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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”.



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COVER FEATURE – HUGUENOTS IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR

By Editor Janice Murphy Lorenz, J.D.

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Three of the most important values in Huguenot culture are freedom of conscience, patriotism, and courage of conviction. That is why so many men and women of Huguenot descent are prominent in the annals of early American history. One example is the many different ways in which Huguenots contributed to the American cause in the Revolutionary War. As might be imagined from regarding cover lithograph of four soldiers, which depicts the uniforms and weapons used during the period 1779 to 1783, fathers, sons, brothers and cousins fought in the war on both sides, according to their conscience. The following article from 1894 clearly emphasizes the Huguenots' patriotic service to America's freedom, while mentioning that some were Loyalists, too.

On later pages, you will find a list prepared by Genealogist General Nancy Wright Brennan of approved Huguenot ancestors and their descendants whose patriotic service has been recognized in the patriots database maintained by the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). That means that these Huguenots' contribution to the American cause has been proven.

THE HUGUENOT IN THE REVOLUTION

NANTES AND TRENTON HARBINGERS OF FREEDOM TO A STRUGGLING WORLD 1894

The theory of mediaeval Europe was intolerance; of modern Europe, toleration; and this last in great part owes its origin to the courage, ingenuity, patience, and wisdom of the Huguenots. Not to Switzerland or Germany belongs the honor of having been first to sound the earliest tocsin of civil and religious freedom. It was the voice of the heroic Le Fèvre, of Étapes, France, which three centuries ago gave the signal of the rising of this morning star of liberty. Civil and religious liberty are branches of the same stem, and Nantes and Trenton, the edict and the battle, are two great epochs which emanated from that long-sustained contest for the rights of individual freedom. In their system, for the first time, liberty and law were firmly interlocked, and from their blood America received her Faneuil, her Bowdoin, her Laurens, her Jay, and her Marion.

A little over sixty years ago today, in the neighborhood of Freehold, there expired one of the brightest lights of the Revolution, and that light, Philip Freneau, the Huguenot poet, the friend and associate of James Madison, a hero of that battle we this day commemorate. As a poet, Freneau was brilliant and vivacious; his voice was that of a clarion thrilling above the blasts of a storm, stirring and rousing the flagging energies of the people. Like a meteor he burst into notice with a blaze of light which had rarely glared upon the world before, and held aloft the cause of freedom as none have held it since. His poetry and sayings constituted the watchwords of the times, exhilarating the brave and kindling in the breast of the weak and the abject a heart and courage to dare all things in the cause of human freedom. In 1780 he was made prisoner and went through the horrors of the British prison-ship.

Well do we all know of the services of General Elias Boudinot, the tenth President of the Continental Congress, who on the breaking out of the war attached himself devotedly to the cause and thus remained, holding many honorable and important positions on Washington's staff. He was one of the conventions in 1774 which took the control of the Government out of the hands of Governor Franklin. He was appointed by Congress commissary-general of prisoners, and executed well and loyally the duties entrusted to him. Precluded by his commission from active field service, his assistance was not less great than was that of those who were brought hand to hand in the conflict with our enemies. The honored councilor of Washington, trusted by his friends and by the world revered, brightly he shone among the illustrious characters of the times. His younger brother, Elisha, was also a tried patriot. While secretary of the Committee of Safety, at which time a reward was offered by the British for his head, his house was raided by the Hessians, and the family portraits to this day bear the marks of their bayonet thrusts.

Another illustrious Huguenot character from the State was John Gano, the hero of Chatterton Hill. Born in Hopewell, New Jersey, in 1727, he was reared to the ministry and entered the ranks of the Federal Army as a surgeon. At Chatterton Hill, on the successful attempt of the British to cross the Bronx, Gano, though acting as a surgeon at the time, found himself at the front and in the very thickest of the fray. Determined not to dampen the ardor of the soldiers or incur the imputation of cowardice by withdrawing to the rear, he maintained his position, fighting as the rest under a heavy fire. He was with Washington in his Jersey campaign, but remained only six weeks, since he had accepted, on the solicitation of his friend, Colonel Du Bois, the office of chaplain to General Clinton's New York Brigade, then stationed at Fort Montgomery. He accompanied General Sullivan on his voyage down the Susquehanna, of which expedition he has left a very graphic description. At the close of the war he returned to his flock, but he found it very much reduced and widely scattered. But prosperity follows upon the footsteps of the faithful, and success again crowned his efforts.

