“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”.
Four-hundred fifty years ago, Admiral Coligny envisioned that France might colonize the New World, and he knew just the people to do it—his Huguenot brethren. In 1562, vessels of Huguenots, captained by the Huguenot Jean Ribault, and seconded by René de Laudonnière of the Nantes area of France, sailed to America. On May 1, 1562, they landed about 20 miles outside of Jacksonville, Florida, on the St. Johns River. Captain Ribault erected a monument on the site to claim Florida as a French possession. That expedition was followed by two other French expeditions to the area. Ribault was eventually killed nearby in 1565, whereas de Laudonnière survived to return to France and publish his memoir. Given this early Huguenot history in America, how special it was to attend a “Welcome on the Water” to two tall ships of the French Navy, sent to the Jacksonville waterfront on April 30, 2012, to join a celebration of French history in Florida and in America. It was easy to imagine that those tall ships might resemble those captained by Captain Ribault 450 years ago. What was so extraordinary about attending these events on behalf of NHS was that the organizers – the City of Jacksonville Mayor’s Office, the French Consul General of Miami, the state of Florida, Jacksonville artist Joanelle Mulrain, and many generous sponsors - specifically recognized that Huguenots were vital to the three French expeditions being commemorated.

Following the Welcome on the Water ceremony was a partners meeting held by the Florida Secretary of State to pique our interest and participation in his initiative, “Viva Florida 500.” It aims to “transform anniversaries into legacies” while honoring 500 years of Florida history. The day culminated in a most special occasion aboard the tall ships, the invitation-only French “Legion d’Honneur” ceremony and reception that was held by French Consul General of Miami Gaël de Maisonneuve, at which two American WWII veterans were honored. There, I had an opportunity to meet, interview and enjoy an aperitif with Christophe de Goulaine, a direct descendant of Captain Ribault’s second in command, Huguenot Rene de Laudonnière. The de Goulaine family still owns and resides in the Château de Goulaine, which has remained in the family for about 1000 years. The château produces wine and offers unique visitor attractions.

May 1st began at the Beaches Museum & History Park for a lovely breakfast reception to display unique ancient maps collected by Dr. and Mrs. Fisher. Then came the extraordinary “Rededication of the Ribault Monument” ceremony, at which the NHS was recognized. Words cannot describe how special it was to witness a direct descendant of Captain Ribault, Gaetan de Laugardière, with two other of Ribault’s descendants, present one of Jean Ribault’s family coins to Jacksonville Mayor Alvin Brown, and a handful of rocks from Ribault’s home port of Dieppe, France. Next came the moving “Ring for Ribault,” the inspiration of Joannelle Mulrain, my escort in Jacksonville, who, incidentally, is working on her Huguenot proofs now. To the celebratory sound of church bells ringing along the St. Johns River at high noon for four minutes, we ferried across the St. Johns River to attend a beautiful, almost-standing-room-only luncheon at the gorgeous Ribault Club. It was an honor to dine with Gaetan de Laugardière, with Paul Anderson, CEO of the Port of Jacksonville, and with our Florida Huguenot Society’s Counselor General, Mary Morgan, and to recognize another Florida member who attended, David Baugh.

A commemorative Huguenot tree-planting ceremony at Huguenot Memorial Park followed, then a tour of the Cummings Art Museum with the French Consul General of Miami and his team, then a city-sponsored event honoring the French sailors from the tall ships. I confess that by that point I was so enraptured that I somehow and quite regrettably managed to miss a most elegant affair at the Historical Society, where the Ribault and de Laudonnière descendants, as well as a descendant of European printer Theodor de Bry, discussed the three French expeditions to north Florida which were the subject of this commemoration, and at which Honorary French Consul General François Kloc read Jean Ribault’s journal to the invitees. The next morning, we bid the tall ships adieu.

Although this experience had the aura of a once-in-a-lifetime experience for all who attended, our NHS records indicate that fifty years ago a delegation from NHS attended the 400th commemorative event held in Jacksonville and Mayport, Florida. Thus the NHS and its member societies have maintained strong and enduring ties with Florida.

OFFICIAL CALL TO SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

The National Huguenot Society, Inc.

OFFICIAL CALL TO THE SEMI-ANNUAL GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

Quality Suites Buckhead Center, 505 Pharr Rd.
Atlanta, Georgia

Call Mr. Welch at 404-262-7880 or email jonwelch@wxhotels.com for reservations

26-27 October 2012

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: Room reservations should be made directly with hotel General Manager Mr. Welch and quickly in order to obtain the NHS rate of $99/night (not including tax). The hotel shuttle bus can be called for pickup only from the MARTA Lindbergh Station to the hotel; the hotel does not offer airport shuttle bus pickup service.

Registration: $25 payable once by anyone who attends any one or more events.

Thursday, October 25, 2012: Midyear registration is available from 1-5pm in the hotel conference room. If you are in town and care to have dinner at Atmosphere, a French restaurant, the hotel shuttle bus will leave at 6:00 p.m.

Friday, 26 October 2012

10:00 a.m. General Council Meeting: This will be a creative forum only; no formal state reporting will be done. All national officers, Honorary Presidents General, State President, Committee Chairmen and members are encouraged to attend.

Noon Lunch: Pricci’s Restaurant across the street is expecting us. You may order from the menu and each person will pay for his own lunch.

2:00 p.m. Board meeting (elected national officers).

6:30 p.m. Cocktails and Banquet at The Vinings Club: (Cash bar followed by seated dinner; Black Tie Optional.) $65/person. Transportation available by hotel shuttle bus. Indicate choice of steak and shrimp or steak and chicken when you send in your registration and meal check.

Saturday, 27 October 2012

12:00 p.m. Georgia Society meeting and luncheon with program (all are welcome; ladies may wear hats): $37/person. Please indicate choice of chicken or crab cake entrée when you send in your check.

REGISTRATION FEE, BANQUET, AND LUNCHEON COSTS:
--Registration fee of $25 payable once by all who attend any one or more events.
--Friday night banquet $65
--Saturday luncheon $37
Total for all events is $102/person plus the $25/person registration fee, for a TOTAL of $127/person.

Please make checks payable to: The Huguenot Society of Georgia and mail by October 10, 2012 to: Rachel Colbert, 430 Antioch Rd., Fayetteville, GA 30215-5715.
Greetings, dear Huguenots, it is an honor to report to you about the wonderful things going on within NHS and its state societies. In order to learn more about our membership, I spent a year gathering demographic information about our members and their access to the internet. The results showed that, as of 2012, we have about 2300 individual members who joined through one of our 31 state societies. We also have a Members at Large category of membership for those whose state society of origin has become inactive. We are international; our members live in the US and six countries outside of the United States. Most of our members are over age 65, most are female, and most use the internet. Not all of our 31 state societies regularly submit status reports to National, but we know that some do fine, some struggle to attract members to meetings, and some struggle to attract new members, and that the size of the state society does not seem to matter when it comes to these things. Pennsylvania is our largest state society, Florida is #2 in size, Texas #3. These have consistently had more than 100 members. Illinois, Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee are getting within close reach of 100 members and may have reached that by now, and most states have fewer than 100 members.

Since most of our members are annual members, our success depends upon gaining new members and persuading members to annually renew their membership. Our bylaws require us to drop members who do not pay dues for more than two years. We found it necessary to drop several in 2012 from New York, Nevada, and Members at Large for that reason. If you know any of these dropped members, please encourage them to square up so that we may reinstate their membership.

Once the demographic study confirmed what we all knew instinctively—that interest in membership in a hereditary society probably does not arise until after retirement age—I sent our state presidents a survey to get feedback on what NHS might do better to serve our members. The results confirmed that in many states, both large and small, many members are simply too old, too infirm, or are uninclined to regularly attend state or national meetings, so they want publications.

So, limited by personal and NHS budgets but still desiring to reach as many members and potential members as possible, we have tweaked our strategy to gain new members and satisfy our current members, as follows: (1) the President General will visit as many states as possible who would invite her to visit during her term of office; (2) produce more publications and programs for member education, member recruitment, and for state societies to use; (3) develop new affordable products which NHS might sell to promote the NHS brand and gain attention; (4) increase the attention paid to NHS by each of us attending relevant functions and making new contacts; (5) promote interest in genealogy and hereditary societies generally; and (6) encourage entire families to join at once, as the Kentucky Society has enjoyed so much success with. We know there are multitudes of eligible Huguenots out there, we just need to find them and appeal to them to join us.

Due to the persistent dedication of Jeannine Kallal and Nancy Brennan, the NHS 2012 Ancestor Register is completed and should be in hand and ready for sale by the time you read this issue of The Cross. This is the single-most important publication by the NHS in a long time, and its timing is perfect as a means of implementing our strategy. We are all eternally grateful to these ladies for their effort. Meanwhile, the new blog website is under construction and it should be ready before the end of 2012. We have also identified several ideas for potential articles and programs.

