



The Cross of Languedoc

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



COVER FEATURE:

We Honor Sarah Renwick Long, Our 2015 Scholarship Award Winner

By Neoma O. O'Brien, Honorary President General and Chairman NHS Scholarship Award

Each year since 2002, The National Huguenot Society, Inc., has given an annual Scholarship Award. The purpose of the Award is to provide financial aid for higher education of students who are members of The National Huguenot Society. Further purpose is to promote understanding of and give expression to Huguenot tenets of faith and liberty. All applications are reviewed by the Scholarship Award Committee which seeks to determine which of the competitors has best followed all rules and requirements.

The selection of the National Huguenot Scholarship winner for 2015 is Sarah Renwick Long. Her application reads in part: "I am an active member of the National Huguenot Society and a junior at Georgetown University. I am enrolled in the McDonough School of Business, majoring in Operations and Information Management and minoring in Theology. As an InterVarsity Christian Fellowship leader and a visible Protestant at a Jesuit university I am keenly aware of the challenges faced by our Huguenot ancestors."

Sarah graduated *magna cum laude* from Groton School, Groton, Massachusetts, class of 2012. After her freshman year at Georgetown, she attended summer school at the University of North Carolina in 2013. Charlotte, North Carolina, is her place of residence and she is a member of the North Carolina Huguenot Society.

In the summer of 2014, she attended Oxford University, in England. This summer of 2015, she will work in New York City as a consultant with PricewaterhouseCoopers.

The McDonough School of Business is a very rigorous environment; admission is the most competitive of Georgetown's undergraduate schools. The MSB enforces deflationary curved grading (3.0 average given in many courses). Sarah has maintained a 3.62 average throughout her time in college.

From Sarah's application: "Being a prominent Protestant at a Catholic university creates many opportunities for ecumenical interaction. Every year on Reformation Day (October 31), a group of Protestants marches to the Knights of Columbus house, the center of Catholic social life on campus, singing *A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD*. We bang on the door and ceremoniously present them with 95 Theses. They rush out and give us rosaries. After this good-natured confrontation, the Catholics invite the Protestants in for a beverage. Last year, we managed to hide a jack-o-lantern carved with Luther's face among their other pumpkins – the Knights didn't notice for a week.

"I live in a townhouse off campus with five other Protestant girls. We nicknamed our abode *Clapham House* after the Clapham Sect, a group of English Evangelical social reformers in the early 19th century led by William Wilberforce. We each chose particular members to name our rooms. Mine is the Henry Thornton room, because he was the financial brain behind the group's social reform and philanthropy, and I manage all of the house finances. We provide a ministry center for coffee, bible studies, and Christian weekend gatherings."

It is with great pleasure that we congratulate this exceptional descendant of Huguenot ancestor Joris Janson Rapalje!



NATIONAL HUGUENOT SOCIETY
LIBERTY FAITH

CALL TO 80th CONGRESS

9-10 October 2015

Hilton Springfield

700 East Adams Street

Springfield, Illinois 62701

800-445-8667 or 217-789-1530

PLEASE JOIN US for our social events and meetings in historic Springfield, Illinois, Friday, 9 October 2015 and Saturday, 10 October 2015 at the Hilton Hotel Springfield. We have arranged for a discounted room rate of \$100/night plus taxes for NHS from October 8-11 2015. **TO GET THE DISCOUNTED ROOM RATE YOU MUST BOOK BEFORE 17 September, 2015.** You may book online at the NHS rate of \$100/night by going to <http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/S/SPFHHF-NHS-20151008/index.jhtml>. Sightseeing can be done on Friday. Attractions within a few blocks of the hotel include Abraham Lincoln's Home, one block away, the Frank Lloyd Wright House, and the Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, to name only a few. Parking is available at the hotel garage for \$10 or valet for \$18.

THURSDAY 8 October 2015

6:00 p.m. Informal: Meet in Hilton lobby and walk over to Saputo's Italian Restaurant, 801 E. Monroe, Springfield, IL for cocktails and dinner (Dutch Treat/separate checks) for whoever is in town and wishes to join us

FRIDAY 9 October 2015

1:30 p.m.-

3:30 p.m. Registration at table *at a location within the Hilton to be announced.*

2:00 p.m. National Board Meeting *for elected National Board members*

3:30 p.m. General Council Meeting *for state presidents, all members and guests*

6:30-7:00 p.m. Cocktails at the Hilton Hotel, room location to be announced. *Cash bar. Black tie optional. All members, potential members, and guests are welcome to join us.*

7:00-8:30 p.m. Banquet Dinner at the Hilton Hotel. Everyone is welcome! Black tie optional. A speaker from the Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum has been arranged by the President of the Huguenot Society of Illinois. Advise on Registration Form of your choice of entrée. Wine and a glass of Champagne will be served with dinner. (\$89/person)

SATURDAY 10 October 2015

- 8:30 a.m. NHS Registration (\$10 to attend any one or all of the events)
- 9:00 a.m. The Illinois Society will meet in a meeting room which will be designated by the Hilton and posted in the lobby. A Meeting Call with corrected or additional details will be issued by Illinois.
- 9:30-11:30 a.m. NHS Congress Meeting. At Congress, we we will decide where Congress should be held in 2016, and will conduct an ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS
- 12:00-1:45 p.m. Buffet Luncheon at Hilton Hotel, with a Huguenot-related program by Peter B. Irvine on the Geneva Psalter, a Necrology Service led by Chaplain General Rev. Joel Strauch, followed by the Installation of New Officers Ceremony. Three-entree Buffet. Assorted beverages available. (\$40/person)
- 2:00 p.m. Congress business will resume, if necessary, for any unfinished business. Congress then adjourns
- 5:45 p.m. Informal gathering at the Hilton's Nick & Nino's Restaurant for cocktails and dinner. Separate checks.

ABBREVIATED CONGRESS REGISTRATION FORM

Meeting Registration (to attend the General Council and/or Congress meetings) \$10/person

Names Attending _____

Friday Banquet Dinner: [Check your entree selection and if more than one person, indicate who wants what] \$89/person

Name _____ I want (1) Beef filet with shrimp ____ OR
(2) Beef filet with crab cake ____ OR
(3) Tomato-asparagus Risotto ____

Saturday Luncheon \$40/person

Names Attending _____

GRAND TOTAL SENT \$ _____

Mail before September 30th to Janice Lorenz, 1501 Crystal Drive #1129, Arlington, VA 22202-4121

THE PRESIDENT GENERAL'S MESSAGE



Greetings, dear Huguenots. We are in good shape financially and otherwise, as you will see from the 2014 financial reports. We still have things to work on, including the fact that several states are not doing well and a few failed to pay their annual dues to National for more than two years, meaning that we are obligated to take action to clarify the membership status of their individual members. We were surprised to learn that National is being audited by the IRS for the year 2012, but that has not been of any impact to us thus far. We held productive and well-attended meetings at the Cosmos Club in Washington, DC, in April, at which we were pleased to be presented with two gifts from the Huguenot Society of Virginia; one was \$100 toward National's scholarship fund, and the second was \$300 for maintenance of the Huguenot Library at the DAR Library in Washington, D.C.

With respect to clarifying the membership status of our individual members of our inactive state societies or those who are Members at Large who have not paid dues to NHS for two or more consecutive years, our Honorary President General/Membership Chairman/Assistant Treasurer, Barbara C. MacManus, and I have each mailed letters to those members who are in arrears, advising that National must receive two years' arrears, or their membership will be dropped effective September, 2015. We cherish each and every member, and we hope that each person who receives such letters will choose to stay with us. Therefore, part of our effort to keep each and every individual member is to ask them to become a Member at Large or transfer to an active State Society if their own State Society becomes inactive.

We had a wonderful discussion by email about our Protestant requirement for membership. We learned that many of the people who oppose the Protestant requirement view the requirement as "discrimination" of some sort which is outdated and is preventing their Huguenot-but-not-Protestant children or grandchildren from joining. But the opposition to changing it was very strong, especially by state society leadership, which opposed any compromise whatsoever such as the idea of creating a limited membership (nonvoting) category for non-Protestant Huguenots. The majority of responses viewed such a compromise as being inconsistent with Huguenot principles of the Protestant faith, whereas a few others opposed it as a somewhat degrading "second class citizen" category. The vast majority of the responses were strongly in favor of maintaining the status quo—keeping the Protestant requirement. The feeling seemed to be that if a non-Protestant Huguenot wishes to join our group, he is free to change *his* religion to Protestantism, rather than our group changing our faith away from the faith of our Huguenot forefathers. Overall, the discussion was good for us because it informed our members about the reasons we are going to remain Protestant, despite the fact that some of our children and grandchildren are not Protestant and therefore cannot join under our present rules; and it informed our members as to the reasons why some of our members see things differently.