Though of a different class the services and less distinguished, I must not fail to mention the Ryerson family, which has given many worthy citizens to the State Thomas Ryerson made for himself a most enviable career in the war. He entered as ensign in Captain Brearley's Company, Second Battalion, First Establishment, on November 20, 1775. In July of the following year he became second lieutenant in Captain Scott's Company, and in November he was transferred to Captain Shute's Company, Second Battalion, Second Establishment, shortly after which he was made a prisoner of war in a skirmish and returned February 5 of the following year. There were three other commissioned officers belonging to this family in New Jersey's quota of troops placed at the disposition of the Confederation, besides four privates.

The "New York Journal" of February 9, 1775, defines a Tory as a "thing whose head is in England and its body in America, with a neck that ought to be stretched." I regret to say that there were two such among the Huguenots of the State, but I am happy to say that there were only two; and when I compare this moiety of them with the great number, both Dutch and Puritan, who went over to the British, I can not but rejoice.

In conclusion I would wish to speak of the services of one who was the ancestor of the originator of this Society, Captain Sheppard Kollock, founder of the "New Jersey Journal," which was the official medium of Washington. Captain Kollock was an artillery officer of great distinction, figuring conspicuously in every conflict in which his company participated. He aided in placing the chain across the Hudson at West Point, and on that memorable Christmas night, 1776, when Washington crossed the Delaware and pushed his way over the slippery, sleety roads toward Trenton, Captain Kollock was in command of a company of artillery, which was one of the most active of the little army.

Too much praise cannot be given either to its officers or its soldiers. By their active and spirited behavior they soon put an honorable issue to that day. On the evacuation of New York, at the personal request of Washington, Captain Kollock established a loyal paper in that city, which became the official organ of the cause of American Independence. With the assistance of his friend, General Henry Knox, he planned and brought into existence the Society of the Cincinnati. Feeling heavily the burden incident to the publishing of the two papers, one in New York and one in New Jersey, he gave up the former and retired to Elizabeth, where he continued to edit the "New Jersey Journal."

Such was the life of Captain Kollock, replete with usefulness and energy. It may almost be considered a typical life of the Huguenot—a life in which courage is blended with energy, ingenuity with loyalty to the cause of human freedom, and magnanimity with a lofty intelligence. Thus they live and thus they work, objects of emulation to all. They had fought years before in the cause of liberty in France; their Trenton had been the edict of Nantes, each a victory and each equally great.

In contemplating the lives of these unselfish patriots I am led to recall the lines written in an old cemetery of your city, over the grave of another Huguenot officer of the Revolution, John Foucheraud Grimke:

He was firm, yet liberal; singularly punctual and just; as a companion, cheerful, intelligent, and polished; as a son, tender; as a husband and father, provident and affectionate; as a Christian, diligent, fervent, and modest. Humble and resigned in spirit, he lived as knowing there is a time to die."

THE PRESIDENT GENERAL'S REPORT TO CONGRESS



President General
Jeannine Sheldon Kallal

Dear Fellow Huguenots,

This is my last letter to you as President General. We will be electing new national officers at the upcoming 82nd Congress in October. Yes, we are going to Charleston – I would say we're going again but we didn't make it last year, thanks to Hurricane Matthew. On the theory that lightning (or, in this case, a hurricane) can't strike twice, we will look forward to being in that lovely city the first weekend in October.

Once again, 1st Vice President General Sandra Staley has gone above and beyond and made all the arrangements. The details are in this issue of *The Cross* and also on the website. You are encouraged to come in early and/or stay later. The room rate drops significantly when you want to be there other than on the weekend.

The meetings in Washington, DC went well and we got a lot accomplished. I have been blessed with officers and chairmen who actually do their jobs! What a concept! I can relax a bit and direct traffic. As I mentioned the major objective for October will be the elections. This society elects the entire board every two years. Nominations will be accepted from the floor, if necessary. Remember, you must have the consent of the proposed nominee before proposing his/her name, along with some information regarding that person's credentials.