The President General has made contacts at a joint dinner held by The National Society Sons of the American Colonists and The Society of the Descendants of the Colonial Clergy, attended with other NHS officers the annual Hereditary Society of the United States of America dinner, and attended the Jacksonville Commemorate 450 celebration.
In Jacksonville, I met the current president of the South Carolina Huguenot Society, who is interested in joining NHS. Although NHS does not currently have a state society in South Carolina, we do have enough members residing there to start a new state society. The same is true in Louisiana and probably New Jersey. Are any of you Members at Large who reside in those states interested in helping us to organize a new state society in your state?

In addition to making connections in the state of Florida, we have reconnected with an old friend of the NHS, the Comité Protestant Des Amitiés Françaises À L’Étranger, The World Huguenot Centre. As many of you know, they sponsor pilgrimages to places of Protestant importance in France and nearby areas, and most importantly, host an International Reunion of Huguenot Descendants every three years. The next convention is in September. NHS has sent delegations in the past, so everyone would love to see NHS members there in the future. Another contact made in France is with the town of Saumur, where one of the four major Protestant Academies thrived before 1685. The Academy is now a major military equestrian center. We visited Saumur in May of 2011, stayed in the nearby Chateau Beaulieu, and visited Saumur’s restored chateau, which is loaded with history and boasts a gorgeous view of the Loire valley. The town has encouraged us to visit, do research, or perhaps organize a study group around the old Protestant Academy. Think about it! We now have Château de Goulaine and Saumur to visit, both located in the Loire Valley.

Now for the business of our finances. We are fiscally sound, although prudence requires us to tighten up a bit. First, we appreciate that the Virginia Society has paid back $3000 of the $10,000 loaned to it by the NHS to deal with a legal dispute. The Treasurer’s 2011 Profit and Loss Statement indicated the following information: Bookstore revenue amounted to $448.54. Program-related sales such as our application fees, supplemental fees, transfer fees, and youth registration fees totaled $3345. To raise revenue in this category, in 2012, we raised our application and supplemental fees by vote at Congress 2012. Program service “fees,” otherwise known as “dues,” totaled $17,975, and constitutes our biggest income category. Interest income only totaled $3925.18 in 2011. Revenue from conferences and meetings totaled $3570, but our expenditures for them in 2011 was $16,608.77, due to a one-time-only-Diamond Jubilee. Royalty and miscellaneous income was minimal. Our total earned revenue was $29,971.10.

Our total expenses in 2011 amounted to $50,233.76. Aside from Congress 2011, the next largest expenditures of NHS in 2011 were and almost always have been the same ones, which are the two related to our two biggest services: (1) The Cross of Languedoc was our largest expense in 2011. It cost $14,330.13 to prepare and mail two 28-page issues with color photographs to about 2300 recipients around the world. Although this expense has not changed significantly over the years, we could potentially reduce Cross expenses if we were to reduce the number of pages in 4-page increments. We may experiment with this, if necessary. (2) We expended $7300 on our Scholarship Award, Scholarly Works Award, and other awards and grants. These programs have also remained steady from year to year, and are also a vital part of our NHS mission, seeking out and publicly rewarding academic achievement and excellence in connection with Huguenots and Huguenot-relevant publications. (3) The operation of the San Antonio office headquarters was third-highest expenditure, at about $7100. It is run quite efficiently, considering that we only spent $1241.57 on supplies and postage in 2011. Other expenditures were for insurance, taxes, and the like, none of which can be meaningfully reduced going forward.

This is what we are doing to immediately address some of these budget issues: (1) We will hold all of our Congress 2013 events on one day at Washington, DC’s The Army & Navy Culb on Friday, April 12, 2013. An announcement will be sent to state presidents and even directly to those individual members whose email addresses are available. (2) Application and other fees have been raised, effective immediately, by vote of Congress. (3) Annual dues will be raised effective in 2014, if Congress 2013 approves it, as recommended by the Finance Committee and the Board. Due to my own error, we were unable to vote upon a dues increase at Congress 2012, but the Congress 2012 did vote to publish the notice of a potential dues increase in this issue of The Cross and plans to vote on a dues increase at Congress 2013; (4) Subject to NHS Board approval, our Oklahoma Society has offered to host the midyear meeting of 2013 on a break-even basis. Thank you, Donna Gannt!

The NHS has been fortunate to have enjoyed a thriving 2012 thus far, and is looking forward to our Semi-Annual meeting in Atlanta, Georgia in October. I will continue to devote myself to helping the NHS grow and prosper and to promote public awareness about Huguenots and particularly, their spirit and faith and their contribution to the founding of America and its culture.

Janice Murphy Lorenz, President General
MINUTES OF THE NATIONAL HUGUENOT SOCIETY, INC
ANNUAL GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 13, 2012

The Annual meeting of the General Council of the National Huguenot Society Inc. was held in the Thomas Room at the Washington Marriott 22nd Street Hotel in Washington, D.C. President General Janice Lorenz called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES
The Sacred Oath was led by President General Lorenz. The Invocation was given by Rev. Paul Smith.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
Recording Secretary General Linda Smith reported the Minutes of the 2011 General Council meeting were approved by a reading committee and published in The Cross of Languedoc. The Minutes were approved as published.

Genealogist General Alice Sweeney and Honorary President General Barbara MacManus were appointed to read and correct the Minutes of the current meeting.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
Honorary President General Barbara MacManus noted 2 corrections to the printed program—the addition of her name on the Honorary President General’s list and correction of 75th Congress listing for last year’s Minutes. She moved the program with correction be approved. It was seconded and passed after discussion.

INTRODUCTIONS
All those present were introduced by President General Lorenz. In addition to the President General, they were:
Jeffrey LaRochelle, TX prospective member;
Finance Chairman Roger F. Smith, FL;
Genealogist General Alice Sweeney, VA;
MS President Mary Margaret Buck, MS;
Mary Little, AZ;
1st Vice President General Fay Charpentier-Ford KY;
Joel Strauch, CA;
Juanita Jones, GA;
GA President Sheila Richards, GA;
D.C. President Wilfred “Skip” Keats, D.C.;
Chaplain General Rev. Paul Smith, KY;
Honorary President General Nadine Harden-Miller; AK;
Nancy Henry, NM;
Honorary President General Barbara MacManus TX;
Registrar General Nancy Brennan, TX; and
Recording Secretary General Linda Smith, FL.

REPORTS OF NATIONAL OFFICERS
President General Lorenz outlined responses from a State President’s survey showing the demographics of age, needs, and online capabilities of State members. Based on this survey, the future of the National Society may need to consider some changes. She suggested some increases in fees may be necessary as well as some fundraiser projects. Members added some thoughts for the future. The final results will be published in a future issue of The Cross of Languedoc.

Registrar General Nancy Brennan showed a draft of the nearly completed copy of the new Huguenot Registry listing more than 600 ancestors. When the indexing is finished, it will be formatted to contain more than the current 385 pages. Costs of
the paperback, hardback and DVD copy to be determined once a publisher is determined. 90 new members were approved during 2011 and 31 more new members since the beginning of 2012. Seventeen State societies gained new members. GA gained the most new members with 14; VA next with 12 and FL with 11. Fifteen Supplemental applications were approved. Four reinstatements and 8 transfers occurred. 88 members either were deceased or dropped or resigned in 2011.

Chaplain General Rev. Paul Smith filed a report showing deceased member names from 2011-2012. He asked that all State Societies use the new form found on the website for reporting deceased members. He asked that future reports include deaths occurring April to April rather than year beginning to year-end deaths. 23 condolence letters had been sent to families.

Genealogist General Alice Sweeney report was given indicating help and responses she sent throughout the year.

1st Vice President Fay Charpentier-Ford filed a report indicating the activities in which she participated for the betterment of the Society.

Further National officer’s reports will be given at the Board of General Officers later today and at Congress tomorrow.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
Honorary President Barbara MacManus and Membership Chairman provided copies of the State Society Handbook, Bylaws, and Standing Rules updated for 2012 to those who had not already received a copy through the mail. She requested corrections before approval on Saturday and that approval be granted once corrections were made. The General Council recommended approval.

Scholarly Book Award Chairman Lee Nelson emailed a report indicating the recommendation of the $1000.00 award be presented to Greg Smith for the 2011 publication of his Master’s Thesis at NYU entitled “The Puritans of France—Huguenot Memory and Identity in 19th Century America.”

Bylaws Chairman Rev. Paul Smith presented four Bylaws recommendations which had been previously distributed to membership within the necessary timeline of 60 days.

