Fay Charpentier-Ford, Janice Lorenz, and Nancy Askew were elected to serve on the nominating committee.

The President General appointed Rex Gradeless as timekeeper.

The President General read her report, which is attached.

The Treasurer General, Rex L. Gradeless presented his report which included the Activity Report, Year End Report, Balance Sheet and Budget. Motion was made to accept the Treasurer General's Report. Motion adopted.

The Audit Report is delayed pending resolution of banking issues.

Report of General Officers:

Chaplain General, Rev. Dr. Paul W. Smith - Necrology report filed. Requests next of kin data so cards may be sent.

Corresponding Secretary General, Nancy B. Askew - Report filed.

Registrar General, Nancy W. Brennan presented her report, which is attached. Since October there have been twenty-one

(21) new members by application for a total of sixty-nine (69) for the year. One hundred and fifty-five, (155) members lost through death or failure to pay dues. Three (3) youth registrations were processed.

Historian General, Todd B. Frary - Report filed.

Reports of Honorary Presidents General:

Rev. Travis T. Du Priest, Jr., Ph.D. - Report filed.

Joyce Bockemuehl and Nadine Hardin-Miller extended greetings to the members and guests.

Dixon A. Barr and Prof. Arthur F. Stocker deceased this past year. President General appointed a Committee to recognize deceased Honorary Presidents General. Rev. Paul W. Smith, Chairman.

Report from Board of General Officers: Recommendations from General Council Meeting: The following motions were read by the Recording Secretary General.

#1 Motion was made and approved to recommend that the 2011 Mid-Year General Council Meeting be held in Louisville, Kentucky at the same time as the Kentucky State Society Meeting. Motion adopted by Board of General Officers.

#2 Motion was made and approved to recommend that the Board of General Officers meet in October 2011 in Louisville, Kentucky at the same time as the General Council Meeting. Motion adopted by Board of General Officers.

#3 Motion was made and approved to recommend that NHS be authorized to join the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS), pay for at least two (2) representatives to the FGS annual convention, and be granted authority to spend up to \$100.00 for access to FGS resources. Motion adopted by Board of General Officers.

#4 Motion was made and approved to recommend that the NHS start a blog website using social media to be administered by the Editor of The Cross of Languedoc and Chairman of the Publications Committee; all content to be approved by the President General; with authority to discontinue it after three (3) months if necessary. Motion adopted by Board of General Officers.

#5 Motion was made and approved to recommend that a special celebration be planned for the 75th Annual Congress next year in Washington, D. C. and a committee be formed to make arrangements. Motion adopted by Board of General Officers.

#6 Motion was made and approved to recommend the approval of the proposal by the Huguenot Society of Pennsylvania to place a plaque at Jean Bonnet Tavern. Motion adopted by Board of General Officers. (Wording on plaque: "Jean Bonnet Tavern: Huguenot Jean Bonnet purchased this property in 1779 and established a public house and inn. During the Whiskey Rebellion General George Washington's troops were quartered here. Marker dedicated March 2010, by the Huguenot Society of Pennsylvania, National Huguenot Society.")

Additional Motions and Recommendations from the Board of General Officers:

#7 Motion that members transferring from disbanded state societies to another state society or MAL will not be charged a transfer fee if done before January 1, 2011. Motion adopted by Board of General Officers.

#8 Motion to accept the report of awards committee. (Note: Awards Committee Report read by Recording Secretary General at this time.) Recommendation to give award to: From a Far Country: Camisards & Huguenots in the Atlantic World by: Catherine Randall, The University of Georgia Press. Motion adopted by Board of General Officers.

#9 Motion to accept the recommendation of the Committee on Scholarships to award Amelia Baldwin Fromherz of Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center the 2010 Jacqueline Wells Dickey Scholarship. Motion approved by Board of General Officers.

#10 Motion to recommend to Congress to hold Annual Congresses for 2011 through and including 2015 on the second weekend in April in Washington D.C.
Motion adopted by Congress.

#11 Motion to provide \$2000 to use be used as follows: Level 1 (Grades 2-4): \$25, \$50, \$100; Level 2 (Grades 5-8): \$50, \$100, \$200; Level 3 (Grades 9-12): \$100, \$250, \$500.

Balance to be used for necessary expenses. Motion adopted by Board of General Officers.

#12 Motion to provide \$2500 for upgrade of office equipment. Motion adopted by Board of General Officers.

#13 Motion that \$5000 additional funds be provided for the 75th Anniversary Congress Celebration to be used at the discretion of the 75th Anniversary Committee. Motion adopted by Board of General Officers.

Note: Shirley de la Barre has been appointed Chairman of the 75th Anniversary Committee.

Supplemental Report of Credentials Committee: General Officers present, six (6); Honorary Presidents General present, two (2); Presidents of State Societies present, two (2); Delegates present, eleven (11); State Societies represented, thirteen (13); Voting strength total, twenty-one (21); Alternate Delegates present, two (2); Non-Delegate Members present, none (0); Guests and Honorary Members present, three (3); Total Registration, twenty-six (26).

Reports of Committees:

Committee on Awards, Chairman Kimbley A. Kincaid. Recording Secretary General read report on Book Award as noted in Motion #8.

Committee on Bylaws, Sylvia F. McAuliffe, Honorary President General, Chairman – Report filed.

Committee on Finance, Todd B. Frary, Chairman – Report filed.

Motion to go out of order for Report from the Arkansas Society. Approved. Report presented by Elizabeth Ashley Hardin for Priscilla Davis, Arkansas Society State President.

Committee on Arrangements reported by Janice Lorenz: By pre-planning and setting dates for several years in advance, the annual congress has a greater choice of accommodations and better rates. This also allows dates to be published years in advance in The Cross. The Congress will be held the second weekend in April for the years 2011 through 2015. This will not present a conflict with Easter.

Committee on Scholarships, Chairman Richard D. Smith, Sr.: Recording Secretary General read recommendation of committee for recipient of Jacqueline Wells Dickey Scholarship as noted in Motion #9.

Reports of Special Committees:

Committee on Publicity, Janice Lorenz, reporting: Using Internet and social media to increase visibility and reach younger and broader audience.

Register of Qualified Huguenot Ancestors, Jeannine S. Kallal, Chairman – Report given by Registrar General after lunch: It is anticipated that the Register of Ancestors will be finished by the end of 2010. It still needs to be indexed and proofed and a printer needs to be selected.

Recovery of Escheat Funds, Robert R. Van Gulick, Chairman – Report given by President General.

Committee on Youth, Carol Chew, Chairman. Jan Cordell reporting: The committee will begin with a pilot project this year to present awards in three (3) age groups. See Motion #11 above. Report is attached. State Societies and Board of General Officers will receive a mailing of Contest Information and Resources. In addition, the Committee will prepare a 75th Anniversary coloring book highlighting Huguenot history and individuals to be distributed to every member of National.

Reports from State Societies:

District of Columbia, Mrs. Shirley de la Barr, President. Report given by Janice Lorenz.

Florida, Mrs. Linda L. Antram Smith, President reporting.

Kentucky, Mrs. Fay Charpentier-Ford, President reporting. Invitation extended to visit Kentucky for mid-year meeting 2011.

Ohio, Mrs. Virginia M. McVay, Treasurer. Greetings from Ohio given by Catherine Mackey.

Oklahoma, Mrs. Donna L. Gantt, President. Report given by Nadine Hardin-Miller.

Pennsylvania, Mr. Ronald G. Horner, President. Report given by Peter M. Adams. A plaque will be placed on the Jean Bonnet Tavern. See Motion #6.

Texas, Mr. Jack Vance Cowan, President. Report given by Nancy Brennan.

Reports read by Recording Secretary General: Alabama, Arizona, Delaware, Indiana, North Carolina, Virginia, and Washington State.

Motion made and approved to recess until after lunch.

Meeting recessed at 11:45 am.

Congress reconvened at 1 pm.

Motion made and approved to go out of order to consider Bylaws at this time.

New Business:

Bylaws amendments: The President General read each proposed amendment. Full report of proposed By-laws amendments is attached.

Motion to approve Article IV, Section D., 3. as read – to allow Annual Congress to change the amount of the per capita annual membership fee without a bylaws amendment. Motion adopted.

Motion to approve Article IV, Section D., 4. as read – to identify reference to authorization of fees. Motion adopted.

Motion to approve Article IV, Section D., 6. as read – to include requirement of Application for Transfer and identify reference to authorization of fees. Motion adopted.

Motion to approve Article V, Section D., 3. b. as read – to consistent (only if Article VI, Section D is amended). Motion adopted.

Motion to approve Article X, Section A. as read – to allow more flexibility to obtain desirable facilities. Motion adopted.

The Annual Memorial Service was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Paul W. Smith. Following Congress, the wreath was placed at the World War II Memorial.

Recognition of Nominating Committee Chairman:

Nancy Askew was selected by the committee to serve as chairman.

Other Business:

Registrar General requested guidelines on a request from the Martineau Family Association regarding moving the entire membership into the National Huguenot Society, Inc. Motion was made to create a pilot program to develop a method to allow family associations to enroll qualified members as a group in the National Society. Motion approved.

Benediction given by Chaplain General.

The 74th Annual Congress was adjourned at 2 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Estelle Cordell, Recording Secretary General

REPORTS FROM GENERAL OFFICERS

Treasurer General's 2009 Year End Report

The undersigned, Treasurer General of The National Huguenot Society, Inc. does hereby submit the following Financial Report for the Year Ended December 31, 2009.

At the beginning of my office term the current administration was notified of the need to change all signature cards on all accounts to include my name and have all bank statements mailed directly to my address. Attempts were made to complete this task but as of the date of this report only one continuing account has been updated.

In June of 2009 funds received were used to open an operating account at First Federal Savings Bank of Washington. When the Advent Recover CD and an Operating CD matured they were also moved to First Federal Savings Banks as that financial institution was paying a higher rate of interest than any other major banking institution at that time.

The Bylaws of the society state that the Treasurer General is to have "charge of the funds belonging to the National Society" and "maintain all accounts and records". This has clearly not been followed and needs to be corrected as soon as possible. Also of concern, is that one can only conclude that assets of the society can now be controlled or accessed by non-officers.