I would like to thank the Society for the opportunity to serve as your President General. Special thanks to Janice Lorenz, Barbara MacManus and Nancy Brennan for being my sources of information on a variety of subjects. Also to Sandra Staley for being my go-to gal for our national meetings. The 2015-2017 National Board members and National Chairmen were very supportive as well and I thank all of you. Finding people who can do a job and, more to the point, do said job, is not always easy!

I hope to see you in Charleston.

En la foi, au revoir

Jeannine

Jeannine Sheldon Kallal

SOME INTERESTING QUOTES

"You live as long as you are remembered." Russian proverb

"I don't know who my grandfather was, I am much more concerned to know what his grandson will be."
Abraham Lincoln

"We are the children of many sires, and every drop of blood in us in its turn... betrays its ancestor." Ralph Waldo Emerson

"People will not look forward to posterity who never look backward to their ancestors." Edmund Burke

"It is a desirable thing to be well-descended, but the glory belongs to our ancestors." Plutarch

Quotes were selected from many others posted on ThoughtCo.com



NATIONAL HUGUENOT SOCIETY
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Call to 82nd Congress 6-7 October 2017

Holiday Inn
425 Meeting Street
Charleston, SC
1-843-718-2327

Please join us in beautiful Charleston, a city with Huguenot history. The meeting dates are above but think about extending your stay. The room rate on Friday and Saturday nights is \$249 + \$33.63 (taxes). The weekday cost is \$169 + \$22.82 (taxes). So, do come early and/or stay later. Call and use the code “THS”, or book online using the link <https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/charleston/chsms/hoteldetail>

Any problems, ask for Kayla, who is our contact at the Holiday Inn. Parking (valet) is \$19/per night regardless of how many times you may leave and come back. There is a Registration fee of \$10 for those who plan to attend any of the meetings.

Thursday, Oct 5:

Registration will begin Thursday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. Tickets for alcoholic drinks will be available for sale. There will be an informal dinner Thursday night at a local restaurant. Details will be available at registration.

Friday, Oct 6:

12:00 p.m. – Registration will continue. Additional tickets for alcoholic drinks will be available.

2:00 p.m. - National Board meeting

6:00 p.m. - For those who wish to, we will meet informally in the lobby bar

7:00 p.m. – Banquet–*cocktail attire*, \$50; wine “tickets” will be sold-cash or check

Saturday, Oct 7:

8:30 a.m. - Registration will continue; additional tickets for alcoholic drinks can be purchased then.

9:00 a.m. – Congress will convene

12:00 – Luncheon - \$53

2:00 p.m. – Congress will reconvene.

Congress will adjourn when the Society’s business is completed.

Sunday, Oct 8:

Services at the Huguenot Church, optional.

Mail reservations + checks to: **Jeannine Kallal, 1296 Casa Solana Drive, Wheaton, IL 60189-8216.**

Names of attendees Banquet Luncheon Amount enclosed (use back, if needed)

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING 12 April 2017

The board for the National Huguenot Society met Wednesday, April in the New Jersey room at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C. President Jeannine Kallal called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

The first order of business concerned the NHS Congress in October since our 2016 meeting was cancelled due to Hurricane Matthew. It was voted that we proceed with the 2016 plans and go to Charleston, S.C. in 2017. First Vice President General Sandra Staley is to make contact with the hotel.

President General Kallal announced that the Pennsylvania Society has invited the National Society to have Congress in Philadelphia in 2018. The motion to have the 2018 meeting in Philadelphia was presented by Sandra Staley and seconded by Joel Strauch. The motion carried.



Board Meeting of 12 April 2017, Jeannine S. Kallal, presiding.

Sandra Staley brought forth the subject that our meeting locations should be planned a year or two in advance for monetary reasons. Locations suggested were Birmingham, AL, Rhode Island and Jacksonville, FL. The motion to have the 2019 Congress in Jacksonville, FL was presented by Janice Lorenz and seconded by Sandra Staley. The motion carried.