Treasurer General Rex Gradeless was not in attendance but had prepared both a Financial Report and a 2012 Budget in collaboration with the Finance Committee, which was presented by Finance Chairman Roger F. Smith, who stepped down as Parliamentarian for the presentation and discussion.

NEW BUSINESS
A motion was made by Honorary President General Nadine Hardin-Miller to add the name of Nancy Brennan as Board Representative to the Nominating Committee. It was seconded and passed after discussion.

President General Lorenz reported the Huguenot Society of GA requested to host the Mid Year Huguenot meetings in Atlanta, GA October 25 through 27, 2012. She also announced the next Annual Huguenot Congress will be held in April 2013 with exact dates and location TBA with approval of the Board and Congress. She urged future National Huguenot meetings be self-supporting.

CLOSING AND ADJOURNMENT
Rev. Paul Smith gave the Benediction.
The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.
REPORTS FROM GENERAL OFFICERS

Report of the First Vice President General

Vice Presidents General have three customary functions as outlined the Society’s national bylaws:

1. To conduct meetings in the absence of the President General
2. To assume increased duties in the event of the President General is unable to continue, and
3. To perform other duties as assigned by the President General.

This officer has met her duties and responsibilities.

In addition to supporting the President General, there were some notable activities since the previous annual meeting, all approved by the President General:

• Participated significantly in the planning and implementation of the NHS 75th Diamond Anniversary celebration
• Contributed consistently to The Cross of Languedoc, including photos and Idea Exchange articles
• Made phone calls to many of the state presidents to promote 2011 midyear in Kentucky with positive results
• Helped establish new financial model for hosting midyear meetings that encourages a balanced budget without national treasury expenditures
• Installed newly elected Georgia officers, substituting for the President General who was out-of-the-country
• Authored paper on How To Improve Membership In State Societies, presented at the 2011 midyear
• Made contact with members of the Nevada Society members to support and enhance

It has been a privilege to serve this first half of a two-year term as First Vice President General. Thanks to everyone for the friendships and offers to help in the success of our National Huguenot Society.

May the faith and determination of our ancestors continue to serve us as examples for the future.

Fay Charpentier-Ford

Registrar General

Ninety (90) new members by application were approved during calendar year 2011. As of this date 31 new members by application have been approved in 2012.

Seventeen (17) state societies gained new members. Georgia takes the prize for the year with fourteen (14) approved applications. Virginia is second with twelve (12) and Florida follows with eleven (11). Fifteen (15) supplemental applications were approved. There were four (4) reinstatements and eight (8) transfers. States reporting list 88 members deceased, dropped or resigned in 2011. The state with the largest membership did not report.

This officer receives and answers requests for information from the website to the registrar’s email. For the year 2011 the total was 174. This is an increase of 87 over 2010.

This officer also answers email and regular mail at the National Office as well as filling orders for purchased items. New applications are scanned and filed.

Names and addresses of all new members have been added to the mailing list. Deletions of deceased, resigned or dropped members have been made.

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

Nancy Wright Brennan
STATE SOCIETY REPORTS

Alabama

The Alabama Society had about 68 members in 2011 and has existed since 1958. It is active and many of us remember visiting with the Alabama members who would regularly attend Congress. Please come back to Congress to visit, and let us hear how you are doing!

Arizona

Recently, our Arizona Huguenot Society teamed up with the Arizona Magna Charta Dames and Barons for a fun-filled morning and afternoon at historic PIONEER LIVING HISTORY MUSEUM in Phoenix. Invited also, were members from Colonial Dames of the 17th Century, Daughters of American Colonists, Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims and Daughters of Colonial Wars. Together we toured early settler buildings, learning of the harsh realities these pioneers faced, the challenges they overcame, and the spirit they shared in “taming the West.” A delightful catered barbeque luncheon was enjoyed, door prizes handed out and three new members of our Arizona Huguenot Society were initiated. Pictures include society members at one of the oldest schoolhouses in the territory as well as standing by an 1800’s cabin, donated by the family of Huguenot member Joan Rogers. Another photo shows us, some in period clothing, standing by the ‘ol infamous “outhouse!” Brochures about our Arizona Huguenot Society were handed out and we believe this type of event will become an ANNUAL function. What a great way to encourage membership in our esteemed Society!

Mrs. Lee Thomasson Nelson, President

Arkansas

The Arkansas Society is delighted to report that its newest member is a former First Lady of Arkansas, Betty Bumpers. She is the wife of former governor and former U.S. Senator Dale Bumpers. According to an article published in the Arkansas Democratic Gazette on April 13, 2012, Mrs. Bumpers was recently honored by the Arkansas Department of Human Services for her volunteer leadership accomplishments, and was presented with Arkansas’ Department of Human Services Community Service and Nonprofit Support Division’s “2012 Billie Ann Myers Paragon Award” for her promotion of volunteerism in Arkansas, and for her state--and later nationwide—work to promote childhood vaccinations. We are honored to welcome such a distinguished new member and everyone is looking forward to getting to know Betty Bumpers.

Betty Harp, President

California

I am pleased to report the California State Huguenot Society of the National Huguenot Society is alive and doing well. We have two chapters in the state, the La Rochelle Chapter in the South and the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter in the North. We have 75 members between the two chapters: 54 in the La Rochelle and 21 in the SFBA chapter. Each chapter has their own meeting schedules with speakers.

The state society is financially sound with an increase of about $1,000 over the previous year in our accounts. Due to personal problems for both the President and first Vice President, the State was not able to get a meeting for
the membership worked out in 2011. We are working on one for 2012.

In Huguenot Faith,

James F. Blauer, President

**Connecticut**

The Connecticut Society elected new officers in May of 2012. Their new President is Timothy Jacobs; Vice President, Rev. Robert Girard Carroon; Treasurer, Joyce Senkbeil; Secretary, Fannie R. Gabriel.

The Society was formed in 1961 and has about 49 members, several of whom do not reside in-state.

**Delaware**

Our Delaware Society was formed in 1984 and had about 24 members as of 2011, 89% of whom live in Delaware. We know that Delaware boasts some important Huguenot history, and would love to hear how this society is doing. Might the President General offer to come visit and attend a meeting, perhaps jointly with another state society?

**Florida**

In Florida, our State Officers are elected at the Annual Meeting held in odd years for a two-year period. Following are the current Florida State Officers for 2011-2013:

- **President** - Linda L. Antram Smith, Jean Calvin Chapter
- **Vice President** – Dr. Edward J. Neugaard, Adm. Gaspard de Coligny Chapter
- **Recording Secretary** – Roger F. Smith, Jean Calvin Chapter
- **Corresponding Secretary** - Judith J. Adams, Fort Caroline Chapter
- **Treasurer** - David J. Bahn, Fort Caroline Chapter
- **Acting Registrar** – Barbara Browning Schulz, Jean Calvin Chapter
- **Chaplain** - Atwood A. Brewton, Fort Caroline Chapter
- **Historian/Librarian** – Kenneth E. Carter, Ernst d’Erlach Chapter
- **Counselor**—Mary N. Morgan, Esq.

Committees for 2011-2013 appointed were:
- **Membership**—Rev. Dr. Hunter Camp II
- **Scholarship**—Monica Darling Douglas
- **Linda Moody Neal**—Parliamentarian
- **Newsletter Editor**—James Bailey deRosset
- **Webmistress**—Linda L Smith

Charles Baker, from the Ernst d’Erlach Chapter was first elected as State Registrar but was later forced to resign in the summer due to health concerns. His long experience and expertise with the post was a loss to the State Society. However, experienced genealogist Barbara Browning Schulz, from the Jean Calvin Chapter, agreed to take the position as Acting Registrar and was confirmed by the membership at the 2012 Annual Meeting in Jacksonville, on February 18, 2012.

The current Florida Chapters and Presidents are:
- **Admiral Gaspard de Coligny Chapter**—Dr. Edward J. Neugaard, President;
- **Fort Caroline Chapter**—David J. Bahn, President;
- **Ernst d’Erlach Chapter**—Kenneth E. Carter, President;
- **Fleur de Lis Chapter**—James Bailey deRosset, President;
- **Jean Calvin Chapter**—Reynolds P. Cushing, President;
- **Louis DuBois Chapter**—Theodore M. Duay III, President

The 2012 Annual State Meetings were held in Jacksonville, Florida under the sponsorship of the Fort Caroline Chapter. The Executive Board met the afternoon of Saturday, February 18 at the nearby Jacksonville Library. The Membership Meeting followed the next day at the Sheraton Jacksonville Hotel with a quorum present for the transaction of business. All officers and chapters reported.