The financial statements submitted with this report are only preliminary in nature. They were prepared in order to reflect what should be the society's assets and liabilities [sic] at December 31, 2009 and the related income and expenses for the year. Once the transfer of authority over the accounts is complete I will be able to verify and update any remaining items. At that time all items will be submitted to the Audit Committee for review.

Respectfully submitted,
Rex L. Gradeless

Treasurer General's Activity Report 11 April 2010

During the period since the beginning of the Treasurer General's term of office in 2009 to the present, I have completed the following tasks:

Prepared and filed the IRS 2008 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 (see exceptions as noted in financial statements);
Interacted with the President General regarding maturities and renewals of certificates of deposit;
Posted deposited receipts and disbursed checks to the statement of accounts;
Reported to the Credentials Committee the State Member societies eligible to be represented at the Annual Congress based upon timely payment of annual fees (dues);
Kept a roster of paid registrants for the 74th Annual Congress and reported updates to the Credentials Committee Chairman and the President General;
Prepared the 2009 Year End Financial Statements (Preliminary) and Reports to be presented at the 74th Annual Congress on April 17, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,
Rex L. Gradeless

Corresponding Secretary General

In November 2009, at the direction of the President General Barbara MacManus, I mailed 46 copies of the 2009-2011 Directory of General Council to all General Officers, Honorary Presidents General, Committee Chairmen and State Presidents.

In that mailing, I enclosed a letter requesting each State President send me a copy of their yearbook or membership roster, a list of current officers, and the date of next election of officers. I received information from 13 of the 31 Societies. This includes yearbooks from Arkansas, Arizona, Washington DC, Indiana, and Kentucky; membership rosters from Delaware, Kansas, North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia; and officers only from California, Georgia, and Washington State. This information is available for General Officers as needed.

In February 2010, I e-mailed in PDF format the following documents to 52 members of the General Council:

President General MacManus' letter to the General Council;
Proposed Bylaws Amendments;
2010 CALL to Congress

To the five Council members without an e-mail address, the documents were mailed by regular mail. I requested each of those recipients send an e-mail address for further correspondence, if available.

Again in February 2010, I e-mailed 51 members regarding the name change of the Washington, DC hotel which will host the 74th Annual Congress, and again, five letters with that information were mailed to those without e-mail addresses. I have since received e-mail addresses from three of those five members. That information is greatly appreciated.

This first year as Corresponding Secretary General has been informative and rewarding. Without a doubt, the availability of e-mail has made my job a breeze. Please keep me informed of any changes to your e-mail address.

It has been my pleasure to serve.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy B. Askew

Registrar General

Since the mid year meeting in October in Mississippi, this officer has approved 21 new members by application. This is a total of 69 for the year. Since October, three (3) transfers have been processed. These include one (1) to Tennessee, two (2) to Member at Large. One (1) additional new Member at Large was approved. Three (3) youth registration were processed.

Nine (9) state societies gained new members. States with three new members each are California, Kentucky, Virginia and Texas.

This officer receives and answers an average of thirteen (13) requests for information per month from the website to the registrar's email. The email requests for information to the Huguenot Society office average about the same number per month. All are answered.

Names and addresses of all new members have been added to the mailing list. The list was submitted to the mailing service in February for the spring issue of The Cross of Languedoc.

Names of known deceased members have been submitted to the Chaplain General. One hundred and fifty five (155) members have been lost to death, resignation or failure to pay dues.

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, a task begun by Carol Chew, our previous Historian General. I have expanded it to incorporate a Bibliography of Huguenot specific titles, with annotations where possible, and am also breaking them out by appropriate age ranges for use in essays handled by our Youth Committee. Categories will include the following: Histories of France in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries; Calvin, Calvinism, and Geneva; Huguenots in Colonial America; Huguenot General History; and Huguenot ancestry, descendents, family history, and genealogy. This annotated bibliography could be made 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. One of the greatest difficulties I am encountering is the lack of suitable materials for younger readers and students. If members are familiar with such books please do let me know of them, as well as any other titles that should be included.

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

It is our custom each year at the Congress to set aside a special part of the program to honor our beloved members whose passing into the Life Eternal occurred since the last Congress. The Memorial Roll Call of Necrology report has been compiled by the Chaplain General from the names submitted to him. The list of the deceased is overwhelmingly made up of the recently departed. However some names in the Memorial Roll Call of Necrology are from several years ago and were only reported recently. In addition to this recognition of our dear departed members, we gather each year after Congress adjourns to place The Memorial Wreath at the World War II Memorial in Washington, DC.

MEMORIAL ROLL CALL OF NECROLOGY

Alabama

George M. Cooper
Joseph Dudley Patrick

California

Lee E. Bishop, Jr.
Clifton Rowland Brooks, Sr., MD
Barbara Kellog Bybee
La Verne Davis
William Winder Escherich
Jeanne Lohr
George Moses
Katherine Oatas
Isabel Scott
Ruth Unglas

Florida

Marjorie Van Duzer Campbell
Thomas Courtney
Joseph B. Hill

Indiana

Anna Gale Dortch
Georgann Shufflebarger

Kansas

Eugene Paul Amos
Elma Porter Hopkins (Mrs. Glen)
Ann Crouch Hutton (Mrs. Melvin)
Barbara Rogene Marsh

Kentucky

Dixon A. Barr
Della Bentley Dils
Mrs. Grover Jones

Mississippi

Patricia Ann Roebuck

Missouri

Beverly Thompson Griffith
Dallie Oree Miles Howerton
Audrey Maupin Kirks
Aileen Russell Mantooth
Sarah Jane Short Mallinson
Billie Sue McGill
Sally Rakestraw

Nevada

Paul A. Wright

New Mexico

Jean McLennan Evans
(also member of OK)

North Carolina

W. Keats Sparrow, MD

Ohio

Mrs. Elizabeth Miller

Oklahoma

Phyllis Gay Cadion
Jean McLennan Evans

Pennsylvania

Clyde William Burns
Jean W. Cox
Joseph D. Dury, Jr.
John T. Frantz
Sara Faison Hart
Roxie O. Strump
Jane Ludwig Worley

South Carolina

Edwin Marotte

Tennessee

Edna Bush Bless
Leona Park Cooper
Mary Trammell Lewis Haynes
Ruth Chastain Hulsey
Sara Lou Coffee Keener
Mattie Lowell Wardlaw Mettetal
Grace Shepherd Prince

Texas

Betty Hamner

Virginia

Sally Virginia Young Leaman
Col. Kenneth McRae Lemley
Ashley Hannah Montgomery
Arthur Stocker

Washington, D.C.

Ann C. Hallgreen-Arrowsmith
Samuel S. DeCou

Note from the Editor:

Please email your reports and other official documents to the President General, the Recording Secretary General, Jan Estelle Cordell, and to Janice Lorenz (Editor@Huguenot.netnation.com). If you must mail them to the PG and RS, please send a copy to the Editor using the address below:

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 gladly be considered for publication. Any images embedded in your document should also be separately emailed to the Editor. Due to space, theme, or deadline constraints, there may be a significant delay before an accepted submission is published.

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

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Finance Committee

I have received the Financial Report from Rex Gradeless and reviewed the same. He is to be thanked for his efforts at maintaining the Society's financial records in such an orderly fashion. At this time I find nothing of interest or concern, and as such have no recommendations regarding the finances of the Society.

Respectfully submitted,
Todd B. D. Frary, Chairman

Publications Committee

Feedback to the Editor continues to be positive. It has come to our attention that we need to ensure that items of interest to our state societies are not overlooked or otherwise omitted. When you email your proposed items to the Editor for consideration, if there is something important about your submission that you believe the Editor should know in order to assess whether it should be published, please let the Editor know that. We want to include what is important to you and when space is limited, we need to know as much as possible why a particular item is important to you in order to prioritize. Please email your proposed news items and articles in Word format to the Editor using the email address which appears on the back cover of each Cross issue.

As described in oral reports to the Board and Congress, we are planning to use the social media to enhance the NHS presence and attract potential new members. Specifically, we plan to launch a new "blog" website which will enable us to post short articles, comments, notices, and material regarding Huguenots and Huguenot history. The blog will be rolled out before our Midyear Meeting in Phoenix. The address for the new blog will be announced then and will be published in the next issue of The Cross.

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 has proven to be a valuable resource for members and non-members alike and continues to be a primary means of communicating information on upcoming events; 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 web site 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 and to reflect by-laws changes;
- 3 Providing an electronic version of each semi-annual edition of The Cross of Languedoc for online access and downloading;
- 4 Evaluating requests from other organizations for providing links to their site.

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 create a web presence for that state society on the national site and to occasionally update the information as directed by that state's President, and is currently in contact with the President of The Huguenot Society of Tennessee to assist that state in creating a web page for hosting on the national site. These two state societies join The Huguenot Society of California which has used space on the national website for several years.

This Webmaster has also assisted the Registrar General by printing the membership certificates for all new members. Over the last year approximately 75 such certificates were printed and distributed to new members.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen Gerth, Webmaster

NOTICE TO STATE MEMBER SOCIETY PRESIDENTS

From the NHS President General

Please verify that a list of the current officers of your State Societies, with contact information, has been provided to the NHS President General, Registrar General, Treasurer General, and Corresponding Secretary General of the National Huguenot Society, as well as to the Headquarters Office in San Antonio. That should be done immediately after elections of new officers.

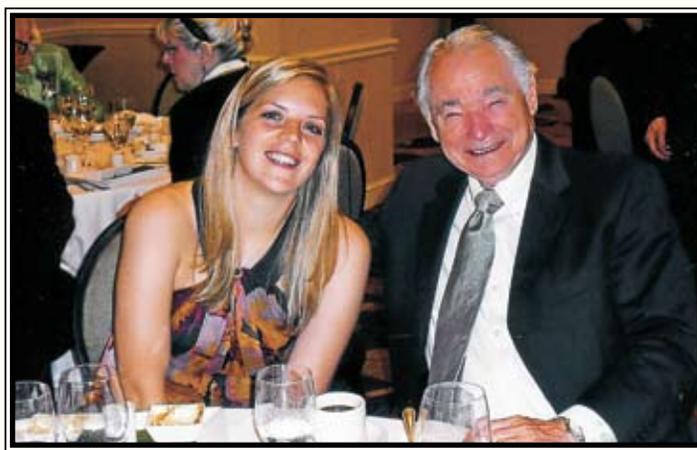
If this has not been done, please see that it is done immediately. Contact information for the new Board of General Officers appears within this issue of The Cross.