As my second term in office winds down—making it a historic and personally rewarding total of 4.5 years in office--I am spending the last six months in office dealing with the following issues:

- Per the request at the April meetings, we are exploring Charleston, South Carolina, venues for our 2016 October Congress, for you to consider in October at Congress and for the incoming PG to plan;
- As also requested at the April 2015 meetings, I have signed a Letter of Intent to reserve the Mayflower Hotel for our 9 April 2016 General Council, Board Meeting and Luncheon in Washington, D.C. As requested by the General Council and the Board, that is the first weekend of Heritage Weeks, as opposed to the second weekend. Pursuant to the terms negotiated, the incoming President General may change the date, if desired.
- We have been asked to lead the fundraising at Valley Forge for the restoration of the Huguenot Window at its Chapel and the Board will need to respond;
- We have been asked to share our flag storage unit in Washington, DC with another organization. That request will be discussed at the Board meeting in October.
- Handling the usual details concerning the upcoming Congress in Springfield, Illinois;

- Developing one or two new product designs with a trusted jeweler and product designer for us to see in October, *if* all goes according to plan;
- By the time you arrive in Springfield for our Congress in October, we should have pushed the button to publish a highly unique Huguenot book which combines the award-winning Master's Thesis written by Gregory Michael Brown on Huguenot Memory and Identity in 19th Century Literature, with an illustrated collection of some of the source material cited in the Thesis, which I am editing and authoring for NHS. It includes information about Huguenots in America and will be available for purchase through our San Antonio office and on Amazon.com;
- Harris Publishing proposes to contract with us to publish and sell another National membership directory;
- I have accepted an invitation from the Town of Oxford, Massachusetts, and its Historical Society, to visit them for their town festival in mid-September. We all deeply regret that Connecticut Society President *Pro Tem*, Fred Herbert, who was so instrumental in attempting to revitalize his fellow Connecticut members and in publicizing and supporting the Huguenot Fort at Oxford, Massachusetts, recently passed away. His lively, witty presence energized everyone, and he will be sorely missed, particularly at the upcoming event in Oxford.

In conclusion, may I briefly mention that my husband's year of service as a psychiatrist to our country's soldiers at a private PTSD psychiatric hospital in Colorado is coming to a successful end, so we'll be moving back to the Washington, D.C. area this summer. Please look on the back of this *Cross* (once again) for our new mailing address in Arlington, Virginia, effective in mid-July.

It has been such an honor and a pleasure to serve you as your President General these past four and a half years, and also to serve as the Editor of *The Cross of Languedoc* for approximately the past ten years. I am certain that the incoming President General will find the job to be as fulfilling as I have, and if asked, I will make myself available to assist in future National Huguenot Society endeavors under the new leadership.

We hope to see you at the Springfield Hilton Hotel on 9-10 October 2015! Until then.

In Huguenot Faith from the Heart,
Janice

ANNOUNCING A HUGUENOT COLONY EVENT AT OXFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

There will be a town picnic with a tour of one of the early American Huguenot colonies—the old Huguenot Fort at Oxford, Massachusetts--on September 13, 2015, with a rain date of September 20th. TO OUR NEW ENGLAND MEMBERS AND POTENTIAL MEMBERS-TO-BE: please join us! An announcement with details will be prepared by the Oxford Historical Society for Janice, who will forward it to your state presidents and post it on the NHS website, huguenot.netnation.com. Janice will visit Oxford and the Huguenot Fort on September 13th, rain or shine! P.S. There will be local food to enjoy!

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE NATIONAL HUGUENOT SOCIETY

18 April 2015

The Cosmos Club

Washington, D.C.

GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

The General Council is a creative forum which has no quorum requirement. This meeting was well-attended by various state presidents and members.

Janice Lorenz announced that artist and jeweler Pamela Wright, who designs for the DAR as well as for other major hereditary societies, has been asked to design scarves, jewelry and other products for the National Huguenot Society.

Publications Committee Chairman Janice Lorenz informed the group that a book would be published soon of the Master's Thesis that won the 2011 Scholarly Works Award, entitled "The Puritans of France—Huguenot Memory and Identity in 19th Century America," by Gregory Smith. She is working on her own section of the book, which will be an illustrated collection of some of the footnote source material cited to in the Master's Thesis.

President General Janice Lorenz stated that there was a need to decide upon a venue for the meeting scheduled for next year, in April, 2016, in Washington, DC, and asked for suggestions. The Mayflower Hotel on Connecticut Street was suggested as a venue and the meeting should be held on the first weekend of the two-week Heritage Week period, rather than on the second weekend. Neoma O'Brien said that there were advantages to holding the meeting there: one being that several people were also members of other societies which would be present that week at the Mayflower.

The group also discussed suggestions for a venue for the 2016 Congress. Without a formal vote, the group unanimously agreed that Charleston, South Carolina, the location of the historic Huguenot Church, would be their first choice for a venue.

The President General was asked to try to book the hotel venues for the April 2016 Board Meeting and Luncheon at the Mayflower, and for the October 2016 Congress in Charleston, South Carolina, for the incoming President General, who will be elected in October at our Congress in Springfield, Illinois, on 10 October, 2015.

The General Council meeting recessed at noon for Luncheon. Chaplain General Joel Strauch gave the blessing before lunch.

During lunch Major Steven Griffin of the United States Army, who is working on a Master's Degree while serving full time, spoke on the Huguenot Refugees in the Russian Military.

After the meal Chaplain General Joel Strauch led the Necrology service with scripture and the reading of the names of the deceased members.

Virginia Hurtes Rouse, the outgoing President of the Huguenot Society of Virginia, presented two gifts to the National Huguenot Society, care of President General Lorenz: (1) a check for \$100 toward National's scholarship fund; and (2) a donation of \$300 for the maintenance of the Huguenot Library at the Daughters of the American Revolution Library in Washington, D.C.

The General Council meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE NATIONAL HUGUENOT SOCIETY, INC.
BOARD OF GENERAL OFFICERS
18 April 2015
The Cosmos Club, Washington, D.C.

The Board Meeting of the National Huguenot Society, Inc., was called to order at 10:43 a.m. by President General Janice Lorenz at the Cosmos Club at 2121 Massachusetts Avenue, Washington, D.C. Chaplain General Joel Strauch gave the Invocation and lead prayers. President General Janice Murphy Lorenz led the Pledge to the Allegiance of the Flag of the United States of America and the Huguenot Pledge to the Flag of United States of America.

The Board of General Officers meet at least once as nearly possible mid-way between meetings of the Annual Congress and makes a report of any actions taken, as well as actions recommended, to the next Annual Congress. Six General Officers shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

The Roll Call of Officers was read by the President General. The following responded:

President General Janice Murphy Lorenz	Organizing Secretary General Mary Margaret Buck
Chaplain General Joel Strauch	Honorary President General Barbara McManus
Corresponding Secretary General Noella Mae Oberlin	Honorary President General Nadine Hardin-Miller
Registrar General Nancy Wright Brennan	Honorary President General Neoma O'Brien

There was a quorum of at least six present.

Past Minutes

The Minutes of the Annual Congress for 2014 had been read and approved by committee and published. Hearing no further corrections, the Minutes were approved as published.

Reading Committee

A Minutes Reading Committee for the current Minutes comprised of Mary Margaret Buck and Barbara McManus was appointed.

Treasurer's Report

In the absence of Rex Gradeless, Treasurer General, the Treasurer's Report for 2014 was read by President General Janice Lorenz. The reports were placed in the file and will be published in the Cross.

Reports of General Officers

President General Janice Murphy Lorenz discussed the current disposition of the finances, stating that the sales of the *2012 Register of Qualified Huguenot Ancestors* had continued, and most being sold now are purchased on Amazon. Also, the National Society is being audited by the IRS for 2012, and with the assistance of Treasurer General Rex Gradeless and Honorary President General Neoma O'Brien and her lawyer husband, member former NHS Counselor General James Dewey O'Brien, NHS has responded to questions and a request for documents.

Honorary President General Neoma O'Brien informed the Board about interactions with the IRS during the audit. She read the IRS audit letter with its questions and request for production of documents. She stressed that a Form 4564 must be used. She stated most of the 24 questions, all but six answers could be found in the National Society's Bylaws, minutes of past meetings, and in various publications. She further explained other intricate problems addressed when dealing with the IRS.

Janice Lorenz informed the Board that each state must file a Form 990 with the IRS every year. Also to satisfy the requirements of the IRS, the National Society must approve each person for membership, the state societies must pay National the annual dues each owes to the National Society per NHS Bylaws, and NHS must notify the IRS when a state society no longer meets NHS's Bylaws requirements. Janice Lorenz stated the Board was thankful to Neoma and Dewey O'Brien and Rex Gradeless for their work with the IRS on behalf of the National Society.

Janice Lorenz suggested that several states could be dropped pursuant to NHS Bylaws requirements for non-payment of the required dues for more than two years. They are New York, Rhode Island, and Connecticut. Also, there are several other states, such as Iowa and Massachusetts and Maryland, which have been inactive or otherwise not operational, whereby their individual members have not transferred to another membership category.