Florida State Scholarship Chairman Monica Darling Douglas indicated there is enough money in the Allen Parker State Scholarship Fund to award two State scholarships. Two students completed all requirements within the deadline. $900.00 will be sent to the Financial Aid Office of each of their designated Florida college or university. The winners are Michael Dangl of Tampa, Florida and Alexis Intriago of Plantation, Florida. The scholarship application blank and requirements can be found on the Florida Huguenot State website. Blue tote bags with Fleur de Lis logos continued to be sold by the State Society. Donations plus profits from the tote bag sales are deposited in the Allen Parker State Scholarship fund. The application is on the website at: [http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flhuguen/](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flhuguen/)

Newsletter Editor James Baily deRosset produced both a Spring and Fall 2011 edition of the “The Florida Huguenot.” Each colorful edition features a Huguenot descendant of note plus news of the Chapters and are mailed and/or emailed to all members. All newsletters can also be read and/or downloaded from the State website at: [http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flhuguen/](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flhuguen/)

A private Facebook site for Florida Huguenots has been established to help further communication among members. Anyone who is on Facebook may request to join by contacting President Linda Smith at: LLSdarien@mac.com
Former Florida pastor, Rev. Dr. Dwyn Mounger, who served the St. Augustine Memorial Presbyterian Church adjacent to the “Huguenot Cemetery,” will be leading a tour to Geneva and major Huguenot sites in France in April 2012. While in Florida, Dr. Mounger became interested in Huguenot history and presented slide shows about the Huguenots including beautiful liturgical music. His information can be found on the FL Huguenot Facebook page.

Past State Florida Huguenot President Robby E. Burt and wife Trudy presented a slide show about their recent trip to the Netherlands where a plaque was placed denoting the worship of the Huguenots and Walloons at the Vrieuwkirk Church site.

Chaplain Brewton reported that the deaths of four members during 2011. The members were: Marjorie Anne Stubbs Heaney from the Ernst D’Erlach Chapter; Dorothy Vandergriff from the Fort Caroline Chapter; Eleanor Craig from the Jean Calvin Chapter; and John Duvall from the Fleur de Lis Chapter. Chaplain Brewton conducted a Memorial Service.

Corresponding Secretary Adams distributed “The Florida Huguenot” newsletters via email or snail mail; provided notice of the pending State Annual Meeting to each member and sent out updated State Rosters to all Chapters.

Three Chapters tied for recognition on the membership plaque this year as a consequence of their increase in enrollment. The Chapters were Jean Calvin, Admiral Coligny and Ernst D’Erlach.

The Registrar’s report to National at the end of 2011 totaled 179 members. Despite new members being approved, the total number was less than last year due to deaths and resignations. However, as of March 2012, 7 members have been approved for 2012.

Joanelle Mulrain from the Mayor’s office in Jacksonville provided information about the Jacksonville Sesquicentennial Celebration commemorating the 450th Anniversary of French Huguenot Captain Jean Ribault’s arrival at the St. John’s River and the beginning of French history in Florida. Information about the observances surrounding the event can be found at www.commemorate450.coj.net. She invited participation by all Huguenots.

Four delegates were approved to attend and represent the State at the 76th National Congress in Washington, DC April 13th and 14th, 2012. They were: Linda Smith, Roger Smith, Barbara Schulz, and Audrey Peacock.

Our lunch speaker was Rev. Dr. Paul Hooker, the Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk, Presbytery of St. Augustine PCUSA. His topic: The Influence of Luther and Calvin on Modern Day Protestant Theology.

Fort Caroline Chapter that they will be meeting on September 15 at the Selva Marina Country Club in Atlantic Beach. The program will be a review of the recent Trip to French Huguenot Sites in France with Reformation Tours, on the Huguenot excursion recently led by Dr. Dwyn Mounger. The presenter will be member Lauralyn Smith.

This President is honored to have been elected to the post of National Recording Secretary General for the 76th Congress in 2012. She represented the Florida Huguenots at the Midyear Huguenot Council held October 7-8, 2011 in Louisville, KY hosted by the KY State Society and anticipates attending the 2012 Huguenot Midyear Huguenot Council to be held October 25-26 in Atlanta, GA.

I wish to thank the members of the Huguenot Society of Florida for the vote of confidence and the opportunities you have given me to carry on the work of the Florida Society in your name. None of it would have possible without the most conscientious and cooperative Board of Officers and Chairman ever elected to the Huguenot Society of Florida.

It has been a pleasure to support the work of the National Huguenot Society and President General Janice M. Lorenz.

In Huguenot Faith,

Linda L. Antram Smith, President
Huguenot Society of Florida, Inc.

Georgia

This has been a most interesting year for the Huguenot Society of Georgia, starting with the Midyear meeting of 2011 in Kentucky.

The Georgia Fall Meeting in October 2011 was exciting. The NHS First Vice President General, Fay Charpentier-Ford, came to Atlanta and installed the new Georgia officers.

For the first time ever, the society was invited to place a wreath at the Historical Celebration of the Battle of Kettle Creek. Cold and windy, it was an honor to represent the state society. And as a result, several contacts were made for new members. This officer was also pleased to represent the state society at the Annual Banquet for The Order of Founders and Patriots of America.

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Members of the Huguenot Society of Georgia donated more books to the Georgia Room at the Cobb Central Library in Marietta, as reported in the Marietta Daily Journal. The Georgia society has about 50 members in Cobb, who have donated more than 30 books to the Georgia Room over the years.

Sadly, the Georgia society lost numerous members to death in 2011. But 14 new members were gained in the calendar year. And we are presently working with several prospective members.

Most of the State president’s time has been spent fighting a battle with the IRS to retain Georgia’s nonprofit status. And as it is said, “we fought the battle and won.”

Sheila P. Richards, President

Illinois

At recent joint meetings of the Huguenot Society of Illinois, along with other groups including OFPA, DFPA, DAC, A&H, the quality of the speakers was so outstanding that we wanted to share them with our Cross Readers and absent members.

The Rev’d Peter Bennington Irvine spoke at the Hilton/Northbrook on The Huguenot Psalter. His talk included piano accompaniment to demonstrate the uniqueness of early Huguenot sacred music. Fr. Irvine is an Episcopal priest resident in the Diocese of Chicago, and is a composer, musician and director of Eucharistic music.

Also, the University of Notre Dame’s Visiting Chair of Irish Literature and Language contributed a world class speaker in the person of Ruan O’Donnell, Ph. D. On staff at the University of Limerick, Dr. O’Donnell’s topic was “The Profound Influence of the American Revolutionary War Within the Cause of Irish Freedom.” He is the author of three new works published by Trinity University, Dublin in this field.

Respectfully submitted,
James Falvy Barr, President

Indiana

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

During the past year we have gained one new member and lost one member due to death. Our membership remains at 56, plus 5 associate members. Recruitment is an ongoing effort.

Our fall meeting was held on October 1, 2011. The speaker was Dr. David T. Murphy, Chairman of the History and political Science Department at Anderson University. His topic was The French Enlightenment and The Assault on Faith.”

Our spring 2012 meeting is scheduled for April 28. Dr. Joel Shrock, Professor of History at Anderson University, will be our speaker.

Allen Moore, Registrar and Treasurer

Kansas

No report was received from Kansas this time. We know it was formed in 1958 and had about 32 members as of 2011.

Kentucky

The joint spring meeting luncheon was held April 21, 2012 at the Lexington country Club, Lexington, Kentucky. The KY Society meets with the Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims and the Manakin Huguenot Society. Many attendees are members of two or three of these societies.

Dr. Brad Wood, a professor of History at Eastern Kentucky University who specializes in Colonial America, was our speaker. Everyone enjoyed his presentation based on his research and book, which deals with southern culture and social history. An interesting Q and A session followed. [Note from the Editor: see two photographs from the occasion elsewhere in The Cross.]

Fay Charpentier-Ford, President

Maine

The Maine Society did not submit a report this time, but its past reports are inspirational due to the persistent Huguenot endurance that so clearly rings forth despite the adversity of various past challenges. It is one of our smaller state societies that we are proud to note has existed since 1963. The President General is aware of at least one prospective member residing in Maine who is active in several other societies. His name is Robert Vivian. If any of you know
him and can assist him with his Huguenot proofs, we might be able to welcome a new member to the Maine Society!

**Mississippi**

The Huguenot Society of Mississippi meets twice a year. In October, we met at the Visitors Center in Canton. The program was a video of the Assemblée du Désert in Mialet August 4, 2011. A spring meeting is planned for April 2012.

Mississippi society president, Mary Margaret Buck, attended the NHS midyear meeting in Louisville, Kentucky in October of 2011. She also represented the society at the 2012 conference of the Mississippi Society Daughters of the American Revolution on opening night.

We have gained two new members since April 2011, making a total of 16 members, and we have two prospective members.

Mary Margaret Buck, President

**Missouri**

No report was submitted this time by Missouri, but we can tell you that it was founded in 1960 and had about 70 members as of 2011, 81% of whom reside in-state.