Memories of Annual Congress April 2010

Photos courtesy of Roger and Linda Smith, and Jerry Ford



Left to right: Joel Strauch (CA), Nancy Brennan (TX), and Shirley de la Barre (Washington, DC)



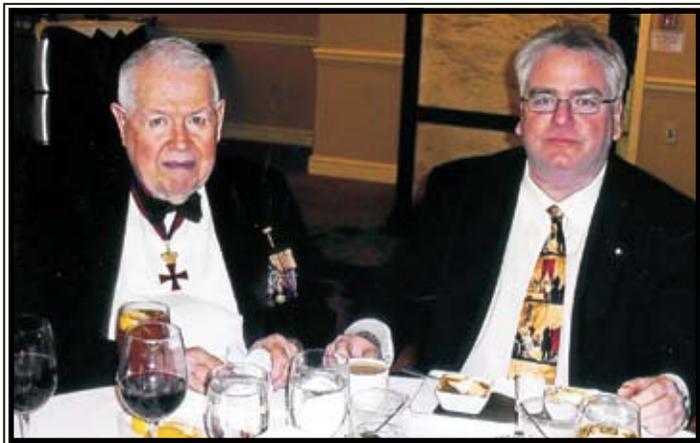
Ashley Hardin (AR) and Bob Miller (guest, AR)



Roger Smith (guest, FL) and his wife, NHS Credentials Committee Chairman/Florida President Linda Smith



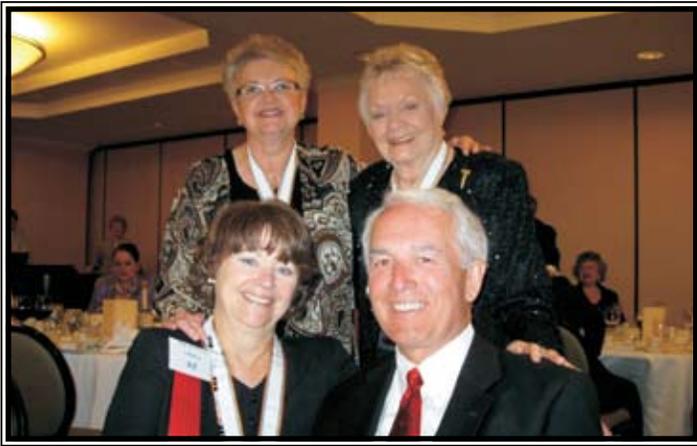
Wisconsin President Alice Byrnes and Jeannine Kallal (IL)



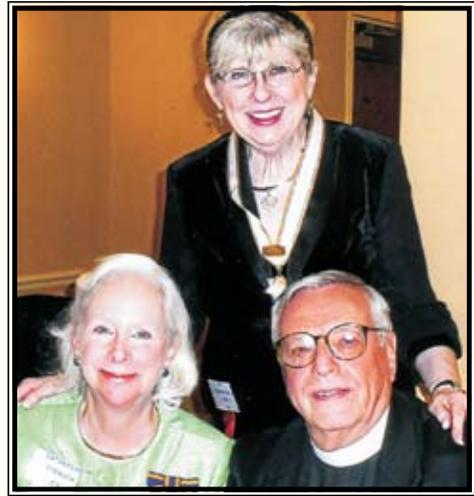
Honorary Member Peter Arrott Dixon and Treasurer General Rex Gradeless (IN)



The Rev. Paul W. "Sonny" Smith (NHS Chaplain General, KY Society Treasurer); Fay Charpentier-Ford (KY Society Pres.); Dr. Jack Early (Honorary KY State President, 1999-2003).



Left to right seated: Recording Secretary General Jan Cordell (AZ); her husband, Doug Baty (guest). Left to right standing: Credentials Chairman/FL President Linda Smith (FL), President General Barbara MacManus



Catherine Strauch (CA), Fay Charpentier-Ford (KY Society Pres.)(standing); The Rev. Paul W. "Sonny" Smith (NHS Chaplain General, KY Society Treasurer)



KY President Fay Charpentier-Ford, with husband Jerry Ford (guest)



Honorary member Peter Arrott Dixon and Second Vice President General Janice Lorenz (DC) with NHS Memorial Wreath



Honorary President General Nadine Hardin-Miller (AR) with husband, Bob Miller (guest)



Wreath-laying at the World War II Memorial, Washington, DC. L-R: Wilfred (Skip) Keats (DC), Honorary President General Nadine Hardin-Miller (AR), Chaplain General Fr. Sonny Smith (KY), President General Barbara MacManus (TX), Recording Secretary General Jan Cordell (AZ), Doug Baty (guest, AZ), and Roger Smith (guest, FL)

MEMBER (STATE) SOCIETY REPORTS**Alabama**

The Alabama Society met in March and September in 2009. Our membership is scattered over the State and as a result, not many make it to the meetings. We have fair attendance. In March 2009, we had a Huguenot Church service at South Highland Presbyterian Church. It is always a meaningful event. There was a wonderful buffet after the service. At the brief business meeting after lunch, a nominating committee was elected to get new officers. At our September meeting, we met at The Club. The Nominating Committee announced the slate of new officers. These are:

President Barbara Garner
 Vice President Betty Campbell
 Chaplain Dorothea Thompson
 Recording Secretary Hope McCarrell
 Registrar Laura Ramsay
 Treasurer Katheryn Porter
 Appointed Officers:
 Historian Rosemary Jager
 Librarian Grace Cooper
 Corresponding Sec. Ann Cheney

All were voted into office unanimously. Several items of business were taken care of and a magnificent program was presented to the group. Unfortunately no one can attend the National Meetings at this time. We hope this will be different in the future.

Barbara Garner, President

Arkansas

The Huguenot Society of Arkansas meets three times yearly in Little Rock, Arkansas. This is centrally located, and members come from all over the state. We always enjoy good fellowship at our meetings. Our Speakers are interesting and informative; well received by all. This year, our state society honored Emily Lewis as our 2009 Scholarship Winner.

We added three new members and one transfer: Carol Hartman, Marie Dugan, Jerrie Townsend and Shirley Ochsner, respectively. Currently, our active membership stands at fifty-nine.

Priscilla Davis
 Arkansas State President

Delaware

One meeting, business and social, was held Sunday, May 17, 2009. The meeting was attended by 7 members and two guests. Agenda topics were: declining membership, lack of interest by younger generations, the relocation of National

Headquarters office from MN to TX, the retirement of the Registrar General.

Possible future programs by the Delaware Society were discussed/considered, but not finalized; the members being satisfied with holding a yearly meeting.

A telephone canvas having been made earlier to members unable to attend the meeting, William M. Brown, Jr. serving as President pro tem was elected State President.

Respectfully submitted:
 W. M. Brown, Jr.

Florida

Since the 56th Annual Meeting of the Huguenot Society of FL, Inc held February 11th, 2009 at the Miccosukee Convention Center in Miami, our Society has moved ahead in several areas.

A Semi Annual Membership Meeting of the FL Society was called for October 31st, 2009 at Club Eaglebrooke in Lakeland, FL with the Executive Council meeting the evening before at the Imperial Swan Hotel. These meetings enabled the new slate to come together and meet face to face with each other and with membership.

The Semi Annual Membership Meeting was held in the morning before a Statewide 8th Annual Genealogical Gathering of Hereditary Societies in FL at Club Eaglebrooke in Lakeland, FL allowing our membership to participate in both sessions. The Genealogical Gathering provided lunch and a notable speaker. In unfortunate timing, The National Huguenot Society Council also called a Semi Annual Meeting for the same dates in Mississippi, which prevented this President from attending the National meeting.

Four delegates from FL attended the 72nd Annual Huguenot National Council in Washington, D.C. held April 10th and 11th, 2009. The FL State President was honored to be asked by President General MacManus to be the Credential Chairman during her terms of office. President MacManus was re-elected as President General for the 2009-2011.

The National Huguenot Society requested all State Societies to review their Bylaws and to bring them into compliance with the National Bylaws amended at National Council in April 2009. A FL Bylaws Committee was appointed to carry out the review and updating with voting scheduled for the 2011 Annual FL Membership meeting.

FL Bylaws required bonding of the FL State Treasurer which had not been done in the past. A committee was formed to investigate and remediate this situation.

An Internal Financial Review Committee was formed to look

at the Treasurer's books and to report at the 2010 Annual Membership Meeting with date established for February 20th, 2010. The meeting place scheduled was the Lakewood Ranch Holiday Inn, Sarasota, FL. The FL Executive Council will meet February 19th during the afternoon and evening before.

New FL membership rosters were typed and printed by Corresponding Secretary Judi Adams. The rosters were distributed to Chapter representatives in October at the Semi-Annual Meeting to share with their memberships.

Huguenot logo roster covers had been provided to new members in the past but the supply of covers had run out. The Corresponding Secretary volunteered to seek new cover replacements. She was instructed to replace the covers with a possible clear cover insert rather than the previously imprinted cover, which seemed difficult to find.

The Corresponding Secretary also mailed out the "Call" to the 2009 Semi-Annual meeting through email and postal mail to the membership in a timely manner. In addition she provided the FL membership with copies of "The Florida Huguenot" newsletter for Spring 2009, Fall 2009, and Winter 2010 through the same channels. These newsletters have been edited 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.

FL Treasurer Brett D. Brown reported our compliance with the Tax Exempt Status, updated members on the FL Solicitation License, and noted he is on file as our Registered Agent. Counselor Mary Nelson 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.

Attractive tote bags that benefited the State Scholarship fund were available during the 56th Annual Meeting but sold out quickly. The Corresponding Secretary was instructed to purchase 72 new bags for future sale.

FL Chapter Treasurer, Brett D. Brown, was invited to the FL State Mayflower meeting in November where he gave a presentation focusing on the French Protestants who were persecuted as heretics and compelled to leave their homeland to at least six other countries. Mr. Brown described the world forces causing the breakaway from the control of the Catholic Church. Ten members of the FL Huguenot Society attended the Mayflower meeting. Past Huguenot State President, Robbie E. Burt, was elected as the current Governor of the Mayflower Society of FL.