A discussion ensued, including the points that there have been state societies who were behind but which were ultimately able to catch up on their dues, that we want to keep as many individual members as possible by transferring them automatically into Member at Large membership unless they notify us of their wish to transfer into a particular active state society, and that NHS does not run the state societies; the non-payment of dues to National was the only instance when National would get involved with individual state societies. Neoma O'Brien stated that an individual state society could decide to dissolve; National does not dissolve a state society. Janice agreed, but pointed out that the problem is that inactive state societies typically have no one who is physically able to or knowledgeable as to how to dissolve the state society. Therefore, in the absence of state action to dissolve after its persistent failure to pay dues per NHS Bylaws, National must make the decision whether and when to declare a state society inactive and National must drop persistently inactive state societies from its tax-exempt status under National's tax-exempt status umbrella.

Nancy Brennan discussed the Members at Large in several states. Those in Idaho had all paid their dues, but Iowa has four MAL who have not paid, Minnesota has one, and Canada has three. The President General will write to them to advise them that they must pay two years' worth of past dues in order to maintain their membership.

The issue of the individual members of inactive, unpaid state societies being requested to pay at least two years' worth of past dues arrearage was also raised. Janice Lorenz stated members of inactive state societies who have not paid their dues will be asked to pay at least two years' of outstanding dues if they wish to remain members. They will automatically be transferred to Member at Large status once they pay up, unless they ask to transfer to a particular state society instead. She will write to them and notify them that if they do not pay the two years of outstanding dues, they will be dropped from membership altogether.

Janice Lorenz suggested that New York, and Rhode Island be declared inactive and that the following things be done with respect to the paid-up and unpaid-up members of inactive states and Members at Large:

1. Paid-up members of all inactive states, who have been faithfully paying their annual individual dues to National directly, but who have not yet transferred their membership to another category, shall be transferred to Member at Large status unless they notify NHS of their desire to transfer membership into an active state society of their choosing. If National is not informed of their preference to transfer membership to a particular active state society, each will be automatically transferred to Member at Large status.
2. With respect to unpaid-up members in inactive state societies (who have not been paying their annual dues individually to National for two or more consecutive years), Nancy Brennan moved that a letter be sent to them advising them that NHS must receive from each of them two years of outstanding dues by September 15, 2015, and that they will be automatically transferred to Member at Large status unless the person notifies National of their wish to transfer membership to an active state society. If they fail to pay the two years' arrearage by September 15, 2015, their membership will be dropped. The motion was seconded by Joel Strauch. The motion was passed unanimously.
3. Janice Lorenz suggested that letters also be sent to unpaid-up MALs (who have not paid their annual dues for two or more consecutive years), informing them that they will be dropped from membership altogether if two years' arrears are not paid. Nancy Brennan reported that 52 MAL members had not paid dues, and Barbara McManus stated that one letter had already been sent. Nancy Brennan moved that a letter be sent to advise MALs who have not paid for two years that their membership will be dropped if dues are not received by September 15, 2015. The motion was seconded by Mary Margaret Buck. The motion was passed unanimously.

Janice Lorenz stated that there is a resolution proposed by Honorary President General Barbara MacManus to call Joel to minister to the National Society. Joel Strauch is an ordained minister who wishes to reactivate his ministry. The resolution would benefit National by confirming its Protestant faith. Barbara McManus explained the wording she chose and read the resolution to the Board. Honorary President General Nadine Hardin-Miller moved that the Board accept the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mary Margaret Buck. The motion was passed unanimously.

Reports of Committees

Scholarship Committee Chairman Neoma O'Brien informed the Board that Sarah Renwick Long, a student at Georgetown University has been selected as the winner of the 2015 National Huguenot Society Scholarship Award. She read an essay that Ms. Long wrote about herself and her time in college. The Committee Chairman moved that the \$5,000 scholarship award be sent to the Georgetown University for Ms. Long's tuition. The motion was approved unanimously.

President General Janice Lorenz informed the Board that the Scholarly Works Award Committee has chosen a book written by David Garrioch called *The Huguenots of Paris and the Coming of Religious Freedom 1685-1789* as the winner of the 2015 National Huguenot Society Scholarly Works Award. Nadine Hardin-Miller moved that Mr. Garrioch be awarded the \$1,000 award for his book and Mary Margaret Buck seconded the motion. After discussion the motion was approved unanimously.

The Board meeting was adjourned temporarily at 11:00 a.m. to hold the General Council meeting, the Luncheon and Program, and the Necrology service.

At 2:34 p.m., the Board Meeting resumed.

Reports of General Officers

Registrar General Nancy Brennan reported that 73 applications for membership were approved during 2014. Members were added to 16 state societies and four Members at Large were also added. The Georgia and Virginia state societies had 10 membership applications approved to date, and Florida had nine. Four Supplemental applications were approved, nine members were reinstated, five members transferred to other state societies, and there were four dual memberships added. There were 15 new Youth memberships approved. There were 39 deaths of members during 2014 and 64 members resigned. Certificates were mailed to all new members during 2014.

During 2014 33 copies of the *Register of Qualified Huguenot Ancestors of the Huguenot Society, Fifth Edition, 2012* and a few copies of the *Edict of Nantes, Five Essays, and a New Translation, 1998*, were sold. The 2013 and 2014 updates for the *Register* were also mailed with the orders.

In 2015 there have been 14 new members; Alabama now has seven new members with two new ancestors approved. Six other states have also added new members, and there have been 2 reinstatements. In Nevada one new ancestor was proven. Six copies of the *Register* have been sold so far in 2015.

We gain members every year but have to add twice as many to make up for losses due to death and resignations. Young people join for the scholarships, and if they fail to win one, they tend to resign their membership. President General Janice Lorenz added that there is a need for members to be ambassadors for the National Huguenot Society to their families and friends.

New Business

President General Janice Lorenz stated that she was contacted by Steve Bixby from Orion Marketing, who designs the White House Historical Society Christmas ornaments in bronze. He also makes prototypes for other societies and offered to design one for the National Huguenot Society. An order of their minimum of 300 items would cost \$500-1,000. It was decided to wait and see what products Pamela Wright designed for us before taking action on the proposed bronze Christmas ornament.

President General Janice Lorenz addressed the feedback she has received in the discussion of the issue of allowing persons of the Catholic faith to join the National Huguenot Society. She stated that she had received a mixed response in letters from members, and she read some selections to everyone. Honorary President General Neoma O'Brien stated that any change to our current Protestant requirement for membership would affect NHS's compliance with its Bylaws and its charter, thus potentially disrupting the tax exemption allowed at present. Registrar General Nancy Brennan noted that some applications state that the members were married in the Catholic Church. Without motion, the Board agreed that the Protestant requirement for membership be retained as is.

Adjournment

The Board meeting was adjourned.

REPORTS OF GENERAL OFFICERS

TREASURER GENERAL'S ACTIVITY REPORT April 18, 2015

During the period since the Treasurer Generals prior Activity Report to the present, I have completed the following tasks: Prepared and filed the 2014 Federal Tax Return 990-N, 2015 TX Personal Property Tax Return, 2015 MD Personal Property Return, and other items as needed.

Helped prepare needed items concerning our current IRS audit for the tax year ended December 31, 2012 (currently under examination).

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 or as budgeted by Congress.

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

Posted deposited receipts and disbursed checks to the statement of accounts.

Helped various State Member Societies with tax or registration problems.

Prepared the 2014 Year End Financial Statements and Activity Report to be presented at the Spring meeting on April 18th, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
Rex L. Gradeless, CPA
Treasurer General

REGISTRAR GENERAL'S REPORT April 2015

This officer approved 73 applications during 2014. Sixteen states added members and four members at large were added. Georgia and Virginia each had ten applications approved. Florida was next with nine. Four supplemental applications were approved. Nine members were reinstated, five transferred and four dual memberships were added. There were 15 youth registrations. Thirty nine deaths were reported and 64 resignations or drops.

Certificates have been mailed to all 2014 applicants. About 100 emails received through website and referred to this

officer have been answered and referred to respective State Registrars during 2014.

During 2014, 33 Register Books were sold as well as a few Edict of Nantes books. The 2013 & 2014 updates are included with all orders.

So far, for 2015, 14 new members have been added by application. Alabama has added seven new members this year with two new ancestors proved. Six more states have added members this year and there have been two reinstatements. Another new ancestor was proved by a Nevada applicant.

Six Register books with updates have been sold in 2015. Also the updates have been sent to several libraries that purchased the 2012 book.

Several new State Registrars have been elected at their respective State meetings.

Submitted April 18, 2015
Nancy W. Brennan, Registrar General

REPORT OF THE CHAPLAIN GENERAL April 18, 2015

I have had the privilege of serving the National Huguenot Society over the past year and am pleased to report on our activities:

- Our state presidents and registrar have kept me informed of the passing of our members by completing the *Report of a Deceased Member Form*.
- Since our last annual meeting 44 of our members were reported deceased, and I sent hand-written letters of condolence to their next of kin.
- I have heard back from several children that expressed their appreciation for our thoughts and prayers.
- At our annual Congress in New Paltz we held a worship service at the Huguenot chapel, including Reformed hymns, prayers and a sermon, reflecting our traditions, as articulated by Jean Calvin.
- The Virginia Huguenot Society invited me to their October 2014 meeting where I was glad to lead a memorial service for their deceased members; we included the reading of their obituaries and comments by fellow members and friends.
- I was glad to accept appointments to our By-laws Committee and Nominating Committee and look forward to continuing to discuss issues, as we are asked to address them.