**Nebraska**

We did not hear from Nebraska this time. Nebraska was founded in 1955 and has about 16 members, most of whom live in Nebraska. The Society has invited President General Lorenz to attend its Fall 2012 Meeting. This would be the first time in recent memory that a President General has visited the Nebraska Society.

**Nevada**

Nevada has not submitted a report to National lately, other than to pay its dues. That society was founded in 1986 and has about 19 members, 80% of whom live there.

**New Hampshire**

The New Hampshire Society did not submit a report this time. It was formed in 1967 and has about 27 members, only 52% of whom live in NH.

**New Mexico**

Although National is in regular touch with the New Mexico Society’s president, we did not receive a written report from it before Congress, so imagine our joy when the lovely Nancy Henry appeared at Congress 2012 to represent the New Mexico Society. Everyone was thrilled to have a representative from NM join us. That society was formed in 1959.

**New York**

New York has not reported to us in a while, and NHS had to collect dues for it in 2012. Does anyone have any information about it? Please help us to ensure that the NY Society is on track and doing well. The NY Society was formed in 1960 and has about 47 members. Given the historical significance of the NY area and NY Huguenots to American history, we highly value our NY members and would love to hear from one and all about how things are going.

**North Carolina**

North Carolina is another well-established society which we have not heard from lately, yet know it is active and doing well. It was established in 1946 and has about 75 members, 67% of whom live in NC.

**Ohio**

Ohio did not send us a report for this Cross, but we are glad to note that it is doing well. It has certainly helped out National, as well, through the services of Catherine Mackey as our Corresponding Secretary General, who was appointed to fill a vacancy. Ohio was formed in 1934 and has about 60 members.

**Oklahoma**

Oklahoma Society President Donna Gannt has continued to be an active participant in NHS affairs. Under her leadership, the Oklahoma Society, which was formed in 1978, has about 21 members and is holding together nicely. It meets once a year for lunch, and we are delighted that the Oklahoma Society has very graciously invited National to hold its Semi-Annual Meeting of 2013 in Tulsa.
Memories from Congress 2012

Left to right at table: Nancy Brennan (TX), Mary Margaret Buck (MS), Alice Sweeney (VA), Ralph Sweeney.

Linda A. Smith (FL Pres.), Recording Secretary General; Roger Smith (FL), Parliamentarian; Nancy Brennan (TX), Registrar General.

Shirley de la Barre (DC)

Muriel Oehme, DC Society Registrar

Noella Oberlin (TN), member of the Nominating Committee

Juanita Jones (GA), Credentials Committee
Sheila Parnell Richards (GA Pres.), Credentials Committee Chairman

Skip Keats (DC Pres), Programs & Arrangements Committee and Publicity Committee, with guest George Lester and Virginia Lester (DC)

Glen Bower (IL)

Cricket Crigler Edwards (KY), new member who delivered 7 relatives as new members; Chaplain General Fr. Sonny Smith (KY); Mary Little (AZ); James Hancock (KY), KY Mayflower Governor and former Historian; William Carrell, II (guest), KY President of Jamestowne and 2012 speaker for Colonial Governors; and Susan Goslee (guest).

The KY Table, featuring on left, Susan Goslee (guest); Dr. Carroll Richard Goslee (KY), past President KY Society, and Mayflower Treasurer General 2008-2011, Member-at-Large 2009-2013; and at center Jerry Ford (guest) and his wife, our First Vice President General Fay Charpentier-Ford (KY President), First VP General.

Skip Keats (DC Pres), Programs & Arrangements Committee and Publicity Committee, with guest George Lester and Virginia Lester (DC)

Left table: Nancy Henry (NM), seated on left, and Glen Bower (IL) to her right. Right table: Honorary President General Barbara MacManus sits with her back to us, with her cousin, Jerry Chenault, to her right; Honorary President General Nadine Hardin-Miller seated to Barbara’s left, with her husband, Bob Miller, standing.
Greetings from the Huguenot Society of Pennsylvania!

Our society is experiencing a year of transition. At our 2012 annual meeting we adopted changes to our constitution and bylaws to create a third chapter in the Philadelphia area and to divide the state society into three geographic regions, ideally to make it easier for members to participate in programs without needing to travel the distances that some of our state functions now require. State Vice President Ellis Adams deserves credit for a large amount of work on this restructuring project and has already volunteered to lead the new chapter.

Our 2011 annual Reformation Day worship service, which was to be held at a chapel important to the history of the early German settlers of south-central Pennsylvania, had to be canceled because of the surprise October snowstorm. Plans are in the works to hold a future program at that location.

The Jean Ribault Chapter, centered around Harrisburg, continues to hold two luncheon meetings per year, each with an interesting and instructive program. The June 2011 meeting was held at an historic restaurant in East Petersburg, with a guest speaker relating anecdotes from the history of the town. The October meeting was held at the historic Dobbin House in Gettysburg. The speaker was a descendant of the first person killed in that famous battle.

The Languedoc Chapter, centered around Pittsburgh, has not been active this past year.

Our society continues the long-standing tradition of offering scholarships to students entering college. At the moment we are supporting three active students and are receiving applications for the fall of 2012.

Having agreed to resume the state presidency for this year of transition, I will be stepping down again next month. Our newly elected state president is Miss Lydia Freeman. She is a long-time state board member, as was her mother (who died last year) before her. She has a wealth of PA Huguenot knowledge, and a pressing interest in reaching out to the younger generation.

Under new and restructured leadership, we as a state society look forward to continuing to value the traditions of our heritage and exploring additional ways to share them with new friends.

Mark S. Dimick, Interim President

Rhode Island

We did not hear from Rhode Island this time, but that is not surprising because we know that this small but true society is hanging in there in enduring Huguenot fashion. That society was formed in 1950. It welcomes new members! It would be wonderful to share and perpetuate the memory of the rich Huguenot history associated with Rhode Island.

Tennessee

Under the leadership of TN Society President Jo Hill, the Huguenot Society of TN has undertaken a project to spread awareness of Huguenots. John Hood, the former TN Society President (2009-2011) and its current Program Chairman, is heading up a very successful endeavor despite being sent to Germany this year for his full-time job. He had the TN Society purchase a number of copies of a children’s book pertaining to Huguenot history, Huguenot Garden, by Douglas M. Jones, III (Canon Press 1995), and place them in libraries throughout Tennessee. Huguenot Garden is a children’s story written on a sixth-grade level which focuses upon the daily and adventurous episodes in the lives of Renée and Albret Martineau, young twin sisters in a seventeenth-century, French Protestant family. The story follows the twins and the rest of the Martineau family as they work, worship and suffer persecution together. The story aims to portray the ideas and historical details common to Huguenot life in La Rochelle, France in 1685.

Photographs of some of the first donations in Cleveland, TN under this program appear in this issue of The Cross. In one, Keisha Parks, the Children’s Librarian at the Cleveland-Bradley County Public Library, accepts the “Huguenot Garden” book from John Hood. The other photograph shows Prospect Elementary School Librarian Cheryl Hooper accepting the book from John Hood and his son, Samuel Hood, who is in the fourth grade at Prospect. The Cleveland (TN) Daily Banner ran the story on page 3 in February, 2012. Great publicity, and thank you, Tennessee Society.

Texas

We did not hear from the Texas Society this time with a report, but we know that it is large, it is quite active, its leaders also serve National, and that it has been thriving since 1954. With 124 members as of 2011, it has moved up to 3d place in size. 91% of its members live in Texas.
Virginia

The Huguenot Society of Virginia continues to grow. We were second in the nation this past year in gaining new members. We are at the one hundred member mark and still adding others. Our Registrar, Virginia Rouse, is a tireless worker in our behalf by getting new members steadily. We are proud of her accomplishments.

Our treasurer, Susan Webber, sent the National Society $3,000 this past year to help defray the expenses of getting our property from the splinter group that had everything. We are grateful to the National Society for helping with this.

We meet twice a year in March and October in different places and have a board meeting followed by our regular meeting. We have our luncheon and then a guest speaker. We had our National President, Mrs. Janice Lorenz, as our speaker in March 2012 in celebration of our 50th anniversary. A record crowd attended. She spoke on the condition of our National Society and how the results of a study she has done could help us in the future. Rachel Wills presented her with a basket of Virginia grown products.

Our society has lost three of its Life Members. They are Dorothy Allen, Colonel Murray Rose and Anna McDermott. We extend sincere sympathy to their families. At the March meeting we had one of our Life Members, Mrs. Edna Krantz and her daughter Joy, which was very special. Ann Frazer, Charter Member, continues to come as often as she can.

We have added several new books to our very good library in an effort to help people become members. Several members have requested a copy of the new Ancestor Roster that is very near to completion. We are eagerly awaiting the arrival of this new book.