The 57th Annual Huguenot Membership lunch attendees will be treated to the same program entitled "Huguenot Freedom Fighters" by Mr. Brown. Continuing with that

theme, those in attendance at the 2010 FL Annual Meeting on Friday evening, Feb. 19th, will see a 35 minute video showing WWII freedom fighters in Le Chambon-sur-Lignon. The residents of the tiny Protestant farming village in the mountains of south-central France were descendants of earlier Huguenots who fled from their own persecutions and took heroic efforts to hide the persecuted Jewish refugees.

In addition, displays of notable Americans with Huguenot heritage will be displayed throughout the Annual Meeting dining room.

The two flags owned by the FL State Society have seen better days. There is only one flag base which then requires the other flag to be taped to a chair back to stand upright. Both flags are small and the poles are spindly. The eagle is missing from the American flag. The carrying case is stained and torn. After inquiring about flag replacements, Henry of Navarre President Ginny Bailey donated a beautiful new American Flag replacement. The Smiths were happy to donate the hardware to display it. Plans are afoot for a fundraiser to replace the State Huguenot Flag as well so that it will be of comparable size and quality as the new American Flag.

FL State Chaplain Atwood Brewton reported with regret the death of four members: Marjoree Van Duyer Campbell; Thomas Dietrick; Thomas Courtney and Joseph B. Hill, Jr. In addition everyone was deeply saddened at the loss of Associate Member Ray J. McAuliffe, Jr., husband of Past President General Sylvia F. McAuliffe.

State Registrar Charles Baker reported that 2009 was not a very good year for an increase in membership. Only two Chapters submitted applications for new memberships resulting in five new members being approved with one being held at National for further documentation. Unfortunately, our losses in 2009 amounted to ten members through death and resignation. Thus, The Huguenot Society of Florida now has 186 members, down from 190 in 2009. The Registrar hopes it is a high priority for each Chapter to find new prospects and to submit many new applications in 2010.

FL Scholarship Chairman Monica Darling Douglas reported two Allen Parker Scholarships for \$750.00 each were given for the Fall 2009 semester to chapter endorsed qualifying students attending FL universities. They were: Mary Kate Harvey of Tampa, FL who was endorsed by the Admiral Gaspard de Coligny Chapter and Emily Potts of Bradenton, FL who was endorsed by the Jean Calvin Chapter.

Chapter donations of \$604.00 plus interest income of \$704.21 totaled \$1308.21 enabling 2 scholarships of \$650.00 each to be awarded this year. The deadline for completion and receipt of forms is March 30th. Scholarship Application

forms are available on our State Huguenot website at: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flhuguen/>

In addition to the scholarship forms, Webmistress Susan Szewczyk has updated the State website with all "Florida Huguenot" newsletters and a link to the National website. In addition to the FL State Scholarship, the Jean Calvin Chapter also provides funds for the Karlene Darling Scholarship. Funds are made available to a student applicant who is a Huguenot descendant, enrolled in an accredited college or university, and completes the necessary application by March 15th. This application can be found on the Jean Calvin website at: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~fljcnsh/>

Florida State Historian/Librarian Marshall Brewton compiled a "Bibliography on the Huguenots of Florida." Through his recommendation, the bibliography was also placed on the State website. Mr. Brewton also aided an author who is writing a book for school age children about the stories of Fort Caroline and Charlesfort.

Successful efforts were made by members of the Ernst d'Erlach Chapter to rescue and retain the Huguenot marker commemorating the first Christian marriage in North America between the French Huguenot nobleman Ernst d'Erlach and Princess Issena of the Timucuan tribe in 1566.

The Fleur De Lis Chapter purchased and donated a copy of "David Demarest and His Legacy" to the Miami Municipal Library.

Chapter programs of note were given by Dr. Edward Neugaard who traveled in France to research his Pierre Feret line; by Charles Beck who traveled in Germany to research his Daniel Bec lineage; by Betsey Lambert who detailed all five of her Huguenot ancestors; by Arden Bartz who wrote and published a book documenting his Thomas Billiou; by Bill Thomas who outlined the life of Ernst d'Erlach; and by Dr. Donald Randolph who explored the life of Jean Calvin.

FL Chapters met last year in golf and country clubs, yacht clubs, retirement homes and restaurants. The purposes of the gatherings were: to preserve the memory of our Huguenot ancestors; to nurture fellowship with others of Huguenot descent; to support and inform those members who may not be able to attend meetings; and to encourage continued research and sharing of the lives and influences of our Huguenot ancestors upon society.

It has been a positive learning year for your President. Any progress made has been due to the wise and farsighted input and commitment of your State Officers, Chapter Presidents and Committee Chairmen. My Jean Calvin Chapter has given unending support toward this Annual Meeting and to the Huguenot Society of FL. Thank you all.

In Huguenot Faith,
Linda L. Smith, Florida State President

Georgia

As the incoming president of the Georgia Society for 2010-2011, I heartily thank the outgoing Board members and those who have agreed to continue in their office. It is my pleasure to present our new Board of Officers :

President – Mr. William Reed Daugette
1st Vice President – Mr. Douglas Matthew Frey
2nd Vice President – Mr. Geoff Carmichael Oosterhoudt
3rd Vice President – Mrs. Connie Chumley Stringer
Chaplain – Mr. Guyton Bobo McCall
Recording Secretary – Mrs. Terry Farres Caven
Corresponding Secretary – Mrs. Charles A. Faulk
Treasurer – Mr. Robert Smith Evans
Registrar – Miss Sheila Permell Richards
Historian – Charles B. Upshaw, Jr., MD
Curator – Mr. Donald Paul East
Auditor – Mrs. Harris W. Sims, Jr.
Librarian – Mr. John Darham Rabun, Jr.

At our Spring Meeting on April 24th in Statesboro, Georgia, we will discuss our latest efforts to try to build on the initial success of our website, which was begun a few years ago. It has brought many inquiries that have resulted in new members. We are also going to become an Associate Member of the Georgia Historical Society, which has valuable resources of interest to our Society and can promote our Society through flyer distribution at their facilities.

I am looking forward to the next two years, gathering at our biannual meetings and lunch for fellowship and sharing the common purpose of honoring the lives of our Huguenot ancestors.

Faithfully yours,
William Reed Daugette, President

Indiana

The Huguenot Society of Indiana meets twice a year in April and in October at the lovely Meridian Hills Country Club in Indianapolis. Our Saturday dinner meetings are followed by programs of an educational, historical, or religious nature usually relevant to the Huguenots. Our speakers are primarily university faculty members.

On October 3, 2009, at our fall meeting, Dr. Alan Winquist, Professor of History and Department Chair at Taylor University, spoke on "The French Connection with Ireland."

At our spring meeting on April 24, 2010, Dr. Wilbur Williams, Professor of Biblical Literature and Archaeology at Indiana Wesleyan University, will be the speaker.

Because many of our members are senior citizens, we are trying to recruit younger members. Our 62 members and

5 associate members range in age from 22 to 100. Many of our members are active in several other hereditary societies. Two of our members currently serve as officers of the National Huguenot Society. Average attendance at our meetings has been 22.

In Huguenot Faith and Devotion,
Allen W. Moore, Registrar and Treasurer

Kentucky

What an exciting and driven year we've had in Kentucky! Our fall and spring meetings have gone well. Speakers have been appropriate and wonderful. Attendance is on the increase and more volunteers are stepping up to the plate for help and support.

We have been working as a Registrar Committee in Kentucky until we can cultivate the quality individual for the Registrar position. Our long-time Registrar resigned last July. Since then we have added four new members with five other qualifiers in various stages of making application. Two of the prospects attended our recent meeting held 10 April 2010 in Lexington, Kentucky. When the additional qualifiers are screened and approved, that will give our small society over a ten percent member increase, exceeding a goal set six months ago.

Because we are small, we use a meeting model wherein we share jointly aspects of our meetings with the Kentucky group of Manakin Huguenots and Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims. We rotate the planning and hosting activities for the meetings. Since our interests are similar, it works well. Each group meets in separate business session prior to the joint luncheon with speaker. Some of our members are also members of one or both of the other societies, so the meetings are staggered to permit attendance. Rotation dictates that the group having the responsibilities for that meeting will meet first in business session, since it's helpful to have early, on-site contact for the facility banquet manager. Working with the presiding officers of the other two societies is a delight. We create a common meeting notice, but mail separately via each society. The host society uses its treasurer to collect all the reservations and checks, reducing the accounting effort.

The Rev. Dr. Dixon Barr passed away October 15, 2009. He was well-liked, respected (and loved) by many. We in the Kentucky Huguenot Society continue to miss him. At our spring meeting held in the Lexington Country Club in Lexington, Kentucky, Dixon's widow, Frances Barr, presented to us Dixon's personal Huguenot Flag. Her daughter and son were by her side. It was a special moment. Henceforth, the Kentucky Huguenot Society will show both flags at every meeting.

Our speaker for the spring session was Dr. Melba Porter

Hay, author and retired Division Manager, Research and Publications of the Kentucky Historical Society, Frankfort, Kentucky. She spoke on the central female in her recently published book, Madeline McDowell Breckinridge and Her Battle For A New South. Dr. Hay is extremely knowledgeable and adept at her presentation, also having been a professor. News about good presenters travels fast. Another hereditary group wants to reach her for a speaking engagement. We have received some nice notes (already) from our members about the meeting and Dr. Hay's presentation.

I want to personally thank the National Huguenot Society for moving its Washington, DC meeting closer to the mix of Colonial Week. Three Kentucky officers ago, we began beseeching the national organization to consider the move in order that more people might attend. Our member, The Rev. Paul Weegham Smith, who presently serves as Chaplain General, also carried the meeting request at last year's annual meeting. We briefly discussed it again when I attended the mid-year meeting in Clinton, Mississippi. Thank you for making the adjustment. We have several people attending the meeting functions and meals. We have also agreed to host the mid-year 2011 national council meeting in Louisville, Kentucky. Current national officers have lit our fire -- and we thank you. Soon, we hope to have a firm date for the meeting so you can plan your attendance. This is an open invitation to attend the "Gateway to the South" and experience Kentucky.

Respectfully submitted,
Fay Charpentier-Ford, President

North Carolina

The Huguenot Society of North Carolina meets on either the first or second Saturday in April yearly at The Carolina Club in Chapel Hill, NC. On April 4, 2009, thirty-seven members and guests attended its annual meeting. A reception preceded the luncheon, followed by the presentation and business meeting.