Since elections are to be held in October President General Kallal read the requirements for Nominating Committee members. As newest Honorary President General Janice Lorenz is automatically on the committee. A motion was presented by Sandra Staley that Nancy Brennan represent the board on the committee. Seconded by Joel Strauch, she was elected. The other three members will be elected in the General Council Meeting.

Since there will be new officers elected registrar General Ann Oppenheimer presented the motion that a financial review be made in 2017 which was seconded by Honorary President General Barbara MacManus. Motion carried.

Another motion by Ann Oppenheimer, seconded by Sandra Staley, was approved. It states “that the new member applicant be given on year to complete any brick walls or submit more proofs to complete the application. A written letter for an extension should be submitted before one year expires, extension will be granted for two years.”

Nancy Brennan, Genealogist General, brought charms designed by Pamela Wright with the NHS logo for those wishing to purchase them. She also had some copies of the new Consolidated Index. She is working on a list of Huguenots and their descendants in the Revolutionary War and passed around the list she has begun.

Honorary President General Janice Lorenz gave the report for the Scholarly Works Award on behalf of Committee Chairman Kim Burdick, who was not present. The winner is **THE VISUAL THEOLOGY OF THE HUGUENOTS: Towards an Architectural Iconology of Early Modern French Protestantism, 1535 to 1623** by Randal Carter Working.

The report of the National Scholarship Award committee was read by recording Secretary Mary Margaret Buck, in the absence of Chairman Neoma O’Brien. The winner of the \$5,000.00 scholarship is Shelby Amanda Gowdy of the Georgia Huguenot Society. She is a student at the University of North Georgia.

The subject of using DNA surfaced for the second year in a row. Chaplain General Joel Strauch presented the motion, seconded by Corresponding Secretary General Noella Oberlin, that “The National Huguenot Society does not accept DNA information to determine qualification for membership, however it can support the authorized application form.” The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned and a delicious luncheon was served .

MINUTES OF GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING 12 April 2017

The General Council Meeting of the National Huguenot Society met 12 April 2017 in the New Jersey Room of the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C. The meeting was called to order by President General Jeannine Kallal.

Present:

Nancy Brennan	Janice Lorenz	Robin Crossan
Barbara MacManus	Joel Strauch	Martha Ann Whitt
Brenda Payne Rose	Janet Walker	Noella Mae Oberlin
Rachel Lotterhos Wills	Peggy Goldenman	Kathy Carey
Leslie Reynolds	Gigi Richardson	Mary Margaret Buck
Nina Carter	Nancy Schultz	Sandra Staley
Ann Oppenheimer	Christine Crossan	Jeannine Kallal
Emily Ingram Hornak		

Chaplain General Joel Strauch opened the meeting with prayer.

The reports of the officers were made.

Honorary President General and Publications Chairman Janice Lorenz told the assembly that stationary was going to be printed. Some will have the NHS Logo and some will have *The Cross of Languedoc*.

Membership Chairman / Honorary President General Barbara MacManus gave her report.

The state reports of the following states were given:

Alabama- Emily Ingram Hornak, President
Georgia -Janet Walker, President
Illinois- Nancy Schultz, President
Virginia- Brenda Rose, President
Mississippi -Mary Margaret Buck, President

The three members of the nominating committee to be selected by the General Meeting are Noella Oberlin, Janet Walker and Sandra Staley. They join Honorary President General Janice Lorenz and Nancy Brennan, who represents the Board, in selecting a slate of officers for 2017-2019 to be presented at the Congress.

It was announced that the 2017 Congress is to be in Charleston, S.C., the 2018 Congress is to be in Philadelphia, PA, and the 2019 Congress in Jacksonville, FL.

Second Vice President General Christine Crossan from Delaware told of a Tour of South Africa. We are reminded that many Huguenot traveled there to escape persecution.

A beautiful Memorial Service for our deceased National Huguenot Society members was led by Chaplain General Joel Strauch.