Finally, I enjoyed the friendships and relationships that I have developed over the past year with the officers and members of the National Huguenot Society and look forward to continued service.

Respectfully submitted,
Joel E. Strauch, Chaplain General

The National Huguenot Society, Inc.
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2014

	Dec 31, 14
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Cash in bank - operating	
First Federal Savings Bank	31,390.57
First Federal Savings Bank-MM	23,362.13
Wells Fargo Checking	6,407.99
Wells Fargo Savings	63,133.42
Total Cash in bank - operating	124,294.11
Petty cash	400.00
Savings & short-term investment	
Cardinal Bank	18,678.67
Compass Bank	99,372.79
First Community Bank	106,989.20
National Penn Bank	12,137.07
Wells Fargo - CD's	100,062.15
Total Savings & short-term investment	337,239.88
Total Checking/Savings	461,933.99
Total Current Assets	461,933.99
TOTAL ASSETS	461,933.99
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Permanently restrict net assets	
Dickey Bequest Fund	260,000.00
General Scholarship Fund	4,000.00
Lewis Memorial Fund	22,204.55
NHS Endowment Fund	870.00
Total Permanently restrict net assets	287,074.55
Temporarily restrict net asset	
Dickey Scholarship Fund	40,105.24
Registrar General Office Fund	106.00
Total Temporarily restrict net asset	40,211.24
Unrestricted net assets	
General Fund	125,700.85
Total Unrestricted net assets	125,700.85
Net Income	8,947.35
Total Equity	461,933.99
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	461,933.99

The National Huguenot Society, Inc.
Profit & Loss
 January through December 2014

	Jan - Dec 14
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Contributed support	
Indiv/business contribution	
Indiv/business contribution - Other	5.00
Total Indiv/business contribution	5.00
Legacies & bequests	
Scholarship Donations & Bequest	80.00
Total Legacies & bequests	80.00
NHS Endowment Fund	870.00
Total Contributed support	955.00
Earned revenues	
Interest-savings/short-term inv	
Interest on Restricted Funds	1,181.95
Interest on Unrestricted Funds	70.74
Total Interest-savings/short-term inv	1,252.69
Membership dues - individuals	
Member-at-Large	2,325.00
Regular Member Dues	29,985.00
Total Membership dues - individuals	32,310.00
Other Revenue	
Conferences & Meetings	
Annual Congress	3,227.00
Spring Meeting	1,420.00
Total Conferences & Meetings	4,647.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	372.19
Royalty Income	24.06
Total Other Revenue	5,043.25
Program Related Sales	
Bookstore Revenue	
Ancestor Register Books	
Updates to 2013 Register books	170.00
Ancestor Register Books - Other	2,409.52
Total Ancestor Register Books	2,579.52
Archive Application Copy	50.00
Copy - Membership Certificate	20.00
Grave Marker	10.00
Other Bookstore Revenue	
Booklets	8.00
Books	532.97
Misc. Bookstore Rev.	1,176.00
Other Bookstore Revenue - Other	20.00
Total Other Bookstore Revenue	1,736.97
Total Bookstore Revenue	4,396.49
Total Program Related Sales	4,396.49
Program service fees	
Application Fees	
Regular Member Applications	5,305.00
Total Application Fees	5,305.00

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	Jan - Dec 14
Dual Membership Fees	65.00
Reinstatement Fees	245.00
Supplement Fees	140.00
Transfer Fees	115.00
Youth Registration	120.00
Total Program service fees	5,990.00
Total Earned revenues	48,992.43
Total Income	49,947.43
Gross Profit	49,947.43
Expense	
Grant & contract expense	
Awards & grants - individuals	
Scholarship Grant	5,000.00
Awards & grants - individuals - Other	722.10
Total Awards & grants - individuals	5,722.10
Total Grant & contract expense	5,722.10
Non-personnel expenses	
Books, subscriptions, reference	
Ancestor Register Books	
Miscellaneous	34.79
Postage	165.84
Publication costs	354.92
Ancestor Register Books - Other	574.71
Total Ancestor Register Books	1,130.26
Books, subscriptions, reference - Other	314.00
Total Books, subscriptions, reference	1,444.26
In-house publications	
Mailing services	2,353.48
In-house publications - Other	11,270.29
Total In-house publications	13,623.77
Internet Service	242.35
Postage, shipping, delivery	
General Mailing	360.14
Program Sys Mailing & Shipping	63.51
Postage, shipping, delivery - Other	520.28
Total Postage, shipping, delivery	943.93
Printing & copying	110.10
Publicity	
Logo	2,160.50
Publicity - Other	338.00
Total Publicity	2,498.50
Supplies	
Office Supplies	669.08
Total Supplies	669.08
Telephone & telecommunications	1,067.10
Total Non-personnel expenses	20,599.09

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	Jan - Dec 14
Occupancy expenses	
Rent, parking, other occupancy	
Archive Storage	1,881.00
Office Rent	5,016.00
Storage expense - flags	618.75
Total Rent, parking, other occupancy	7,515.75
Total Occupancy expenses	7,515.75
Other Expenses	
Bank Charges	39.47
Insurance - liability	500.61
Property Taxes	213.08
Total Other Expenses	753.16
Travel & meetings expenses	
Conference, convention, meeting	
Annual Congress	
Meals and related	
Banquet	1,094.22
Luncheon	1,324.00
Total Meals and related	2,418.22
Shuttle Service	2,246.00
Tours	300.00
Total Annual Congress	4,964.22
Spring Meeting	1,445.76
Total Conference, convention, meeting	6,409.98
Total Travel & meetings expenses	6,409.98
Total Expense	41,000.08
Net Ordinary Income	8,947.35
Net Income	8,947.35

Jesus Christ called unto Him the twelve, and begun to send them forth by two and two as companions, which excludes any superiority. Mark 6:7 Jesus Christ called unto Him the twelve, and begun to send them forth by two and two as companions, which excludes any superiority. Mark 6:7

APRIL 2015 LUNCHEON



Our speaker, Major Steve Griffin, who spoke about Huguenots in the Russian Military



Organizing Secretary General Mary Margaret Buck, Corresponding Secretary General Noella Mae Oberlin, and beloved Honorary member Peter Dixon, our former Master of Flags



Outgoing North Carolina President and Nominating Committee member Judith Rembert, with Registrar General Nancy Brennan



Honorary President General Barbara C. MacManus and Honorary President General Nadine Hardin-Miller



Chaplain General Joel Strauch, President General Janice Lorenz, Organizing Secretary General Mary Margaret Buck



Robin and Christine Crossan, both Delaware members, and Jeffrey LaRochelle in the background



Texas members Jeffrey LaRochelle and Registrar General Nancy Wright Brennan



Outgoing Virginia President Virginia Hurtes Rouse



Honorary President General Neoma O. O'Brien, Honorary President General Nadine Hardin-Miller, and Honorary President General Barbara C. MacManus



Chaplain General Rev. Joel Strauch with his wife, Catherine Strauch (guest)

REPORTS OF GENERAL OFFICERS

REPORT OF THE GENEALOGIST GENERAL April 18, 2015

Since the October meeting, this officer and the Registrar General have consulted on three new ancestors: Jan Baerden/Berdan of NY, Jean LaPrade of VA and John George Pechin of ME. The entries were written for inclusion in the next supplement and, ultimately, the next edition of the Register.

As is hoped, several of the Berdan and LaPrade children married into proven Huguenot families, so supplemental applications will be easily completed. This is one of the benefits of having a fairly new and extensive Register.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve.

Jeannine Sheldon Kallal
Genealogist General, 2013-15

REPORTS FROM STATE SOCIETIES

We received no reports from Arizona, California, Delaware, Georgia, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Wisconsin or Washington.

Alabama

The Huguenot Society of Alabama held its spring meeting of 2015 at the Country Club of Birmingham. Our speaker was Natasha Randolph, President of the Manakin Huguenot Society of Alabama. Her program was on her book, *Venia 1913-1926, A Russian Odyssey*. It is the story of her father's escape from the Russian Revolution to China, and then on to America.

Following the program, members and their guests had lunch at tables decorated with spring flowers. The Alabama chapter of the Huguenot Society of the founders of Manakin in the Colony of Virginia joined us for the meeting and lunch.

Our membership continues to grow, and our goal is to get younger people interested in joining our Society.
Steven Saxon, President

Arkansas

The Huguenot Society of Arkansas has reported out to us with a series of photographs which clearly convey their joy at being together at a luncheon at the Country Club of Little Rock on 3 June 2015, with Nadine Hardin-Miller,

one of our National Honorary Presidents General, as their incoming state president.