Former President, Dr. Keats Sparrow, dean Emeritus of the Thomas Harriott College of Arts and Science at East Carolina University, spoke about "Huguenots in Colonial North Carolina." He explained that the Huguenots in North Carolina were a truly unappreciated and overlooked group throughout early North Carolina settlement and migration. In the 1700s, many Huguenots moved into North Carolina from Virginia, desiring more independence from the Virginia government. They tended to settle in Albemarle at first, and then Roanoke; eventually, they moved to Bath, Edenton, New Bern and Brunswick (early Wilmington). The Huguenots left a lasting legacy on the character of the state.

The Society is deeply saddened by the recent death of Dr. Sparrow on 11 November 2009; Keats was such a marvelous

and talented gentleman and he will certainly be missed by everyone who knew him. The members will continue his work on a book about the North Carolina Huguenots this year.

On April 3, 2010, the Society will install its 2010-2011 Officers:

President: Mrs. Cheryl Fetterman
 Vice President: Mrs. Thomas W. Baldasare (Elaine)
 Secretary: Mrs. Charlotte E. Fetterman
 Treasurer: Mr. Chris N. Rozier
 Registrar & Historian: Mr. N. Larry Rozier
 Chaplain: Dr. Suzanne Van Houten Sauter

In April the State Society will vote on amended Bylaws that are now in agreement with National's changes. Also, Dr. Suhjin Pak, a Reformation scholar at the Duke University Divinity School, will talk about "Calvin and Luther and the Huguenots."

It has been an honor to serve as this Society's President.

Respectfully submitted,
 Marie Y. Thiele, President

Oklahoma

The Huguenot Society of Oklahoma has 15 members, including three Life Members. Since December 2009, there has been great interest shown by people who are wishing to join our Oklahoma Society. In the process of turning in papers are: Vivi Larkin and Darlene Shawn who have already mailed in their papers, and we are waiting on Phyllis Hamilton to complete her application. We hope to have two other adults and two youngsters join also. So, things are looking good in Oklahoma.

There promises to be new leadership and some vibrancy with the new "flock". . . . We are looking forward to it very much.

After papers are approved, we are planning on having a Summer Luncheon in Oklahoma City. There will be real cause for celebration.

We have lost two members; one was my dear sister, Phyllis Gay Cadion, born August 21, 1939. Her number was 43-83. Her ancestor was Isaac Selover. She died January 25, 2010 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The other was Jean McLennan Evans - #43-81. She was a dual member of the Huguenot Society of Oklahoma and New Mexico. She will be greatly missed! A lovely lady.

Blessings to all –
 Donna L. Gantt, President

Virginia

As this State President prepares to leave the highest office in The Huguenot Society of Virginia, she cannot help but think of this longer than usual term in office that began as the acting State President Pro Tem that preceded the elections that took place in March 2008, when a quorum was present.

This member and her husband took time out to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. They proceeded toward a festive celebration with the help of their two adult married daughters and their five grandchildren. A beautiful reception was held in the Great Hall of their home church of thirty-eight years, Vienna Presbyterian Church. Several days later, a trip to France and Germany to visit the areas of some of their more recent immigrant ancestors followed.

Upon their return, this State President Pro Tem began her time in office with a roller coaster ride of ups and downs with lots of frustration. I hasten to add, the "ups" were phone calls and emails of encouragement from state members as well as the board members of our national society.

This officer can honestly say that while there have been many anxious moments, there have also been many good memories and some surprises along the way. This State President is pleased to say that she feels very good about the state of this Society and our progress in the state of Virginia as we have moved forward with Huguenot Faith and Devotion.

This duly elected and installed State President distributed copies of the State Membership Yearbooks, by mail or in person, followed by three supplements to the yearbooks with all known updates; proposed and distributed revised State Bylaws; copied and distributed the National Huguenot Society Bylaws for 2009. Because the State Chaplain had relocated, the State President contacted the families of the deceased members and invited them to attend the Services of Remembrance and requested eulogies for their deceased family member, which were read at the Services. Copies of the program for the Services were mailed to the families of the deceased.

The state treasurer, Susan Webber, has purged the files of all non-paying members after many efforts to correspond with them to no avail. This society will continue to hold in their files those members who paid dues in 2009, but not in 2010, until the end of 2010, after a full year of sending information without dues received. Those who have not paid dues for one full year will be dropped for non-payment of dues as indicated by the State and National Society bylaws. The 21 Life Members have not been dropped as we continued to pay their National dues.

The state treasurer has also done an outstanding job of

attempting to keep the pertinent National Board members and the State officers and general membership apprised of the current financial status of our state society.

The State Registrar, Alice Birdseye, has also done an outstanding job of helping our new applicants complete their papers and notifying all concerned of the 14 approvals, as well as attempting to keep all apprised of the current status of the 24 new prospective members who have come to us through friends and through our web site, www.huguenots-virginia.org. This State President has screened the queries from the web site and given the names and addresses of the NHS State Presidents closest to their own residence, before forwarding requests for membership to the Virginia state registrar. One of our new members transferred to the DC Society where she lives, five members resigned or had family members who thought it was best for them to resign due to health issues. Eight members died.

Thanks to Alice Sweeney with help from Alice Birdseye, Norman Nettleton and Susan Webber, we have met in good locations with comfortable accommodations, attractive atmosphere and delicious food. This State Society has missed The Rev. Francis Blair since his relocation to New Mexico, but has been ably supported by The Rev. Norman Nettleton, retired.

Rev. Nettleton has followed up after the Huguenot meetings by visiting the families of the deceased members when possible and invited them to join us and therefore keep the line of descent from their Huguenot ancestor within their family. He also contacted The Rev. Dr. William Phipps, author of material received from Mrs. Galen Kline of Blacksburg, VA. This was read by President Wills at the October 2009 meeting, The Rev. Dr. Phipps is now on the list of prospective members for the society.

President Wills has also provided the floral arrangements, candles and a historic English family Bible of 1795 to enhance the Services of Remembrance. She also provided wine when not available, a slide show of their visit in 2007 to La Rochelle, France, the Capitol and stronghold of the Huguenots.

This Virginia State President has attended three Annual Congress sessions here in Washington, DC and one Semi-Annual Meeting in Tennessee. She has paraded down the main street of Warrenton, Fauquier Co., VA, as they celebrated their 250th Anniversary of the founding of Fauquier County named for the descendant of a Huguenot ancestor; attended two DAR State Conferences where she was introduced as the State President of the Huguenot Society of Virginia. She attended the funeral service of Honorary President General, Dr. Arthur Stocker, held at First Presbyterian Church, in Charlottesville, VA. She has passed out many business cards to those who showed interest in The National Huguenot Society.

It has been a full and tumultuous three years that I can look back on with pride in that we have indeed moved forward in Huguenot Faith and Devotion.

Respectfully submitted,
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Washington

Membership and getting our presence out there has been the primary emphasis for our State for this last year, and ultimately will continue into this coming year. Our membership count has remained static at 27 after losing one long time member and gaining a new one.

How have we been tackling this project? A new brochure has been generated and placed in libraries throughout our state as well as placed in genealogy society meeting areas, and taken to state meetings of other lineage societies. Small articles have been placed in genealogical society newsletters. A traveling display on the Huguenot has been created and taken to family history fairs, genealogy society meetings, history day displays, etc. There are usually many people gathered around and from these events we have assembled a significant list of potential members. It is now about re-connecting with them to keep their interest alive.

Also, we have established a Washington State Huguenot Society website:

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~wahugue/> . We have had several "hits" from this website which means that our presence really is getting "out there".

Our Society reviewed and completely revamped our Bylaws for the first time in over a decade so is currently much more reflective of what is happening in Washington State. As part of our Bylaw revision, we determined to recognize our members over the age of 90 and in so doing found we have a member who is 102! We have also reinstated some sort of program – dvd or video – on subjects of interest that are related to Huguenot history at each meeting.

We are not done and feel the continued efforts will pay off, both for us and for our National Society. Thank you on behalf of Washington State!

Respectfully,
Peggy Goldenman, President/Registrar

Scholarship Award Committee

Richard Dana Smith, Sr., Chairman

By unanimous vote, the Scholarship Award Committee has selected Amelia Baldwin Fromherz as winner of the National Huguenot Society Scholarship for the year 2010.

Amelia's 4 year cumulative grade point average at The University of Georgia, Athens, GA was 3.71. She has just completed her second year as a medical student at the Louisiana State University School of Medicine in New Orleans, LA.

In her application Amelia writes: "I was twelve years old when I had my first knee operation. Though I'd had various encounters with medical professionals prior to this, my operation marked the beginning of my interest in medicine. The surgeon took fantastic care of me both physically and emotionally (what twelve-year-old is particularly keen on anesthesia?) After that experience I began to pay close attention to the care I was given on subsequent visits to that doctor, as well as any others.

"The summer after my sophomore year of college I worked in the emergency room of Touro Infirmery, a hospital here in New Orleans. The volunteer coordinator assigned me to the emergency room knowing that I was hoping to go to medical school. Prior to this, the thought of going into emergency medicine had never crossed my mind. Three summers in that emergency room made it cross my mind.

"Thanks to four years of hard work in college, I am thrilled to be a member of the class of 2012 at Louisiana State University School of Medicine in New Orleans. With these years behind me, I am both nervous and elated to move forward in my education in hopes of becoming an emergency medicine physician."



Amelia Baldwin Fromherz Scholarship Winner - 2010

Amelia, a proud member of The National Huguenot Society, Inc., is a descendant of Jean Vairin. Jean Vairin had been accepted as a "Huguenot" in the past. However when Amelia submitted her application, no record was to be found at our National Office. Amelia's additional research (no small task) resulted in Jean Vairin taking his proper place among those "approved Huguenots".