OFFICER REPORTS

CHAPLAIN GENERAL

Chaplain General's Report for General Council Meeting, April 12, 2017

I continue to enjoy participating in our ministry on behalf of the members of the National Huguenot Society. Among our activities since our last General Council meeting are:

- Receiving notifications of the death of members and information on the next of kin; our reported necrology totals 51 since our last General Council meeting in April, 2016;
- Writing personal notes of condolence to the families of our members;
- Leading worship for our memorial services for the Huguenot Faithfully Departed, at our annual meetings and congresses, with an emphasis on selecting liturgies that reflect our Reformed faith;
- Acting as a resource for the state societies, relating to activities of their chaplains;
- Presented to the Delaware Huguenot Society dinner at the historical Hale-Byrnes House - title of the presentation: *The Huguenots: A Rich Vein in American Genealogy*, based on my personal Huguenot lineage and the history of genealogy in America;
- Continuing reading of books on Huguenot genealogy and background, particularly *Family Trees: A History of Genealogy in America*, by François Weil, and *John Calvin, A Biography*, by T. H. L. Parker;
- Responding to our President General's request to assist in the oversight of the Society's finances by re-activating our Finance Committee; and
- Supporting the activities of the Huguenot Society of Virginia, serving as Treasurer and member of the board and developing candidates for membership.

I appreciate the help and support that our officers and members have extended to me over the past year and look forward to continuing to serve the National Huguenot Society.

Faithfully yours,
Rev. Joel E. Strauch

ORGANIZING SECRETARY GENERAL

I was fortunate to meet the state Regent of the DAR from Connecticut at our Georgia DAR Conference this spring. We had a nice chat about different organizations in that state and she assured me that she will pass the word to people that she knows in CT that would be interested in reviving our Society there. She is close to the state President of SAR and knows men and women who may be interested. Stay tuned!

I look forward to hearing that there is interest in getting these state Societies active once again. Please contact me with any questions or concerns regarding the health of your state society. I am here to help. My contact email address is: jbw81574@gmail.com.

With Huguenot faith and friendship,

Janet B. Walker

TREASURER GENERAL

No report since October 2015.

REGISTRAR GENERAL 12 April 2017

This report represents the full year report from April 10, 2016 thru April 7, 2017.

New Member Applications approved: 60

Applications Pending: 5

New Ancestors Approved: Anne Bourradier, Peter Mallard, Jacques Remy, Sebastian Cline, Jacques (Jacob of Welsch) Remy, and Jacques LaRoche. Please note: the Remy gentlemen mentioned are two different ancestors.

Supplemental applications approved: 15

Youth registrations certificates: 14

Dropped/Resigned: 55

Deceased: 51

Master Database: Address corrections, deceased members, journal returns, and dropped/resigned member information have been updated to the Master Member List and the Master Mailing list. This officer continues to study different Excel spreadsheet applications in order to streamline the Society's membership database.

Over sixty requests for information about membership from the NHS national website have been answered. Telephone requests are answered on a timely basis. Office duties also include filing applications, answering telephone calls and performing look-up information as requested by members and non-members.

It is a pleasure to serve the National Huguenot Society.

Submitted by:

Ann Carlton Oppenheimer, Registrar General 2015-2017

GENEALOGIST GENERAL 5 April 2017

This officer has answered emails and phone calls that have come to the Huguenot Society office and directed them to the Registrar General, Scholarship Chair or other officer. Some of the general inquiries about Huguenot ancestors are answered or directed to State Societies, when possible. This officer has assisted the Registrar General when requested and reviewed certain questionable applications.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Wright Brennan

HUGUENOT OFFICE

Product orders:

1. 2012 *Register of Qualified Huguenot Ancestors*, 19 books sold during the past year, April 2016 – April 2017 (This includes two libraries that ordered books.)
2. *Consolidated Update*, 53 sold for the same time period. (One complimentary copy sent to NEHGS for their listing in *American Ancestors*, as was done with the 2012 Register. One complimentary copy will be delivered to the DAR library as was done with the 2012 Register.)
3. Charms, 17 sold to date in 2017
4. Historical Sites & Burials, 2 sold

All products have been packaged and mailed.