We are delighted to be able to grant a scholarship this year, which was very exciting. At the March 2012 meeting we literally passed the hat (belonging to our registrar) and received enough money to give one as soon as a qualified applicant can be found. We have wanted to do this for some time now. This is in addition to the scholarship fund which is in a CD that we keep and only use the interest for a scholarship.

As you can see the Virginia Society is doing exciting things and we continue to work hard for our beloved Society.

Alice Sweeney, President

Washington

The Washington Society did not submit a report for Congress, but we know that it is active and honoring its Huguenot members on the west coast. When it submitted its annual dues to NHS this year, it indicated that it has about 30 members.

Washington, DC

Greetings from Society of the nation’s Capital.

This year the DC Society held two regular meetings, on 11 November 2011, and 3 March 2012. Both were held at Bistro d’Oc, located across the street from the historic Ford’s Theatre. We also held two board meetings via email.

After the meeting held on Remembrance Day, flowers were placed by the president and several members at the WWI memorial.

The president of the society represented it at the Massing of the Colors in Honour of Constitution Week held at Calvary Baptist Church in Washington, DC on 17 September 2011.

We have also had two deaths in 2011, who were remembered at the November 2011 meeting: Mrs. Katherine Coleman Clayton Crittendenber (Member No. 3-634), wife of Maj. Gen. Willis D. Crittendenber, Jr., and Col. Stewart McCarty, Jr. (Member No. 3-545).

During the past year, funds of the society’s scholarship, whose trustee decided to retire from the responsibilities of managing the fund, were consolidated and place under the control of our treasurer. We have formed a committee to manage the scholarship and we are currently drafting rules to govern how the scholarship will be awarded.

We also have had several people express interest in membership who qualify. We have also had interest from some people, young people (20s and 30s age group) who would qualify in all respects, except that they are Roman Catholic. One in particular would have qualified a year ago; however, he converted from Presbyterian to RC because his fiancée is RC. Unfortunately, I have had to point them toward other Huguenot organizations in New York and South Carolina, which pains me because we need younger members if we wish to have a vigorous future.

Respectfully submitted,
Skip Keats, President

Wisconsin

The Wisconsin Society did not submit a report about its activities, but we know that it is active. When it paid its dues in 2012, it did report that it has 37 members. If the President General’s numbers are correct, that would mean that Wisconsin is growing!
MINUTES OF THE NATIONAL HUGUENOT SOCIETY, INC
76th ANNUAL CONGRESS MEETING
APRIL 14, 2012

The 76TH Annual Congress of the National Huguenot Society Inc. convened in the DuPont Ballroom Salon F of the Washington Marriott 22nd Street Hotel in Washington, D.C. President General Janice Lorenz called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES
The Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America was led by 1st Vice President Fay Charpentier-Ford. The Huguenot Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America was led by MS State President Mary Margaret Buck.

The Invocation and Morning Devotion was led by Rev. Paul Smith.

Credentials Chairman Sheila reported the registration and presence of:
6 National Officers; 2 Honorary Presidents General; 3 State Presidents; and 14 Delegates. In addition 2 Guests were present. A total of 13 Societies were represented with a voting strength of 25. Report attached.

A quorum being present, President General Lorenz appointed Roger F. Smith, Registered Parliamentarian as Parliamentarian for this Congress

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
Recording Secretary General Linda Smith reported the Minutes from the 2011 Congress were approved by committee and printed in The Cross of Languedoc. The Minutes were approved as published.

President Lorenz appointed a committee comprised of Honorary President General Barbara MacManus and 1st Vice President General Fay Charpentier-Ford to read and approve the Minutes of the current meeting.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
Honorary President General Barbara MacManus moved the printed program and agenda be approved with corrections. Motion was seconded and passed after discussion.

Honorary President General Barbara MacManus moved the Standing Rules printed in the program be approved. Motion was seconded and passed after discussion.

Rev. Paul Smith moved to ratify all actions of the 2011 Congress in the absence of a quorum. Motion was seconded and passed after discussion.

REPORTS OF NATIONAL OFFICERS
President General Lorenz outlined responses from a State President’s survey showing the demographics of age, needs, and online capabilities of State members. Based on this survey, the future of the National Society may need to consider some changes. She suggested some increases in fees may be necessary as well as some fundraiser projects. Members added some thoughts for the future. The final results will be published in a future issue of The Cross of Languedoc.

Registrar General Nancy Brennan showed a draft of the nearly completed copy of the new Huguenot Registry listing more than 600 ancestors. When the indexing is finished, it will be formatted to contain more than the current 385 pages. Costs of the paperback, hardback and DVD copy to be determined once a publisher is determined. 90 new members were approved during 2011 and 31 more new members since the beginning of 2012. Seventeen State societies gained new members. GA gained the most new members with 14; VA next with 12 and FL with 11. Fifteen Supplemental applications were approved. Four reinstatements and 8 transfers occurred. 88 members either were deceased or dropped or resigned in 2011. Her report was filed and is attached.
1st Vice President Fay Charpentier-Ford filed a report indicating the activities in which she participated for the betterment of the National Society. Her report was filed and is attached.

3rd Vice President General Peter Adams gave a verbal report noting his research showing early Huguenot families were founders of the this country.

Chaplain General Rev. Paul Smith distributed printed Daily Devotions and asked that copies be shared with State and Chapter Chaplains. He asked that all State Societies use the new form found on the National Huguenot website for reporting deceased members. He asked that future reports include deaths occurring April to April rather than year beginning to year-end deaths. 23 condolence letters had been sent to families. His report was filed and is attached.

Corresponding Secretary General Catherine Mackey was not in attendance but President General Lorenz applauded her help in stepping in to fill the Board vacancy and doing an excellent job keeping membership updated.

Treasurer General Rex Gradeless was not in attendance but had prepared both a Financial Report and a 2012 Budget in collaboration with the Finance Committee. Both the Financial Report and the 2012 Budget will be presented by Finance Chairman Roger F. Smith.

Genealogist General Alice Sweeney report was given indicating help and responses she sent throughout the year fielding calls from at least 4 states. Her report was filed and is attached.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
Honorary President Barbara MacManus provided copies of the State Society Handbook updated for 2012 to those who had not already received a copy through the mail. The Handbook, when corrected, will be available for every State Society officer in printed form for their use. Included will be updated National Society Bylaws changes and Standing Rules. 3rd Vice President Peter Adams moved the State Handbooks be adopted subject to revision. The motion was seconded and passed after discussion.

President General Lorenz declared a 10 minute recess at 10:35 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 10:45 a.m. A revised Credential Report was given by Credentials Chairman Sheila Richards showing the addition of 1 National Officer and 1 State President giving a voting strength of 27. The report was accepted.

Scholarly Work Award Chairman Lee Nelson emailed a report indicating the recommendation of the $1000.00 award be presented to Gregory M. Smith for the 2011 publication of his Master’s Thesis at NYU entitled “The Puritans of France—Huguenot Memory and Identity in 19th Century America.” This recommendation had been approved by the Board of General Officers. Mary Margaret Buck moved the award be given. It was seconded and passed after discussion. The report is attached.

The President General announced that Honorary President General and Scholarship Award Chairman Neoma O’Brien, replacing ill Chairman Richard Dana Smith, reported to the Board of General Officers that the Scholarship Committee had selected Huguenot descendant Christopher Cowden Wardlaw Rayburn of TN as the $5,000.00 National Huguenot Society Scholarship winner. Mr. Rayburn is currently attending law school at UNC School of Law with a 3.75 GPA. The Board approved the selection. Peter Adams moved the $5,000.00 award be given. It was seconded and passed after discussion. The report is attached.

Bylaws Chairman Rev. Paul Smith presented and moved four Bylaws recommendations from the Bylaws Committee be accepted. These updates had been distributed to membership with 60 day notice:
1. Electronic meetings may be allowed for use by committees with restriction and definition. Seconded and passed after discussion.
2. Delete the term Initiation Fee and replace it with the term Application Fee. Seconded and passed after discussion.
3. All Fees be nonrefundable unless otherwise stated in the Bylaws. Seconded and passed after discussion.
4. Rewording of conditions for Associate Membership. Seconded and passed after discussion.
The detailed report is attached. The updated bylaws will be distributed to membership.

Finance Chairman Roger Smith requested he vacate the office of Parliamentarian in order to present the Financial Report and 2012 the Budget as prepared by Treasurer General Rex Gradeless and the Finance Committee. The Financial Report was distributed and questions allowed. The Financial Report was detailed. Needing no motion, the Financial Report was filed as presented for future review by the Financial Review Committee.

Finance Chairman Smith moved the next issue of the “Cross” provide notification to the State societies that the 2013 Congress will consider the recommendation made in Louisville in 2011 that per capita fees (dues) be increased from $10.00 to $20.00 per member. It was seconded and passed after discussion.