For your devotion to your heritage and your dedication to your professional training the Society congratulates you! Our very best wishes for your continued success!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Save the Dates

22-23 October 2010

Mid-Year General Council
Board of General Officers
Tempe (Phoenix), AZ
Fiesta Resort

7-8 October 2011

Mid-Year General Council and Board of General Officers
Louisville, KY
Hotel TBA

8-9 April 2011

General Council and Board of General Officers
75th Annual Congress
Washington, DC
Washington Marriott Hotel

13-14 April 2012

General Council
Board of General Officers
76th Annual Congress
Washington, DC
Washington Marriott Hotel

Preview of Coming Events

The 2010 Mid-Year meetings, with the Huguenot Society of Arizona serving as Host Society, are expected to be outstanding. The casual, relaxed Southwest environment will be echoed in the attitude and demeanor of the meetings and functions. Leave your “dress up” clothes at home; instead, resort casual will be the uniform of the day (and evening, too). Even the Friday night dinner will be more casual with sport shirts and slacks for the guys and sun dresses, casual skirt sets, capris, and the like for the ladies; however, a light wrap may be needed in the evenings.

Don't miss the Friday morning workshop to learn about the nationwide contests for youngsters and teens. All State Member Societies need to become involved in this special effort to bring awareness of their Huguenot Heritage to young people and get them involved in the Society at a young age.

Check articles elsewhere in this publication for some of the area attractions, and plan to arrive before the meetings and/or stay over after the meetings to take advantage of the opportunity to visit some of these attractions.

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2011 will be the year of the 75th Annual Congress of the National Huguenot Society and its predecessor organization, The Federation of Huguenot Societies. Many special activities are being planned to mark this milestone in the history of the society.

The events will begin on Thursday, April 7, 2011, with a tour of one of the significant sites in Washington. Following the General Council meeting on Friday, there will be a luncheon away from the hotel at a special location; then, while the Board of General Officers meets, the other attendees will have the opportunity to explore that venue.

Extraordinary programs are being planned for both the Friday night banquet and the Saturday Officer Installation luncheon at the hotel. The traditional Memorial Service will be held, as will the Wreath Laying at one of the national memorials.

An optional dinner at a French restaurant may be arranged for Saturday evening for those staying over, and perhaps group attendance at either the French Protestant Church or the National Cathedral on Sunday.

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Watch for details of coming events to be posted on the web site: www.huguenot.netnation.com.

MEMORIAL DAY 2010

The Cathedral of the Pines [cathedralofthepines.org], a non-profit, lovely open-air cathedral and meeting site located in Rindge, New Hampshire, was established in 1945, by Sibyl and Douglas Sloane, III, as a memorial to those men and women, including their son Sandy, who had sacrificed their lives in World War II. They envisioned that their cathedral without walls would welcome people of every faith in a spirit of unity and mutual respect. It was their hope that interfaith understanding would help bring world peace. In the 21st century the Cathedral seeks to honor and extend that original vision through its activities and events. In support of its mission, the NHS contributes an annual donation.

A Memorial Day Service was held there to at the Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, NH, to which the NHS sends an annual donation. This service honors our Veterans and Representatives from Patriotic military and veterans groups. NHS member Marilyn Pratt Holmquist (center) participated in the annual ceremony dedicated to those who serve our country, on behalf of the National Huguenot Society, Inc.. Also pictured are Gail Thomas (left), representing the National Society of New England Women, and Joanne Cobban, representing the Mayflower Society.



Left to right: Gail Thomas, representing National Society of New England Women; NHS's Marilyn Pratt Holmquist (center); and Joanne Cobban, representing the Mayflower Society.

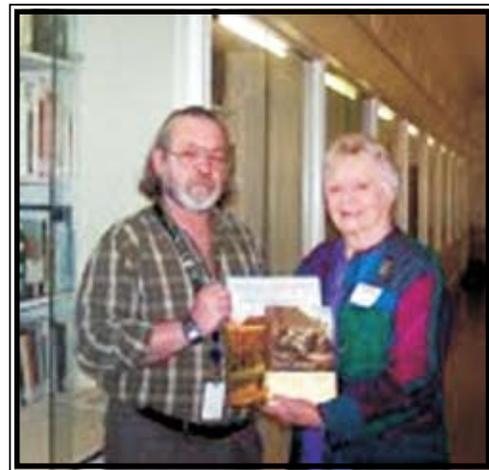
THE BOOK AWARD 2010

This year's Book Award winner was author Catharine Randall for her book, *From a Far Country Camisards and Huguenots in the Atlantic World*. The book portrays the roles of these two sects of French Protestants in the early development of North America through the lives of three people: "Gabriel Bernon, who led a Huguenot Exodus to Massachusetts and moved among the commercial elite; Ezéchiél Carré, a Camisard who influenced Cotton Mather's theology; and Elie Neau, a Camisard-influenced writer and escaped galley slave who established North America's first school for blacks."

The "runner-up" for the award was, *The French Hospital in England, Its Huguenot History and Collections*, by Tessa Murdoch and Randolph Vigne. "The hospital for poor French Protestants and their descendants residing in Great Britain was incorporated in 1718. The book describes the hospital's history from its early days in Finsbury to its present location in the cathedral city of Rochester, Kent. It contains numerous photographs of the hospital's collections of paintings, engravings, silver, furniture and memorabilia.

Both of these publications were most worthy contenders for the National Huguenot Society, Inc.'s annual award for the best work of scholarship dealing with Huguenot history. The authors are to be congratulated on their fine work, and

special congratulations to Catharine Randall for bringing attention to the considerable impact of the culture of the Huguenots and their lesser-known "cousins," the Camisards on America.



Steve Davidson, DAR Assistant Library Director, accepts the 2010 NHS Book Award winner, ***Camisards and Huguenots in The Atlantic World***, by Catherine Randall, and the runner-up publication, *The French Hospital in England, Its Huguenot History and Collections*, by Tessa Murdoch and Randolph Vigne, from NHS President General Barbara MacManus

THÉODORE-AGRIPPA D'AUBIGNÉ: A HUGUENOT OF DISTINCTION and GRANDFATHER TO MADAME DE MAINTENON, LOUIX XIV'S SECOND WIFE

By Janice Murphy Lorenz

As alluded to in the "Cover Feature" and the piece entitled "Parallels" herein, Madame de Maintenon, King Louis XIV's second wife, seemed intent upon living her own life so as to equal or surpass the honor of her grandfather Theodore-Agrippa's service to the French crown. He was a notable Huguenot soldier and scholar (1552-1630), who is famous for his *Histoire Universelle*, about the French religious wars, and his verse, *Les Tragiques*, which condemns those wars. Agrippa was born 8 February 1552 at St. Maury, in Saintonge. His name is derived from the fact that his birth cost his mother her life. His father, Jean d'Aubigné, also a Huguenot soldier, was reportedly one of the conspirators in the Conspiracy of Amboise (see *The Cross of Languedoc*, Fall 2008), and had served as a successful peace negotiator in the Catholic siege of Orleans.

Agrippa's father was strict, if not severe, in his treatment of Agrippa, and his early home life was particularly unhappy regarding his father's new wife. When he was four years old, a tutor was brought in from Paris to teach the young boy, simultaneously, Latin, Greek, and Hebrew. By age six, he could read in four languages, and by age seven and a half, he was induced to translate the *Crito* of Plato by his father's promise to print the *Crito* of Plato with his own little portrait on the cover. He was so advanced academically that at age ten, his father entered him at the University of Paris to finish his studies. As he and his father traveled from their home to Paris in 1560, they passed through Amboise, where a fair was being celebrated by 700-800 people. When his father saw the walls of Amboise, impaled with spikes displaying Huguenot heads in connection with the Conspiracy of Amboise, he loudly and imprudently publicly exclaimed, "The murderers! It is France they have beheaded." The enraged mob chased them out of town. Once they stopped running, Jean admonished Agrippa not to spare his or his own head, that he must avenge those Huguenot warriors.

They arrived safely in Paris, and when the first religious war erupted, the d'Aubignés and the tutor's family left town. On their journey to Orleans and Gien, their ultimate destination where Jean was to be one of the enforcers of the peace treaty, they were captured by a band of men, and imprisoned. The group's Roman Catholic Inquisitor isolated Agrippa, questioned him, and threatened to burn him and his father at the stake if he did not abjure his Protestant faith, but the ten year old Agrippa could not bear to cooperate, bravely and insolently replying, "The mass is more full of horror to me than the stake."

Agrippa and his father escaped the jail and were sheltered at Montargis by the widowed Duchess of Ferrara, Renée d'Este, daughter of Louis XII for France, who had been banished from Italy on account of her Calvinist opinions. There they stayed for several days. Soon after they left, an epidemic broke out, killing the tutor and several other members of their party. Agrippa himself may also have been ill. His father, who had suffered serious wounds in a prior battle, developed a fatal infection and died. Before he died, he reminded his son of Amboise, and exhorted him to be zealous for his religion, and to love science and of truth. All of this occurred before he was thirteen years old.

When Agrippa was fourteen years old, his guardian sent him to the greatest Protestant school in Geneva. There, he associated with Calvinists, but Protestant leaders such as Theodore Beza found Agrippa to be far too unruly, quarrelsome and "vicious" to be acceptable to join them on a long-term basis. So Agrippa moved to Lyons, without telling his guardian at Saintonge, to study mathematics and magic. That did not last long before he was evicted for nonpayment of rent, and was unable to pay for food. He returned home to his guardian, where he immediately concocted another adventure, this time to run away with some comrades and join a Huguenot army nearby. This they did. Agrippa fought at Angouleme, Pons, Jarnac and Roche-la-Belle on behalf of the Huguenot cause. At one point after a serious injury, he confessed to various misdeeds and "excesses as made his hearers' hair stand on end."

When the war ended in 1570, Agrippa had nothing other than a plot of land near Blois, given to him by his guardian as his inheritance. Unfortunately, this he quickly learned had been seized by the Due de Longueville on grounds that Agrippa d'Aubigné had been killed in a battle. Agrippa could not find a single witness to his own identity, and his relatives ignored him due to their religious differences. So he took a boat to Orleans in order to appear, bedraggled, in the court of justice, where he proffered himself as proof that he was himself, alive and well. The judges, who knew of him and his family, ruled in his favor.