(L to R): Outgoing AR President Frankie Ochsner, prospective member Lida Coyne, Tony Davis and his wife, Beverly, Nancy Askew, and prospective member Allison Holland



(L to R): Jean Pollard, Jerrie Townsend, Shirley Barham, prospective member Mary Jean Hall, MarJo Dill, Betty Hendricks, Betty Harp and Dorothy Wilks



L to R: Ernestine Cuthbert, Nadine Hardin-Miller, National Registrar General Nancy Brennan (the speaker), guest Bob Miller, our newest member Ed Wilkinson, and his wife La Donna, from Greenwood, AR



Nancy Askew, who was presented the Martineau Award for her faithful service to our Society



New Arkansas Officers being installed. From R to L, President Nadine Hardin-Miller, Vice President Mary Lewis, Chaplain Dorothy Wilks, Secretary Frankie Ochsner, Treasurer MarJo Dill, Registrar Carol Hartman, and Historian Marie Dugan was not present

Connecticut

We regret to report that, despite the late Fred Herbert’s valiant efforts to revive the Society, we have not learned of any effort to carry on his good work. Fred was a delightful, energetic and capable Huguenot who will be much regretted.

Florida

We received no report from Florida, but we can state that the new officers in the Jean Calvin chapter for 2015-2017 are Linda Smith, President, and Barbara Schulz, Vice President.

Georgia

We received no report from the Georgia Society, but we can state that it’s new president is Janet Butler Walker of Macon, Georgia. Juanita Jones is First Vice President.

Kentucky

Kentucky held its spring meeting April 11, 2015 at the Lexington Country Club, Lexington, Kentucky. The Society meets in joint session with Kentucky Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims. Each society meets separately for business prior to the luncheon meeting with program.

Elections were conducted with installations for the following officers, term 2015 – 2017:

President	Patricia A. Hutt
Vice President	Raymond Hughes
Secretary	Michael Christian
Treasurer & Assistant Registrar	Fay Charpentier-Ford
Registrar	Jolene Boyer
Chaplain	Carroll Goslee
Historian	Lucille Haney

Meeting locations alternate between the Lexington Country Club and the Louisville Pendennis Club, both very nice facilities. Programs have been informative and entertaining.. The October 2014 program was about “Puritan with a



KY President Patricia Hutt

different perspective, Robert Pike, defending attorney at the Salem Witch Trials.” Pike might have been considered an early activist for his work at the Salem Witch Trials. He won the case for his client and, soon afterwards, the trials ceased. (His story is on line.) The April meeting presenter was Dr. James Birchfield, former Curator of Rare Books at the University of Kentucky. He served as editor of *The Kentucky Review*

and is author of *Clay Lancaster’s Kentucky*. His program, Col. Richard M. Johnson and Kentuckians at the Battle of the Thames was timely, since it marked the bicentennial of the end of the War of 1812.



KY speaker Dr. James Birchfield

Our newsletter, *The Huguenotes*, continues to be produced and delivered with meeting notices for spring and fall. A portion of the membership is active in Huguenot and Pilgrims, therefore, care must be taken with the mail not to exceed the weight for first class postage. Many envelopes carry two newsletters and the meeting notice. Kentucky’s experience is hard copy out-draws attendance compared to electronic efforts. We acknowledge with gratitude member and contributing writer Dr. Joseph R. Jones, who has four learned articles for our newsletter. His most recent contribution was *Huguenots: The Musical*.

We expect to have our member directory printed and ready for initial distribution at the next meeting. Emphases include setting the format for commercial printing that will only require additions and changes in the future instead of preparing all the pages in each publication.

Our next meeting is scheduled October 24, 2015 at the Pendennis Club in Louisville, Kentucky. The speaker will be Doug Logan, recently designated the history teacher of the year in Kentucky by Sons of the American Revolution.

There are several applications in various stages of completion. Presently, the Kentucky Huguenot Society has 90 active members in good standing.

The Huguenot Congress in Springfield, Illinois in October is being promoted.

Patricia Hutt, President

North Carolina

The Huguenot Society of North Carolina met on April 11, 2015 at the Carolina Club in Chapel Hill, NC. A social was held for members to chat before settling into the meeting which started promptly at Noon. Members and Guests were welcomed by President Judith Rembert and then everyone stood to introduce themselves along with their ancestor's name. We feasted on lunch with a choice of 3 entrees along with a very good dessert. Afterwards, the ritual was read and pledges recited.



North Carolina meeting

Reports were given by the officers. Of particular note, we have about 20 people who are qualified to join our society and have expressed interest in doing so. We continue to promote and sell our North Carolina Huguenot Book which sells for \$15 in person and \$20 to be mailed. Treasurer Chris Rozier expressed hope that our society will consider establishing a scholarship. It was announced that our society is using Facebook after not being able to create a website. Six members, all of whom were not present, were recognized for their years of membership with a certificate and the incoming president will mail them. President Rembert announced that the international meeting of the World Huguenot Society will be held in Bordeaux, France in September of this year. Special recognition was given to Larry Rozier for his 10 years as Registrar and Historian and to Chris Rozier for his job as Treasurer. President Rembert gave thanks to many supportive members during her two years of service. New yearbooks will be mailed to the membership soon after the National officers are installed.

Our member Ann Mueller gave a power point presentation on her ancestor, Gabriel Bernon. The title was, "Persecution to Providence." Ann was able to well document his life and that of his descendants. Gabriel Bernon was the founder of the Huguenot colony in Oxford, MA and became a religious advocate in RI, ultimately settling in Providence. Kudos to Ann for giving a great program.

Chaplain Sue Steward led the memorial service for deceased member, Elizabeth (Betty) Hobbs.

Installation of new officers was held:

Elaine Baldasare, President
Jane Thomas, Vice President
Carol Jutte, Secretary
Ann Mueller, Treasurer
Charlotte Fetterman, Registrar
Suzanne Sauter, Historian
Mary Ann Hepler, Chaplain

Incoming president, Elaine Baldasare, adjourned the meeting with announcing the 2016 meeting date as April 2.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Baldasare, President

Texas

The Huguenot Society of Texas, (a.k.a. National Huguenot Society—Texas Division State Assembly, met at the DoubleTree Hotel, Loop 410 @ McCullough, San Antonio, Texas at 11:30 a.m. on February 7, 2015 for its Sixty-Second State Assembly. The Languedoc Chapter, of San Antonio, was the host chapter.

Nancy Watson, President of Languedoc Chapter, called the Chapter's meeting to order and asked Aubrey Wilson to give the opening prayer. The ritual included the pledges to the United States Flag, Huguenot Flag, Texas Flag and the Huguenot pledge to the flag of the United States and the lighting of the candles by the members in honor of their Huguenot ancestors.

Nancy Brennan introduced Janet Wagner, Landscape Architect from Houston, Texas. A graduate of Texas A&M, she is on the Harris Co. Historical Commission and the Board of National Trust. The title of Mrs. Wagner's program was the finding of "Burial Mounds in Houston Tell the Tale of Huguenots in Texas." She reported that "graves were found in the 1840 City Cemetery. Fifty feet above Buffalo Bayou and under the asphalt and between two old fire station buildings, a deep trench exposed a straight row of burials. Each wooden coffin had left an impact on the dark, almost circular blackish soil or mulch."

The past President of the Huguenot Society of Texas, David Dibrell, called the Texas State Assembly to order and welcomed all present.

A Memorial Service was presented by the Chaplain Protem, Ann Oppenheimer, for the following: Reverend Emmet M. Waits, 6 April 1923-5 March 2014; Dr. Charles Brandon

Chenault, 10 October 1929-16 September 2014; and Polly Jane Statham, 12 July 1926-29 December 2014.

Barbara MacManus gave the Treasurer’s report, stating that the report shows the total funds available for use as of 6 February 2015 to be \$3,672.08 with total funds on hand of \$3,704.08. This includes prepaid dues of \$32.00.

Bill Buell gave the registrar report for state membership, stating membership status is: La Rochelle Chapter-- 51 members; Languedoc Chapter—70 members; for a total of 121 state members. Members gained—8; 6 new members, 1 transfer, 1 reinstatement. Members lost—17. Seven resigned, 7 dropped, 3 deceased.

The State Nominating Committee report was given by President David Dibrell in the absence of the chairman. The nominees are as follows:

- President: Nancy Brennan, Languedoc Chapter
 - Vice President: John Bolton, La Rochelle Chapter
 - Secretary: David Dibrell, La Rochelle Chapter
 - Treasurer: Barbara MacManus, Languedoc Chapter
 - Registrar: Bill Buell, Languedoc Chapter
 - Chaplain: Sandra Staley, La Rochelle Chapter
- The nominations were accepted and approved by the membership present.

Nancy Brennan, President

Virginia

The Spring Meeting of the Huguenot Society of Virginia was held on 28 March at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel & Conference Center in Staunton, VA. This was a long awaited meeting in the western part of the Commonwealth and by all accounts one of our best. Many thanks to Virginia Rouse, Susan Webber and especially to Brenda Rose for a terrific event. Many members arrived a day early and some stayed the entire weekend to take advantage of Staunton’s attractions, including the many restaurants and performances at the American Shakespeare Center.



Outgoing President Virginia Rouse and incoming President Stuart Whitehead (COL, USA Ret)

The agenda included reports from each of the officers. Highlights were the minutes, read by Brenda Rose, the treasure reported the Society’s solvency and preparations for the transfer of responsibilities to the new treasure. The Society’s library continues to grow with the addition of “The Huguenots”, by Geoffrey Treasure. Potential members were in attendance and, as usual, Duane Wills captured it all for us to enjoy on our Society’s website: <http://www.huguenots-virginia.org/> Duane was also presented an Associate Membership Certificate and Susan Webber received an Award for Outstanding Service.