Finance Chairman Smith moved that, consistent with previous recommendation made by the Board of General Officers, the Application Fee for new member applications be set at $50.00 and that Supplement Fees be set at $35.00 effective October 1, 2012. The motion was seconded and passed after discussion.

The 2012 Budget was distributed and presented noting that last year’s deficit of $25,000.00 had been reduced to a deficit of $12,000.00 and more austerity measures were indicated. Cost cutting measures had been put in place at this year’s Congress to do without extra costs for podium, microphone, projector and wreath for example. Some prior commitments could not be eliminated. It was hoped future meetings would be self-supporting as the KY Society exemplified with their 2011 Mid Year Meeting and is planned by the GA Society for the 2012 Mid Year Meeting. The aim is to have a balanced budget in the near future.

The Finance Chairman moved the Budget be adopted. The motion was seconded and approved after discussion.

REPORTS OF STATE SOCIETIES
AZ—Mary Little reported orally for Arizona.
AR—Nadine Hardin Miller reported orally for Arkansas.
DC—Skip Keats gave an oral report and will email a report to be filed and attached.
FL—Linda Smith reported updates to the 2011 report printed in The Cross of Languedoc. Her report was filed and attached.
GA—Sheila Richards reported for Georgia. Her report was filed and attached.
IN—Allen Moore mailed a report for Indiana which was filed and attached.
KY—Fay Charpentier-Ford reported for Kentucky. Her report was filed and attached.
MS—Mary Margaret Buck reported for Mississippi. Her report was filed and attached.
NM—Nancy Henry reported orally for New Mexico.
OK—Donna L. Gantt filed a report for Oklahoma electronically. Her report is attached.
PA—Mark Dimick reported for Pennsylvania. His report was filed and attached.
TN—Noella Oberlin reported orally for Tennessee.
TX—Barbara MacManus reported orally for Texas.
VA—Alice Sweeney reported for VA. Her report was filed and is attached.

NEW BUSINESS
President General Lorenz called for the selection of two members to the Nominating Committee—one each east and west of the Mississippi River plus one member among the State Presidents. Registrar General Nancy Brennan had been elected by the General Officers. Honorary President General Barbara MacManus becomes an automatic member as immediate Past National President. Mary Margaret Buck, State President from Mississippi was nominated. A nomination of Lee Nelson AZ President as a west of the Mississippi River selection was uncontested and accepted through prior agreement. Two volunteers for representative east of the Mississippi River were: Noella Oberlin from TN and Fay Charpentier-Ford from KY. A written ballot was required since 2 names were submitted. Honorary President General Nadine Hardin-Miller was appointed teller who distributed paper ballots. The teller announced Noella Oberlin was elected the member east of the Mississippi River to the Nominating Committee completing the Committee Slate. Barbara MacManus was elected by the committee as Chairman. The Nominating Committee was approved.

Teller Nadine Hardin Miller moved the written ballots be destroyed. It was seconded and passed. The teller delivered the ballots to the Recording Secretary for disposal.
President General Lorenz reported that the Board of General Officers recommends the acceptance of the Huguenot Society of GA's request to host the Mid Year Huguenot meetings to be held in Atlanta, GA October 25 through 27, 2012. Registration and a gathering will be October 25th. Huguenot General Council and Board meeting will be the 26th and the GA Society meeting will be October 27th. Honorary President Nadine Hardin Miller moved the invitation be accepted. It was seconded and passed after discussion. Brochures were distributed.

The President General announced the next Annual Huguenot Congress will be held in April 2013 with exact dates and location TBA. Officers will seek less expensive locations and meals. She urged future National Huguenot meetings be self-supporting. Shirley de la Barre moved acceptance of a 2013 Congress with dates and locations TBA. It was seconded. After discussion, the motion passed.

Rev. Paul Smith gave a Benediction.

President General Janice Lorenz recessed the meeting for lunch.

Rev. Paul Smith gave the Grace before the meal.

The meeting reconvened after lunch. President General Lorenz spoke of the independent spirit of the Huguenots Julia Ward Howe who composed the words to the Battle Hymn of the Republic after listening to some Union army melodies as she was residing in the Willard Hotel.

Rev. Paul Smith led the Necrology service with Scripture and the reading of the names of the deceased members.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Linda L. Smith, Recording Secretary General

**CALLING ALL POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS!**

Membership in the NHS provides an 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 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.
WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS AND TO OUR REGISTERED YOUTH
FOR JANUARY 1 TO JUNE 20, 2012

YOUTH REGISTRATIONS

Tennessee
Samuel Parker Harrison Hood son of John J. Hood of Tennessee

Texas
Caden Pierce Thompson and Connor Ashton Thompson, twin grandsons of Barbara MacManus of Texas

NEW MEMBERS

Alabama
19 Dec 2011 #16-208 Laura Nelle Clark Howell  Ancestor: Nicholas Martiau
21 Dec 2011 #16-209 Kathryn Ludington Porter  Ancestor: Jean de Jarrett/Jarnette
13 May 2012 #16-210 Ann Slappey Nix Black  Ancestor: Jacques de Bourdeaux

Arkansas
2 Apr 2012 #42-129 Betty Flanagan Bumpers  Ancestor: Pierre Chastain

California
16 Dec 2011 #5-481S Gloria B. Kent Supplemental #8  Ancestor: Guillaume Deplancque/Planq
16 Dec 2011 #5-481S Gloria B. Kent Supplemental #9  Ancestor: Pierre Fauconnier
4 Jan 2012 #5-693S3 David Lawrence Grinnell Supplement #3  Ancestor: Jacques Mahieu
26 Jan 2012 #5-481S10 Gloria B. Kent Supplemental #10  Ancestor: Jacques Cortelyou
19 Feb 2012 #5-481S Gloria B. Kent Supplemental #11  Ancestor: Simon de Ruine
26 Mar 2012 #5-697 Jane Cocking Polese  Ancestor: Chrétien Deyo

Delaware
18 Jun 2012 #44-92 Christian Kierulf Lassen II  Ancestor: Rev. Pierre Peiret/Peyret
18 Jun 2012 #44-93 Laura Wick Lassen Fox  Ancestor: Rev. Pierre Peiret/Peyret
18 Jun 2012 #44-94 William DuPont Lassen  Ancestor: Rev. Pierre Peiret/Peyret
18 Jun 2012 #44-95 James Tyler Lassen  Ancestor: Rev. Pierre Peiret/Peyret

Florida
9 Feb 2012 #9-899 Doris Evelyn Engle Wooden  Ancestor: John Vassall
11 Mar 2012 #9-900 Fairrell Cox Jacobs  Ancestor: Jean de LaPierre
11 Mar 2012 #9-901 Anne Ashton Pendleton Garrison Kelly  Ancestor: Lewis Latane
11 Mar 2012 #9-902 Charlotte Alline Garrison Hope  Ancestor: Lewis Latane
7 Jun 2012 #9-903 Patricia Ann Varn Dunlap  Ancestor: Daniel Bonnell

Georgia
16 Dec 2011 #38-356 Virginia Crowell Crowder Franks  Ancestor: Jean Brevard
9 Jan 2012 #38-357 Virginia Parsons Jackson Wolf  Ancestor: Nicholas Martiau
19 Feb 2012 #38-358 Elizabeth Ann Francesca Anderson  Ancestor: Lewis Tackett/Tacquett
9 May 2012 #38-359 Trevor Jenkins Gowdy  Ancestor: John Root/Routtes/Roote
9 May 2012 #38-360 William David Gowdy  Ancestor: John Root/Routtes/Roote

Illinois
18 Jan 2012 #13-462 Glen Landis Bower  Ancestor: Jean Panetier/John Pankey
19 Feb 2012 #13-463 Paul Howard Davis  Ancestor: Johannes Hench
Indiana
7 Jun 2012 #11-365 Charles Frederick Bragg Supplemental #1 Ancestor: Robert Brashear

Kentucky
13 Feb 2012 #17-443 Emilie Frantz Crigler Ancestor: Joseph Louis Cheuvront
13 Feb 2012 #17-444 David Rickey Cheuvront Ancestor: Joseph Louis Cheuvront
13 Feb 2012 #17-446 Rebecca Ann Cheuvront Ancestor: Joseph Louis Cheuvront
13 Feb 2012 #17-447 Ericka Lynn Cheuvront Ancestor: Joseph Louis Cheuvront
19 Feb 2012 #17-448 Brenda Kay Noble Cheuvront Ancestor: Joseph Louis Cheuvront
11 Mar 2012 #17-449 Terry Clyde Collis Ancestor: Jean Vassall