By the early 1570s, Agrippa was thus situated: he was a young man, an extremely well educated scholar, a military adventurer, and a firm Huguenot. He had fallen in love and written his first verses to a lady whose relatives forbade a marriage due to religious differences. As he matured, Agrippa's ambitions changed from being primarily a warrior to becoming an author, a

witty satirist, and an intellectual courtier, rather than a religious fanatic or a political partisan. Accordingly, Agrippa went to Paris to receive a commission from King Henri of Navarre. Although Henri was now a Catholic, and was in Paris almost as a prisoner at court to marry Marguerite de Valois, Huguenots had not given up hope that he would continue to serve as their great leader. Agrippa exhibited no compunction at enrolling as a standard-bearer to the Sieur de Fervaques, a lord in Henri's suite, and then a great enemy to the Huguenot cause, and afterwards enrolling as equerry to Henri himself. Agrippa, seemed to be fighting against the Huguenots, tried to evade taking the oaths of allegiance. He befriended Henri and the Guise family. He composed masques and entertainments for the court.

Regrettably, Agrippa's notoriety and brash outspokenness earned him powerful enemies, not the least of which were Fervaques, his former superior whose murderous loathing was evinced in repeated murder attempts, and the Queen of Navarre, whose conduct never failed to serve as fodder for Agrippa's satires. Even King Henri of Navarre lost patience with him as a result of his open scorn of Navarre's amours and his presumptuous giving of unsolicited advice to Henri. Agrippa therefore found it necessary to exit briefly from Paris. That was how he had the good fortune to escape the fate of the St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre.

But nothing could tear Agrippa away from his service to Navarre. He wrote later that he strongly believes he was "chosen of God to be the instrument of his prince's freedom." He returned to Paris and cemented his reputation as a "poet, historian, satirist, theologian, and plundering freelance" soldier, enjoying all the favors of a fashionable court. The only fly in the ointment was that he was not receiving adequate remuneration for his service. Even after successfully advising Henri of Navarre upon his flight from Vincennes on 3 February 1575, and stirring up a war in the western provinces in 1577, and successfully wooing of Marechal de Bellegarde back from defecting to the party of the French court, Agrippa received no other reward from Henri of Navarre for his troubles upon his return than a literal assault and battery--- by order of Henri--- for some misdeed. It was true that Agrippa's rigid and severe treatment of his people and his aggressive disobedience of Henri of Navarre's orders displeased Navarre on many occasions.

Finally, however, Agrippa was dismissed by Navarre, at the insistence of the Queen of Navarre. However, Henri continued to discreetly communicate with him and assist him in his endeavors, the most important of those being the winning of the hand in marriage of his mistress, Mlle. de Lezai. In 1583, Agrippa married Mlle. de Lezai, who owned the castle of Maillezais in Poitou. This occurred only after he was able to rise to her father's challenge to the legitimacy of his nobility. Their son Constant, Madame de Maintenon's father, was born in 1585. At some point, Agrippa's wife died. Agrippa continued to have adventure after adventure, caught up with Henri III and the King of Navarre. After Henri III was assassinated, Agrippa advised the King of Navarre to assume the crown, regardless of his religion, which he did. Agrippa left court for a while, except for one visit with Henri IV, who was "already meditating his apostasy and had a split lip from the siege of La Fere. Agrippa warned Henri IV, "As yet, you have only renounced God with your lips, but should you do so with your heart, your heart will be pierced as your lips have been." A prescient statement, to say the least.

In his years away from court, Agrippa dealt with the destructive misadventures of his son, Constant. Despite all his efforts to be a good, supportive father to him, Constant, proved constantly troublesome. He was a gambler and a dishonest, deceitful traitor. He lost the family chateau in a gambling venture, having already turned it into a counterfeiting den. Agrippa took up arms against him in order to seize his chateau back from his son.

In 1593, Henri IV abjured Calvinism, and Agrippa's career evolved into being a religious leader of the Protestants. When Henri IV was stabbed to death in 1610, d'Aubigné protested Maria de Medici's Regency. King Louis XIII hunted down the Huguenots, filling Poitou with troops. D'Aubigné's pension was stopped, and the court then attempted to buy out the property of leaders such as himself who maintained garrisons of defense in the region. A Huguenot to the core, rather than sell out to the French court, Agrippa sold to the Duc de Rohan, then the chief of the Huguenots, at a 50% loss. In 1616, he wrote his epic poem, *Les Tragiques*. He also wrote the great *Histoire Universelle*, which he dedicated to posterity.

Leaving for St. Jean d'Angely, Agrippa began printing out his numerous works, several of which were burned in Paris. He left the country for Geneva in 1620. He was received with all the dignity of a royal there, and set forth to fortify the various cities and towns.

In the midst of all this honor and recognition, a death sentence was instigated against him in Paris in 1621, essentially for having used public office for personal gain. Agrippa married a young Italian widow, exiled due to her religious beliefs, had

two children with her, and bought a property in Geneva called “Crest” for them to reside in, and remained there until his death.

In 1630, eight years before Maintenon was born, Agrippa died and was buried at Geneva. He had disinherited his son Constant, for “being a destroyer of his family honour by his enormous crimes.”

Agrippa’s legacy includes numerous written and highly acclaimed works, as well as several notable offspring. His granddaughter, Madame de Maintenon, married King Louis XIV but never became Queen, as well as a great-granddaughter, Françoise Charlotte d’Aubigné, who married the Duc de Noailles and became the mother of Adrienne de Noailles, who married the same marquis de Lafayette so famous in early American history. Other daughters married equally well. Agrippa has consistently been recognized in posterity for his service to Henri IV as a Huguenot soldier, and for his literary accomplishments.

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HUGUENOTS AND HUGUENOT DESCENDANTS OF DISTINCTION

Alexander Hamilton – Huguenot Descendant Who Influenced America

By Peter M. Adams, Third Vice President General

Editor’s Note: This continues a series of several articles published in “The Cross” about notable Huguenot descendants, some of whom positively influenced the creation and foundation of America. The following piece about Alexander Hamilton was developed by Peter M. Adams, Third Vice President General of our NHS.

Alexander Hamilton was born on the West Indian island of Nevis in 1755. His mother was Rachel Fawcett Laven and his father was James Hamilton - both were from families involved in the merchant trade business. As a youth, Alexander worked for a successful merchant banker named Nicholas Cruger. When Alexander became 17, he was sent by Cruger to New York City to obtain a formal education at King’s College. Today this College is known as Columbia University.

When Hamilton was 19, his writings about rebellion against Great Britain became public information. He also enlisted in the local New York militia and fought in several battles against the British. His actions were noticed in 1775 by several Continental Army officers and he was subsequently given a commission in 1777 to become a lieutenant colonel and aid-de-camp to Commander General George Washington. Hamilton served in the Continental Army with General George Washington for four years.

In December 1780, Hamilton married Elizabeth Schuyler, daughter of General Philip Schuyler. General Schuyler was an influential New York businessman and a successful military leader. Hamilton was sent by Washington to attack General Cornwallis at the Battle of Yorktown in October 1781. Hamilton led a regiment of New York troops against the British at this battle. As we now know, this battle was won by the Continental Army with the help of thousands of French troops and the invaluable assistance of the French Navy. This victory in fact marked the end of the American Revolution.

Hamilton left the army in 1782 and became a lawyer in New York City. He also assisted Robert Morris who was then the Superintendent of Finance of the United States of America. Hamilton was recognized as a leading lawyer and was recommended to serve in Congress. He believed in a strong National Government and also favored a strong Congress. He served for two years and was then elected to the Continental Congress. His keen interest in finance and his desire to structure the most efficient banking system for the United States led to his founding of the Bank of New York in 1784.

Hamilton became a New York delegate to the Constitutional Convention in 1787. There he continued to promote a strong National Government and he also approved the United States Constitution. At the New York ratifying convention in 1788, Hamilton further increased his political importance and was chosen to be the First Secretary of the Treasury under the newly established Constitution. Hamilton held this office for seven years until 1795. He was known as a brilliant administrator both

in organizing the Treasury Department and assisting in the development of many of the Departments of Government.

Hamilton's desire to assist in growing the importance and wealth of the United States involved his vision for the commercial expansion of America. He was aware that the country's credit would have to be firmly established to encourage both foreign and domestic investment. Hamilton's ideas included the assumption of all the unpaid states debts by the federal government. He also promoted an idea requiring the new government to pay all the nation's debts in full. In order to accomplish this he proposed that a new National Bank be established for the purpose of assisting the Federal Government in managing the nation's credit, trade relations and finance.

Alexander Hamilton's beliefs and ideas were ultimately accepted by Congress and the Bank of the United States was first chartered in 1791. As a result, Hamilton is known today for his leadership role in establishing the credit of the United States of America - both at home and abroad. In 1795 he returned to New York to practice law. It is very interesting to note that Hamilton continued to be President George Washington's chief advisor, despite Hamilton's retirement from active government service.

Tragically during 1804, Aaron Burr and Hamilton engaged in a pistol duel. Hamilton lost and died. Alexander Hamilton is buried in Trinity churchyard, New York City. He is well known for devoting his life to America's passion for liberty, freedom and prosperity. We need to proclaim his Huguenot roots, and remind others of his noble Huguenot ancestry.

This author enjoys researching notable Huguenot descendants who joined in creating the foundation of America. This article on Alexander Hamilton is the third of such articles he has submitted; his other research articles published in The Cross featuring George Washington and Henry Laurens. It is important for us to remember and reflect upon these individuals, as they illustrate the Huguenot heritage that positively influenced the creation and foundation of America.

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NAZI GERMAN SOLDIER'S HUGUENOT ANCESTRY SAVED BORDEAUX

According to a February 5, 2010 article by Allan Hall in the dailymail.com, Heinz Stahlschmidt, a Nazi World War II German navy weapons and demolitions expert who refused to obey a command to blow up the French port of Bordeaux because of his Huguenot heritage there and instead blew up his munitions, recently died in France. France awarded him its highest civilian decoration, the Legion d'Honneur, and credited him with saving Bordeaux. Bordeaux, always France's most important harbor city, vital to its prosperity, the lynchpin of the wine trade with Britain, has continually served as the biggest international importer of the region's celebrated wines.

"My family were Huguenots (Protestant Christians) and I acted according to my Christian conscience. I could not accept that the port of Bordeaux be wantonly destroyed when the war was clearly lost." So he deserted the German navy, presented himself to the resistance in the city of Bordeaux, told them what he did, and offered himself up as their prisoner.

Not only did this heroic act prove to be a career-ending move, Germany regarded Stahlschmidt as a traitor, put a price on his head along with standing orders to military police to arrest or shoot him on sight, and erased him from the honor rolls of the German navy despite his exemplary record as a war hero who had survived three sinking warships during his career. Therefore, he was left with no choice but to adopt a new identity and start over in France, the country of his Huguenot ancestors, where the country's gratitude protected him for the rest of his life. He died there recently at age 91.