Dr. Brenda Rose and The Ride of Jack Jouett

The Society approved the donation of a \$300 gift to the National Society, in honor of Janice Lorenz, with the intention to add to the national library holdings and will add \$10 to a \$90 scholarship contribution, making it an even \$100. We continue to solicit for scholarship applicants.

The society also waived the dues for two long time, elderly members who have served us so well.

The agenda also included the election of new officers to serve a two year term from spring 2015 to 2017. The following new officers were installed by Rachel Wills, who generously presented each one with a white rose boutonniere: President - Stuart Whitehead; Vice President - Brenda Rose; Chaplain - Janice Welch; Recording Secretary - April Pittman; Corresponding Secretary - Linda Montgomery; Treasurer - Joel Strauch; Registrar - Judith Scovronski; Historian - Dorothy Lee Rosen; Librarian - Courtenay Stanley.



Virginia Society members visit Trinity Episcopal Church

As president, this was Virginia Rouse's last meeting. She was thanked for her leadership and especially the Society's growth under her tenure. Virginia was presented with a bouquet of flowers and Treasurer Dick Wright presented her with a Past President's pin.



One of Trinity's beautiful Louis C. Tiffany windows

After a delicious meal, Dr. Brenda Rose recited a personally composed poem outlining the story of Huguenot



Louis C. Tiffany signature on window at Trinity

descendant John "Jack" Jouett, Jr. whose quick thinking and horsemanship, in 1781, saved the Virginia Assembly (to include Gov. Thomas Jefferson) from capture by Lt. Col. Banistre Tarleton. Incidentally, the General Assembly subsequently convened in Staunton, where it promptly awarded "Jack" a pair of pistols and a sword in gratitude. At the end of the meeting one lucky person at each table took home a lovely flower arrangement. Virginia Rouse also presented to each person in attendance a Huguenot ornament and decal.

We were next treated to a tour of Trinity Episcopal Church. This particular church is famous for its collection of Tiffany stained glass windows. With the cover of spring 2015 edition of *The Cross of Languedoc* focusing on Tiffany Company's spectacular jewelry, it was a happy coincidence that we were able to marvel at the beautiful creation of Louis C. Tiffany. It was a terrific ending to a wonderful meeting, making us all proud of our Huguenot heritage.

Stuart Whitehead, President

*He said to them all equally: Receive ye the Holy Ghost:
whose soever sins ye remit,
they are remitted unto them. John 20: 22, 23*

*It is said of the Church triumphant that it had twelve foundations,
and in them the names of the twelve Apostles of the Lamb. Revelations 11: 12.
No mention is here made of St. Peter being placed as the cornerstone.*



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A limited number of discounted rooms are available NOW by contacting the Mayflower by the internet address <https://aws.passkey.com/event/13888969/owner/1261/home> or by telephoning the Mayflower and asking for the “Genealogical Related Societies Spring 2016” rate.

Greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world. 1 John 4: 4

The power of the keys is given equally to all. Matthew 18:18

To all of them in common is given the power to teach all nations. Matthew 28:19

Jesus Christ said to them: Ye shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. Matthew 19: 28. Therefore, there is not a higher of more eminent place for St. Peter, to sit upon as the president.

HUGUENOTS: THE MUSICAL

Joseph R. Jones, Contributing Writer, Huguenot Society of Kentucky

The current fad for turning what would seem to be unsuitable historical events or dreary subjects into operas is nothing new. John Adams' *Nixon in China* (1987, first Met performance 2011) or the recent controversial production of his opera about the misunderstood Palestinian pirates who boarded the *Achille Lauro* and murdered a Jewish cripple, are discouraging examples of the first category. Then there is *The Book of Mormon* (2011), a still wildly popular religious satire. Who, however, would think that the massacre of Huguenots would make a block-buster musical? The answer is a group of very important French authors and musicians of the third decade of the 19th century. They are Eugène Scribe, a prolific writer for the theater (complete works in 76 volumes) and Émile Deschamps, a leading Romantic poet. Both of these men wrote opera plots also, and their greatest success was their libretto for the eminent composer Giacomo Meyerbeer (1791-1864), often described as "the most successful stage composer of the nineteenth century." The collaboration of the three men would become a famous musical spectacle, *Les Huguenots* (1836). Meyerbeer might be called the inventor of *grand opéra*, though the first example of this genre (Auber's *La Muette de Portici*) was premiered in 1828. It set the pattern for works, which all required immense budgets, a large cast of singers, huge orchestras, lavish scenery, expensive costumes, and truly startling stage-effects: *La Muette* ends with the heroine throwing herself into Mt. Vesuvius as it erupts. This makes *Miss Saigon* seem tame.

Four years before Meyerbeer and his team put their creation on the stage of the Paris opera, another composer-writer pair, Hérold and Planard, had chosen a Huguenot-related topic for their less grandiose work, *Le Pré aux Clercs* ("Clerks' Meadow," 1832). This opera was performed over a thousand times in its first fifty years. It involves political intrigue at court, a masked ball, a secret marriage, a fatal duel, all manipulated by Marguerite, the wife of the future Henry IV, the Huguenot king (and first Bourbon), who gave up his Protestant religion but promulgated the Edict of Nantes to allow limited freedom of religion. He is supposed to have said, "Paris is well worth a mass." He and Marguerite (also a principle character in *Les Huguenots*) married on August 18, 1572, and thousands of Protestants who came to Paris for the wedding were murdered on August 24, St. Bartholomew's Day. The opera thus plays out against the massacre; and the Protestant lovers, after unspeakable hardships, flee to the safety of Navarre.

Meyerbeer capitalized on the success of the new and thrilling historical genre with two works, the second of which is *Les Huguenots*. This very grand opera also has the characteristic exaggerated, melodramatic, and occasionally truly touching plot (star-crossed lovers, a duel, a fiendish plot, a woman's self-sacrifice, and so on) with a tragic ending, in which a burning church filled with martyred Huguenot women, children, and old people is the background for the execution of the lovers by the fanatical Catholic father of the young woman.

This work continues to be staged regularly. The Australian effort to recreate an 1830's-style version for Joan Sutherland's farewell to opera provides an excellent introduction to this sort of musical event, with huge choruses of Catholic nobles and Huguenot soldiers, realistic settings, magnificent costumes, and an all-star cast that can sing Meyerbeer's difficult arias.

The most recent staging, in stark contrast, is a stunning production mounted by the Berlin Deutsche Opera (1991) and set in Communist Berlin, with Berlin Wall (1961-89) as background. The Protestants are forced to wear yellow crosses as Nazis forced Jews to show yellow armbands with the Star of David. The grim sets alternate with amusing ones: the opening scene (originally a banquet served to militant Catholic aristocrats) is a "gentleman's club" with rowdy soldiers and long-legged Nazi prostitutes in skimpy *Blue Angel* costumes and roaming patrols leading police dogs. The queen's first court scene takes place at a spa with gorgeous ladies-in-waiting in revealing bathing suits, sunglasses, and pool-side drinks. But even the sinister Reds and scheming, over-sexed queen sing lush, typically Romantic, music--slightly jarring in such a context.

Because Meyerbeer was a practicing and seriously religious Jew, he often chose to write operas with a hero who lived in a hostile environment, doubtless because he also lived in an inimical society that made him rich but did not accept him, as his diaries reveal. As an outsider, Meyerbeer could empathize with the victims of Catholic violence, as did his friend Fromental Halévy who had, the year before the premiere of *Les Huguenots*, scored a great success with another *grand opéra*, *La Juive* (*The Jewess*), a story of doomed love between a Christian man and a Jewish woman. Some modern critics now find Meyerbeer's 150-year-old scores limited in thematic development and counterpoint. But his brilliant and original

orchestration and skill at creating thrilling spectacles have kept his best work continually in the repertoire of great opera houses.

There are DVDs of the 1990 showy Australian and the 1991 production (in a clever German translation of 1837). Meyerbeer fans have created an online site (www.meyerbeer.com) that may interest any who want more information about his operas or the man himself. Maybe the NHS could persuade the writer-producer team of a recent disaster-based hit, *Les Misérables* (about the Paris Uprising of 1832), to put their effort into a new Broadway tear-jerker based on this same plot. A good working title might be *Huguenots: The Musical*.

Kentucky Huguenotes Editor's Note: Kentucky Huguenot member Joseph R. Jones, II is an extraordinary writer. It is doubtful that many people with Huguenot ancestry actually know about the operatic Huguenot story. Thanks to Joe wading through two long operas (and some German translation books to verify his German studies), he has led the readers to a less common production, explained in an understandable review. The Musical is the fourth article Joe has submitted to the Kentucky Society publication, The Huguenotes.