Members at Large
16 Mar 2012 #2-98 Thomas Wells Black Ancestor: Rev. John Bertrand
20 Mar 2012 #2-99 Gary William Bennett Ancestor: Jacques Pineo

Missouri
29 Feb 2012 #20-209S1 Anna May Paul Pennington Supp. #1 Ancestor: Robert Brashear
13 May 2012 #20-214 Nancy Ann Ware Thomas Ancestor: John Mauzy
13 Jun 2012 #20-215 Joyce Alene Williams Knight Ancestor: Rene Julian

New Hampshire
25 Mar 2012 #35-122 Rachel Helen Ladew Ancestor: Pierre Ladoue/Ladoux

Oklahoma
18 Mar 2012 #43-91 Dan Franklin DeLoache* Ancestor: Michael de Loach

Tennessee
23 Mar 2012 #21-424 Lori Ann Beard Cook Ancestor: Nicolas Lanier
23 Mar 2012 #21-425 Hilda Sue Burkheart Ancestor: Pierre David
30 Mar 2012 #21-426 Richard Holmes Knight, Jr. Ancestor: Bartholomew Dupuy
30 Mar 2012 #21-427 Sallie Elizabeth King Norton Ancestor: Daniel DuVal
6 Jun 2012 #21-428 Susan Carmine King Jordan Ancestor: Daniel DuVal

Texas
21 Mar 2012 #10-1173 Darrell Eugene Roquemore Ancestor: Pierre Roquemore
6 Jun 2012 #10-1174 John S. Bolton Ancestor: Isaac Dubose
11 Jun 2012 #10-1175 Oneva LaVerne Thacker Clifton Ancestor: Jacob Noel

Virginia
18 Jan 2012 #28-499 Deborah Jean Gregory Ancestor: Daniel de LaHunte/Dillahunt(y)
27 Jan 2012 #28-500 Betty Baird Rusher Ancestor: Abraham Michaux
29 Mar 2012 #28-501 Edward Arnell Rusher, III Ancestor: Abraham Michaux
29 Mar 2012 #28-502 Miles Arnell Rusher Ancestor: Abraham Michaux
13 May 2012 #28-503 Lucy Baird Williams Ancestor: Abraham Michaux
13 Jun 2012 #28-504 Stuart Alan Whitehead Ancestor: Jean Vassall
13 Jun 2012 #28-505 Brenda Lynne Payne Rose Ancestor: Lewis Reneau/Reno

Wisconsin
2 Apr 2012 #37-111 Gloria Leigh Bailey Jackson Ancestor: Philippe de Lannoy

* Died immediately after joining.
MEMORIAL ROLL CALL NECROLOGY 2011-2012

ARIZONA
Elizabeth Collery
Evelyn L. Green
Viola J. Shumway

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Carolyn Carpenter Berry
Robert Eugene Strang

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Barbara Clarke Bannowsky
Patricia D. Brown
Susan Linette Van Horn

FLORIDA
David Bartush
Eleanor Pedersen Craig
John Emack Duvall
Marjorie Anne Stubbs Heaney
Emilie Murphy Shaw
Dorothy Jarrett (Dot) Vandergriff

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Guyton Bobo McCall

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Marcia Jane McCombs (Mrs. Clair C.)
Cloyd J. Julian

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Juliana Uphoff Mason

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Dan Franklin DeLoache

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Mrs. Henry Lipscomb Noblitt (Anne Gammill)
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Elizabeth Hensley Driver (Mrs. Charles E.)

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Margaret Hill

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Dorothy Littlepage Allen
John Paul Conwell Hanbury
Helen Adeline Mulligan Leihon
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NOTICE OF POTENTIAL DUES INCREASE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, at Congress 2013, a proposal to increase annual and life membership dues from $10/year to $20/year will be considered and voted upon. If approved, the increase will be effective for your 2014 dues payment.
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THE NATIONAL HUGUENOT SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
WINNER OF 2012

The winner of The National Huguenot Society Scholarship Award for 2012 is Christopher Cowden Wardlaw Rayburn.

Cowden received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Davidson College, Davidson, North Carolina, graduating cum laude in May of 2011. From July 2009 through November 2009, he studied abroad, at the University of Cape Town, Cape Town, South Africa. The difficulty of the courses taken during his undergraduate studies is worthy of note. His work record during summer is also impressive.

Cowden will begin his second year at The University of North Carolina School of Law at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, in the fall of 2012. His cumulative grade point average is presently 3.753.

Cowden is a member of The National Huguenot Society through the State Society of Tennessee. He writes “The Marie L. Rose Scholarship (Huguenot Society of America) helped my family and me pay for my undergraduate education at Davidson College. I am extremely grateful for the financial help I received from my parents while attending Davidson College, but I am determined to bear the financial burden of law school on my own.”

The Mettetal/Rayburn family has been loyal and active Huguenots for many years. Cowden’s Huguenot ancestor is Pierre Christopher Mettetal. Marcia Gilbert, Treasurer of the Tennessee Society, has shared the following information with us. “His grandparents, Mattie and Dr. Ray Mettetal became members in 1971 and were very active in our Tennessee Society with Mattie Lowell Wardlaw Mettetal serving as President and other offices over the years. Cowden’s mother, Yvonne, his aunts and his siblings have all been junior members who moved up to adult. Christopher Cowden Wardlaw Rayburn moved from junior to adult membership in April 2006.”

In his letter of thanks, Cowden writes, “Please make sure that everyone at the NHS knows how very grateful I am!”

It is with pleasure that The National Huguenot Society makes this award, and extends good wish for the continued achievement of this worthy student!

Scholarship Award Committee
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Rene De Laudonniere Descendant Christophe de Goulaine, on left, visits America from the Chateau de Goulaine. Also pictured are Jacksonville businessman Doug Coleman in rear, Nantes, France Economic Development Liaison Annick Scott at front center, and Jean-Marié Lore, le Grand Maître des Bretvins, on right.

Wreaths of magnolia leaves ring The Ribault Memorial Monument at the Rededication Ceremony 2012. On left, Ribault descendants Mrs. Isabelle Montillet and Gaetan de Laugardiere listen to French Consul General of Miami Gaël de Maisonneuve's remarks. On right are other Ribault descendants, French Naval Officers, National Park Service officials, and Mayor Alvin Brown.

Ribault descendants Gaetan de Laugardiere and Mrs. Françoise Lauprêtre present rocks from Dieppe, France to the City of Jacksonville.

Ribault descendant Gaetan de Laugardiere, French Consul General of Miami Gaël de Maisonneuve, Jacksonville Mayor Alvin Brown, Jacksonville Honorary French Consul General François Kloc, and sponsors from Greenscape plant a memorial tree in honor of the Huguenot expeditions to America.

TN Society Programs Director John Hood and his son Sam Hood present Huguenot book to school Librarian Cheryl Hooper.

KY Society President Fay Charpentier-Ford, Frances Barr (KY), and Dr. Joseph Jones (KY)
**THE NHS 2011 SCHOLARLY WORK AWARD-WINNING PUBLICATION**

The National Huguenot Society voted at its Congress of 2012 to accept the recommendation made by its Scholarly Work Award Committee that the 2011 master’s thesis by Gregory Smith of New York entitled, The Puritans of France—Huguenot Memory and Identity in 19th Century America, receive the Society’s coveted $1,000 award for a 2011 publication pertaining to Huguenots. Mr. Smith’s approach was a novel one to interpreting our Huguenot ancestors, and with the many excellent distinctions he makes, the piece captures the attention of the reader, and one wants to know more. The title, in itself, draws one in and invites one to question and review previous conceptions about these immigrants. Rather than just looking at their history, he endeavors to use Huguenots from literature and other types of publications to delve into the minds and thoughts of Huguenots as they worked to assimilate themselves into the American culture. The thesis is well-documented and was found to be a unique work indeed, and worthy of the award.

**GOOD WISHES TO RICHARD DANA SMITH, SR.**

Richard Dana Smith, Sr., who served faithfully for some ten years as Chairman of the NHS Scholarship Awards Committee is in ill health and presently living in a Veteran’s Home in Philadelphia. All members of the Committee who have had the pleasure of serving with Richard and his many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Neoma O. O’Brien, Honorary President General and Scholarship Awards Committee Chairman

**SEEKING POTENTIAL CANDIDATES FOR 2013 ELECTION**

Potential candidates are needed for officer positions for the 2013-2015 term. The election will be held at the April 12, 2013 Congress. Candidates should expect to actively participate in two yearly Board meetings, one held at annual Congress, and the other at the Semi-Annual meeting in October. Please submit candidate names and contact information to:

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We want to know about subjects that interest you and will make an effort to work with you to publish material that our members and potential members might find interesting. Articles can be as short as one paragraph up to 3 pages long. Please submit your proposals and any accompanying photographs to the Editor by email (editor@huguenot.netnation.com).

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