THE PARALLELS BETWEEN AGRIPPA D'AUBIGNÉ'S AND MADAME DE MAINTENON'S LIVES

By Janice Murphy Lorenz

- A tumultuous, unstable childhood, followed by a struggle to find a stable adult lifestyle;
- Tendency to independence, bordering upon defiance of social mores, later maturing into honorable conduct;
- Legitimacy of nobility, reputation challenged due to conflicts presented by visible early adult lifestyle choices
- Unhappy sense of dissatisfaction with present circumstances; sense that rewards from royal court are inexplicably and unjustly withheld;
- Suspected of using public office for personal gain;
- Rigid religious compliance and demanding of same with threat of severe measures to resistance;
- Prodigious writers, each acutely conscious of their reputation and historic legacy;
- Desire to be viewed as a religious leader yet employing ethically or physically questionable measures.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

As decided at the 2010 Congress, NHS has joined the Federation of Genealogical Societies and plans to send Janice Lorenz to its August 2010 convention, where many topics of interest to genealogists, lineage, and historical societies will be discussed. We plan to share membership development and any other helpful tips with you so that we can all participate in reaching and encouraging as many potential Huguenots as possible to join NHS. Meanwhile, you might find helpful membership development practices within the reports published herein by our Member State societies.

SPACE AVAILABLE ON NATIONAL HUGUENOT SOCIETY WEBSITE

Does your state society or chapter have a web site? If it does, the National Society Webmaster, Stephen Gerth, would like to provide a link to your site from The National Huguenot Society website at:

<http://www.huguenot.netnation.com/states/states.htm>

If your society or chapter does not yet have a website, the National Society webmaster may be able to help you as well. There is space available on the National Society website to host your society or chapter web pages. The local society or chapter is responsible for developing the look and content of its own site. If you have a person who can do the technical development of the site the National Society website can provide hosting space. If you need assistance in implementation the Webmaster is available to help your local chapter develop the site based upon the plans and design you provide.

Contact Stephen Gerth via email for more details at webmaster@huguenot.netnation.com.

KENTUCKY SOCIETY PRESENTED WITH UNIQUE HUGUENOT FLAG

The Kentucky Society's beloved Rev. Dr. Dixon Barr passed away October 15, 2009. Among his many hereditary society involvements were his service as President General of the National Huguenot Society, and as the President of the Kentucky Huguenot Society. Frances Barr, Dixon's widow and also a life member of the Kentucky Huguenot Society, along with a son, C. William Swinford, Jr., presented Dixon's personal Huguenot flag to the Kentucky Society at its spring meeting on 10 April 2010 in Lexington, Kentucky. Kentucky state president Fay Charpentier-Ford received the flag on behalf of the Society. Not pictured, but present for support, was Frances' daughter, Mrs. Susan Swinford Bullard, who is also a Huguenot.

Frances Barr conveyed the one-of-a-kind, specially designed flag at a time when grief remained a difficult visitor. In accepting the precious gift, President Charpentier-Ford expressed gratitude for the meaningful reminder of a well-loved colleague and friend, and decreed that the flag will be displayed side by side with the National Huguenot Society flag at all future meetings in Kentucky.



Frances Barr (Mrs. Dixon) presents Fay Charpentier-Ford and KY Society with the late Dixon Barr's Huguenot flag

COMMENTS AND QUERIES FROM OUR READERS

We are pleased to have received a response from our friend, the esteemed Lois Stewart, who is the Research Director at Huguenot Heritage, in response to our reader’s query regarding the Huguenots and Acadia, the lack of women in their settlement, and whether there could be any connection between Huguenots who came to North America (either to Acadia or elsewhere) and the “lost dauphin of France” written about by Mark Twain.

In her March 23, 2010 letter to the Editor, Ms. Stewart explained as follows: The settlement in Acadia was led by Huguenot Pierre de Gua, comte de Monts, in 1604, and included an almost equal number of roman Catholics. Some say it was Henri IV’s experiment to see if members of the two forms of Christianity could live together peacefully away from the turmoil of the court. The “lost dauphin of France” to whom your correspondent refers, was Louis Charles (1785-1795?), second son of Louis XIV and Marie-Antoinette and, after his father’s execution in 1793, the titular king of France. Charles was cruelly imprisoned until his recently confirmed death. This story has provided rich material for fiction writers. Had he lived, he would have been Louis XVII, and through the centuries, a number of impostors have presented themselves.

It is evident that any chronological, genealogical or geographical connection [between the Huguenots and Louis Charles] is not possible. Almost two hundred years separate them. There are still believers that Charles somehow escaped to refuge in North America, but strong documentation indicates that neither Charles nor his mother was able to reach one of the refuges. It’s a gory but wonderful story.

For more information, Ms. Stewart kindly refers us to the Huguenot Heritage publication dated Winter 2002/2003, which carried a paper dealing with Acadia, and to Minnegerode’s “Son of Marie-Antoinette.”

We are grateful to Ms. Stewart and Huguenot Heritage for sharing their knowledge and resources with us.



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!

THE ROLE OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL
ARTICLE VIII of the Bylaws of
The National Huguenot Society, Inc.

The General Council of the National Huguenot Society, Inc., includes the General Officers of the National Society, all of the Honorary Presidents General, the Presidents of the State Member Societies, and the Chairmen of Standing Committees of the National Society. General Council meetings are open meetings, so all members of NHS Member State Societies may attend.

The General Council serves three main functions, to:

- (1) Act as a “Creative Forum” to assist in determining solutions to problems experienced by Member State Societies;
- (2) Recommend successful programs and activities that have worked for other Member Societies; and
- (3) Develop long-range plans and to recommend their adoption to the Board of General Officers, which then would report them to the Annual Congress for consideration and possible implementation.

The General Council meets before the Board of General Officers meeting, in order to afford the opportunity for any recommendations from the General Council to be presented to the Board of General officers.

You can, and you should, have a voice in the workings of this organization. It is vital to the future of the National Society and all State Member Societies to have as many State Presidents and Standing Committee Chairmen as possible attend the General Council Midyear Meeting.

Please see the Official Call elsewhere in this publication for more details. Your participation is critical to the success of our Member State Societies and the NHS.



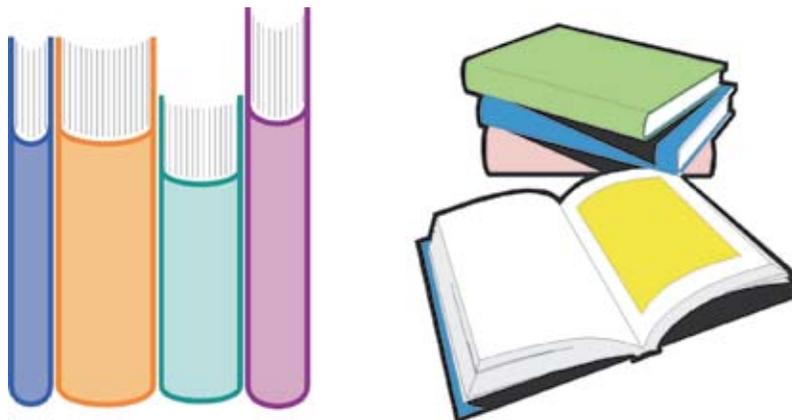
Book Reviews

A Who's Who of Your Ancestral Saints, by Alan J. Koman (Genealogical Publishing Company, 2010), is a must-have reference book for anyone interested in exploring their ancestry back to the days prior to Protestantism, or perhaps learning a brief synopsis of the life and deeds of the twenty-four Medieval Europeans who have ancestors whom Christianity has recognized as holy, along with information about their own ancestors, aunts and uncles, and their primary descendants. The author has organized and packed an incredible amount of information into one soft cover resource.

In addition to genealogical and historical research, there are a number of other reasons why this book might be relevant to Huguenots. First, the history of Christianity shows that the first men and women upon whom the Church bestowed the title of "Sanctus" were martyrs who died during the Roman persecution of early Christians. There are interesting parallels between those martyrs and Huguenots, insofar as they each shared the desire to remain true to their consciences at any cost, and lived and died accordingly. Secondly, Protestantism developed in part as a reaction to what Protestants considered excesses in Catholic cathedrals, including the importance attached to the veneration (short of worship) for statues of saints. To many Catholics, respect and use for such statuary was not idolatry; rather, such statuary facilitated the formation of a personal connection with a highly respected, holy person with experience regarding a specific issue. In short, the statuary were intended only to evoke a connection, not substitute for the worship of the Lord.

Mr. Koman, whose vocation is law, has organized the book into three main parts, each of which provides key information to the reader about each saint, his or her ancestry, and his or her descendants. Part one, entitled "Twenty-Four Medieval Europeans and Their Two Hundred and Seventy-Five Ancestral Saints," contains a listing of the twenty-four relevant Europeans and provides vital information about their holy ancestors. Part Two is entitled, "Saints Who Are Direct Ancestors," and includes similar information about the direct ancestors of those saints from both the maternal and paternal sides, along with a reference, if applicable, to the appropriate connection between that particular line and the kings of England. Part Three does the same for the aunts and uncles of the saints listed. In all instances, sources are provided. This book is detailed, easy to use and highly informative.

For our readers interested in historical fiction, try Destiny Kinal's exciting new novel, *Burning Silk* (Sitio Tiempo Press 2010), the first in a trilogy. The author was inspired to investigate her own maternal line when her grandmother told her they were Irish, German, Welsh, Scots and French. Fascinated by the possible French connection, she spent fifteen years researching the Huguenots and the European sites of their industry and persecution. The result is the first in a trilogy of novels about a Huguenot family which fled from France to Hesse, Germany in 1685, and re-established their reputation for making fine silk. The novel is set in the 1830s, when the family sends its youngest generation of trained silk technicians to the Susquehanna Valley of Bucks County, Pennsylvania, to establish a successful silk operation there. Their struggles to establish themselves and their new business seemed reminiscent of the Huguenot legacy of principles and suffering. What strengths and secrets do they muster to fortify themselves for the ordeal of their first season in America? To whom do they turn for the important political alliances necessary to accelerate the naturalization of their silkworms to a new continent? The book tells all.





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