THE HUGUENOTS OF SPITALFIELDS

We learned about these events from an article which was published in the "Huguenote-Vereniging," a newsletter published by the Huguenot Society of South Africa, May 2015 Number 9

The Huguenots of Spitalfields (<http://www.huguenotsofspitalfields.org/>) is a registered charity promoting public understanding of the Huguenot heritage and culture. According to its website, its objective is to highlight the contribution of the Huguenots, to advance the education of the public, particularly persons resident in, working in or visiting Spitalfields, Tower Hamlets, and the City of London, by promoting Huguenot Culture and Heritage in Spitalfields, and to further, as the trustees see fit, the purposes of any charity whose objects include advancing the education of the public in Huguenot heritage and culture. It appears to be operational all year round, but it has special events in the summer, which they refer to as the *Huguenot Summer Programme*. Celebrating the lives and talents of the Huguenots, its *Huguenot Summer* program, in partnership with the City of London Corporation, will run from May to early September 2015. If you plan to be in Europe during the summer, please visit their website to book and attend some of their events.

Events planned include "The Immigrants Walk," a service at the Dutch Church in London, which is called "Austin Friars," various lectures, various cultural explorations, "Huguenot Footsteps at Soho," and "Huguenot Remains at Christ Church."

You may contact our Huguenot friends at the Huguenot Society of South Africa, at:

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WELCOME TO NEW NHS MEMBERS AS OF JUNE 2015!

Alabama

20 Feb 2015	#16-217	Jane Alice Ball Jones	Ancestor: Jérôme/Jeremiah Dumas
20 Feb 2015	#16-218	Elizabeth Arlynn Hatchett Weir	Ancestor: Thomas Dupré/Dupray
27 Feb 2015	#16-219	Carol Crane Kitchens	Ancestor: Jan Baerdan/Berdan New ancestor
13 Mar 2015	#16-220	Bonnie Jane Miller Shanks	Ancestor: Andrew LaPrade New ancestor
13 Mar 2015	#16-221	Diana Foreman Gidiere	Ancestor: Nicolas Martiau
4 Apr 2015	#16-222	Gerald Hobson Thompson II	Ancestor: Henri Cabanis
4 Apr 2015	#16-223	Molly Ann Hicks Hagood	Ancestor: Nicolas Lanier
17 May 2015	#16-224	Lucy Corene Clamp Willis	Ancestor: Robert Picon/Pickens
6 Jun 2015	#16-225	Marlene Lee Lawley	Ancestor: Mareen Duval

Arizona

20 Apr 2015	#31-174	Tanner Brogan Cooper	Ancestor: Nicholas de la Plane
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California

13 Apr 2015	#5-700	Carolyn Heijn Peth	Ancestor: Henri Marchand
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Florida

19 Mar 2015	#9-924	Nancy Joyce Cannon Fodi	Ancestor: Louis de Reneau/Reno
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Georgia

18 Mar 2015	#38-383	Freida Ann Abston Boyles	Ancestor: Pierre Guerrant/Guerin
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Indiana

18 Mar 2015	#11-373	Dennis Lee Babbitt	Ancestor: Daniel Ferée/Fiere
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Member at large

12 Feb 2015	#2-106	Jonathan Forrest Tuckett	Ancestor: Daniel Jouett II
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Nevada

19 Mar 2015	#30-91	Gordon Carson	Ancestor: Jean George Pechin/Pishon New ancestor
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New Hampshire

17 May 2015	#35-123	John R. Payzant	Ancestor: Louis Paisant/Payzant
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North Carolina

11 Feb 2015	#8-281	McKenzie Catherine Bennett	Ancestor: Willem Adriaense Benet
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16 Mar 2015	#8-282	Ruth-Anne Frazee Bolz	Ancestor: David Demarest
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25 Mar 2015	#8-283	Haley A. McLoud	Ancestor: Christophe Feret/Ferré
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Texas

8 May 2015	#10-1198	Roberta Elaine Ellis Fuqua	Ancestor: Jean Souille/Souillet
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17 May 2015	#10-1199	June Ferree Pritchard	Ancestor: René de St. Julien
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18 May 2015	#10-1200	Lee Rene Harper Hughey	Ancestor: Mathieu Agee
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8 Jun 2015	#10-1201	Tamera Jo Buhlre Moulriere	Ancestor: Cornielle/Cornelis Melyn
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Virginia

27 Feb 2015	#28-540	Lee Waller Sabrell McDaniel Lelong	Ancestor: Phillippe Claude/Claud
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13 Apr 2015	#28-541	Judith Frances Perine Taylor	Ancestor: Daniel Perrin(e)/Pareyn
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27 May 2015	#28-542	Laura Elizabeth Leighton	Ancestor: Jacob Noel
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Supplemental

11 May 2015	#5-677S1	Jill Ray Ellsworth Swan Scott	Supp #1 Ancestor; Jacques Caudebec
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Reinstatements

42-69	AR	Sara Ann Shepherd Johnson	44-69	AR	14 Jan 2015
10-809	TX	Charles Wayne Stafford	10-809	TX	31 Mar 2015

Youth Registrations

444	TX	Thomas Norwood Pinkston DOB 21 Nov 2002 Grandnephew of Nancy Dee Watson	24 May 2015
445	TX	Lauryn Joan Pinkston DOB 27 July 2005 Grandniece of Nancy Dee Watson	24 May 2015
446	TX	Charlotte Lee Damron DOB 30 Aug 2013 Granddaughter of Nancy Dee Watson	24 May 2015

TIPS TO STATE PRESIDENTS

Our State Presidents are vital to all Huguenots on a local and national level. After all, they run the State Member Societies, which are our engines of recruitment. National functions as the glue that holds together Huguenots--those in our State Societies, and our Members at Large across North America and a couple of other continents. The first tip we'd like to share is that National does NOT run the State Societies. Each State Society is set up separately, on its own, and is responsible for its own operation. Those operations must be consistent with National Huguenot Society Bylaws, including the payment of dues and regular reporting to National, as required by National Bylaws, if the state wishes to qualify for standing as a tax-exempt nonprofit organization under National's umbrella.

Another tip is that, since we are a membership organization, we rely upon annual renewals by our members. Yes, some states do have Life Members, from whom annual membership renewal is not required so long as the State Society stays active and pays their dues to National for them, but the vast majority of our members are annual, and are therefore asked to renew annually. (We have more to say about Life Members below.) To keep these members engaged and interested, and to supply them with what they wanted when they joined us, we really need our State Presidents to pass along information, news, and the like, to ALL their state members, REGULARLY.

This statement emphasizes two crucial points. First, rather than receiving information and then apparently doing nothing with it, the information received from National should be shared with all state society members. Because *The Cross* is only published twice a year, it should not be the sole method of disseminating information to our members. It would be far better if each State President would either mail information, **regularly**, to ALL of their members, or email information, **regularly**, to ALL of their members. Secondly, we emphasize the word "all," because we have heard that sometimes, information is only shared with a few people in each State Society. This practice might lead to decline, and should be avoided.

National Bylaws require National to take action concerning State Society which fails to pay its dues to National. That is why the President General must stay on top of the situation where a State Society lacks the core officers—its "Council"-- which are customarily required in order to operate: President, Treasurer, and Registrar; such situations can possibly signal the beginning of problems with that State Society being able to meet its requirements to our members and to National.

In that regard, another very important point for State Presidents and our members to know is that The National Huguenot Society, Inc., has never offered Life Memberships. In states where Life Memberships are offered, it is the State Member Society which offers and maintains such members, and the State Societies that offer Life Memberships must pay annual dues to National for each of their Life Members. So a Life Membership cannot survive in the absence of a viable host State Society. A Life Member's Life Member status therefore only applies to the State Society he joined. It logically follows that, should that State Society become inactive and fail to pay annual dues to National on behalf of its regular and Life Members, National will have to ask the Life Members individually to pay annual dues to National in order to maintain their membership in National.

In such a situation where the State Society becomes inactive, i.e., stops paying annual dues to National, the Life Members and regular members of that inactive State Society may choose to become Members at Large, whose dues are \$15/year, or they may transfer to an active State Society and remain a regular voting member who pays dues of \$20/year. Members at Large do not have any voting privileges.

We welcome your suggestions for achieving success in our State Member Societies, as we honor the courage and sacrifices of our Huguenot ancestors to be true to their beliefs.

Upon them all alike descended the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost. Acts 2: 3,4

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE: ANNOUNCING THE SLATE OF PROPOSED NATIONAL OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee elected at the 2014 Congress in New York, led by Chairman Honorary President General Nadine Hardin-Miller, with members Pennsylvania President Lydia Freeman, the then-North Carolina President Judith Rembert, Honorary President General Barbara C. MacManus, and Chaplain General Joel Strauch, announce a slate of proposed National officers. This slate will be voted upon at the 10 October 2015 Congress in Springfield, Illinois.

President General	Fay Charpentier-Ford (KY)
First Vice President General	Sandra Staley (TX)
Second Vice President General	Christine Crossan (DE)
Third Vice President General	Alice Sweeney (VA)
Treasurer General	Rex Gradeless (IN)
Registrar General	Ann Oppenheimer (TX)
Chaplain General	Joel Strauch (VA)
Counselor General	Mary Nelson Morgan (FL)
Recording Secretary General	Mary Margaret Buck (MS)
Corresponding Secretary General	Noella Mae Oberlin (TN)
Organizing Secretary General	SUBJECT TO REVISION: open at the time the Cross went to press
Genealogist General	Nancy Wright Brennan (TX)
Historian General	Ed Wilkinson (AR)

Respectfully submitted,
Honorary President General Nadine Hardin-Miller, Chairman

Greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world. 1 John 4: 4

*If the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you,
He shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit
that dwelleth in you. Romans 8: 11*

THE NATIONAL HUGUENOT SOCIETY, INC. SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The Scholarship Award is awarded annually and is made possible by a generous bequest left to the Society by will of Jacquelyn Wells Dickey, who stipulated its use for scholarships.

Rules for the Society's Scholarship Award are as follows:

1. The recipient must be a member of The National Huguenot Society (meeting all requirements). Members of Member Societies and Members-at-Large are eligible.
2. Award will be given to a student at an accredited college or graduate school who has had at least two semesters of history which include in part history of religion.
3. Student should have completed at least two years of college, while maintaining a 3.0 minimum average before receiving scholarship money from the Society.
4. Need is not necessarily a factor.
5. Scholarship will be limited to \$5,000.00 per student and is not renewable.
6. Application forms may be obtained and completed on line from the website of the Society. Completed applications, with attachments, must be mailed to the Chairman National Huguenot Society Scholarship Award Committee. (Address will be found on the Application Form.) Process of selection is to be determined by the Committee with adherence to these guidelines.
7. The Committee will report its recommendations to the Board of General Officers in April of each year, for final approval.
8. The Scholarship Award check will be issued directly to the educational institution.
9. Applications should include grades from the preceding fall semester. Completed applications should be received by the Chairman on or before 1 February of the year of the award.

The National Society is honored to have made scholarship awards to dedicated members and excellent students beginning in 2002. Those award winning students are listed below:

2002 – Ryan Richard Worrell – Concordia University, Chicago, IL (pre-law)

2003 – Joel R. Wuthnow – Princeton University

2004 – Robert Brewton Ryals – graduate student – Florida State University

2005 - Carrie Chew – Hamline University of Law, St. Paul, MN

2006 – Jennifer Ann Dillinger – Harvard Divinity School

2007 - Janice S. Dillard

2008 – John MacNaughton Blakeney - George Fox University, Newberg, OR

2008 - Joseph Preston Holland – University of Alabama

(We were able to make two awards in 2008. The two students seemed equally qualified and we were fortunate to enjoy excellent interest rates for the Scholarship Fund, at the time.)

2009 – Simone Antonia Oppen – University of California at Berkeley

2010 – Amelia Baldwin Fromherz – Louisiana State University, School of Medicine, New Orleans

2011 – Katherine Elvey – University of Cincinnati

2012 – Christopher Cowden Wardlaw Rayburn – Univ. of NC, School of Law, Chapel Hill, NC

2013 – Heather Christine Jackson – Medical College of Wisconsin

2014 – Michael Dominik Dangel – Univ. of Florida, at Gainesville, FL

2015 - Sarah Renwick Long – Georgetown University, Washington, DC

The Scholarship Award is one of our more worthy projects. We look forward to its continuation.

FAITHFULLY DEPARTED HUGUENOTS AS OF 18 April 2015

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Maj. Gen. Willis D. Crittenberger
 Mattie Wacker Barranco
 Florence Leon
 Carolyn Mitchell

FLORIDA

John Skillman
 Elizabeth McRae Hamrick
 Ellinor Ann DeLind Dunn
 Anne Ashton Pendleton Garrison Kelly
 John Livingston Pottenger

GEORGIA

Carroll Moralle Blanchard Davis

ILLINOIS

Joycemarie Baker Edson

MEMBERS AT LARGE

Carolyn Mitchell
 Ruby Oliason

MISSOURI

Dorothy Krueger Points

NORTH CAROLINA

Ellinor Dunn

OHIO

Patricia Rice

OKLAHOMA

Helen Joyce Swearingen Hardgrave

PENNSYLVANIA

Jacqueline Groff Callaway
 Virginia Weissert
 Frank R. Braden, Jr.

TEXAS

Emmett Waits

VIRGINIA

Elizabeth R. J. McDaniel
 Kathryn Shield Newland
 Denise Maupin Watson
 Barb Beahm
 Daniel N. Black III

WISCONSIN

Kathryn Kidd Vanatta

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CHAPLAIN GENERAL, THE REV. JOEL STRAUCH

This President General has received a letter from Dr. Melanie Miller, Church & Ministry Commission, Chair, Shenandoah Association of the Central Atlantic Conference of the United Church of Christ, confirming that the Central Atlantic Conference has granted Joel ordained ministerial standing. This empowers him to do ministry under their auspices. The National Huguenot Society is pleased and privileged to have Joel serving as its Chaplain General, and the National Huguenot Society has called him to minister to us as a part of those duties.

ROCHESTER HUGUENOT CENTER IN KENT, ENGLAND STARTS A MUSEUM DEDICATED TO HUGUENOTS

It was announced in the BBC news online on 2 April 2014 that the French Hospital, which was founded in 1718 to offer sanctuary to poor Huguenots and which operates 60 self-contained flats in Rochester for Huguenot descendants in need, has been awarded £1.5 million by the Heritage Lottery Fund to open a museum Centre in 2015. The new Centre will exhibit the French Hospital's paintings, engravings, furniture, silverware, and other items portraying three main elements of the Huguenot story: the persecution, the Huguenots as refugees, and the Huguenots today. This new Centre is being touted as the first of its kind dedicated to the Huguenots, "who were the most successfully integrated group of migrants ever to enter Britain," according to the French Hospital. At least one in six Britons is believed to have Huguenot ancestry. It should come as no surprise to learn that the Huguenot Heritage Centre Chairman is named Peter Duval, a well-known Huguenot surname.

ANNOUNCING THE 2014 SCHOLARLY WORKS AWARD!

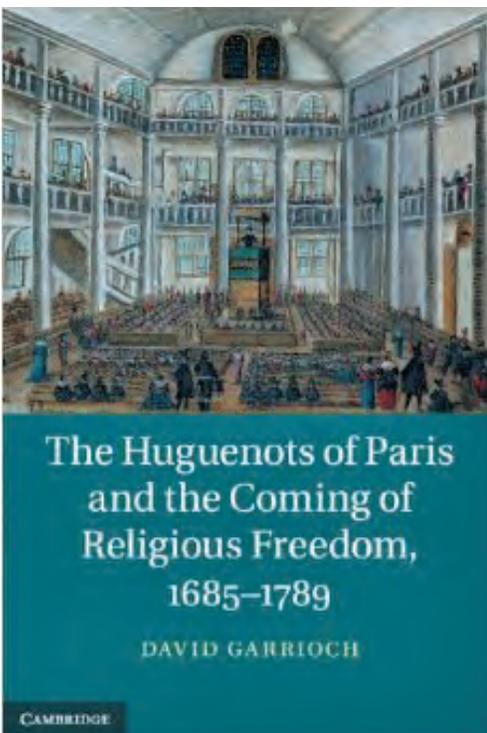
Let's start this wonderful news with the announcement issued by Mrs. Lee Thomasson Nelson, former president of the Arizona Society, and currently the Chairman of National's Scholarly Works Award Committee: "It gives me great pleasure to announce the findings of our Scholarly Works Award Committee and to tell you that David Garrioch's work, *Huguenots of Paris and the Coming of Religious Freedom, 1685-1789*, Cambridge University Press, New York, NY (2014), is the 2014 WINNER of our \$1,000 prize! He will be featured in our upcoming national publication "THE CROSS" as well. The committee found his book an excellent Huguenot reference, and it will be placed in our Huguenot section at the famous DAR National Library in Washington, D.C. Mr. Garrioch richly deserves recognition for this scholarly work; the references alone were staggering! Our sincere congratulations for a work well done!"

The book focuses upon religious toleration in Paris and how Huguenots there managed not just to survive, but to prosper.

The author of *Huguenots of Paris and the Coming of Religious Freedom, 1685-1789*, David Garrioch, earned his first degree at the University of Melbourne and his doctorate at Oxford University. He is a professor of European history at Monash University's School of Philosophical, Historical and International Studies in Australia, and has also served as Associate Dean (Teaching) in the Arts Faculty and as Head of the School of Historical Studies. He has held a number of visiting fellowships, including at the Ecole Normale Supérieure in Lyon, at the University of Toulouse-Le Mirail, and many times at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales in Paris. His main areas of research and supervision are European social history, 1600-1850; European urban history, 1600-1900, Eighteenth-century Europe; Enlightenment, including friendship, philanthropy and cosmopolitanism, and religious confraternities in Paris before the French Revolution.; French Revolution. His 2003 book, *The Making of Revolutionary Paris*, won the NSW Premier's Prize for History (General Section) and in 2004, he was elected to the Australian Academy of the Humanities.



Professor David Garrioch, author of the 2014 Scholarly Works Award-winning book, The Huguenots of Paris





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