All checks have been deposited.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Wright Brennan

STATE REPORTS

Alabama

The Alabama Huguenot Society held their Spring General Meeting and Educational Program on March 23 at the Country Club of Birmingham. The meeting was attended by 28 members and seven guests. In my absence, Vice President Betty Weir presided over the meeting. Steve Saxon, our Chaplain, delivered the Invocation and requested that the members and guests sing the Doxology. There were enough members present for a quorum to be declared. The Chapter had some business to address, which included the election of a nominating committee. The Nominating Committee consists of Bonny Shanks, Jerry Thompson and Anne Whitt.

The Educational Program was lead by Russell Hooper from Franklin, TN. He has assembled the world's largest collection of Matthew Fontaine Maury papers in the world. He presented a wonderfully informative program about the Maury and the Fontaine families and their Huguenot connection. The Maury and Fontaine families were both Huguenot families who fled France because of religious persecution since the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes. Mr. Hooper highlighted three members of the Maury and Fontaine families – The Reverend Jacque Fontaine Maury, Matthew Fontaine Maury and Mary Anne Fontaine Maury. Mary Anne translated the family journal “Memoirs of a Huguenot Family” from French to English. Matthew Fontaine Maury, the famous “Pathfinder of the Seas”, was an American historian, oceanographer, author, geologist and educator.

The General Business Meeting and Educational Program were followed by a wonderful meal that was enjoyed by all members and guest. The members and their guests lingered at the Country Club of Birmingham talking with each other about family heritage and current events.

Respectfully,
Emily Hornak, President

Arizona

The Huguenot Society of Arizona held its 2017 spring meeting on March 25th at the Blue Water Grill in Phoenix. As usual, this was a joint meeting with the First Arizona Company of the Jamestowne Society, the State Society Magna Charta Dames and Barons and, for the first time, the Descendants of Lady Godiva Society! It is always a delight to hold joint meetings. There are many of our members who belong to at least another one or more of these groups. It is a very good way to share information and attract new members as well as finding new cousins.

This was my last meeting as State President. It has been a very short two years!

As all organizations were installing officers, no program was given. Before the installation, the induction of two new members (of five this year) was held. They are shown in the accompanying picture. The other three were inducted at our October, 2016 meeting.

The installation of new officers followed the induction ceremony. The installation was performed by Chaplain Dr. Bill Hearter. Our incoming officers are shown from left to right in the accompanying picture. Our meeting was then adjourned to be followed by the State Society Magna Charta Dames and Barons.

The next meeting of the Arizona Huguenot Society and the associated groups will be held October 28, 2017 at the McClelland Irish Library in



L-R: John Thorne, Registrar; new members, Patricia and Evelyn Nightingale; and President, Dusti Ide

central Phoenix. A morning of research is planned followed by lunch at the Spaghetti Factory. The idea for the library meeting came from the Society of Descendants of Lady Godiva. The presentation of new ideas is yet another reason why joint meetings are so useful! Although this library specializes in Irish research, it does contain other information. Many of our members are of Irish descent as well as French Huguenot and so are eagerly looking forward to this visit.

I hope that your summer research will find the answers to many of your brick walls! Have a lovely summer and thank you for the privilege of serving as the State President for the last two years.

Dusti Ide
Past State President, Current Vice-President

California

The California Society has donated \$22,530 to the National Huguenot Society's permanent scholarship fund.

Delaware

The Delaware Society continues to be active. Its president, Kim Burdick, holds a number of events for hereditary and historical societies at the Hale-Byrnes House in Newark, Delaware. Kim also serves as the chairman of the Scholarly Works Committee for NHS. This Editor has discovered that, in her "spare time," in late 2016 Kim authored and released her new book, entitled "Revolutionary Delaware: Independence in the First State (Military)." Kudos to Kim Rogers Burdick!

Janice Murphy Lorenz, Editor

Florida

Our membership in 2016 declined slightly. We did have 7 new members approved, the largest number in several years. We have had two members approved through March 2017, and several more applications at various stages in the process. Our state Registrar carefully reviews each application to assure they meet current standards. So far, her approval rate is 100%. The six chapters continue to be active and have at least two meetings a year featuring speakers on topics relevant to Huguenot history and/or genealogy in general.

The Allen-Parker Scholarship Program continues to be successful and provide scholarships to Florida students who are descendants of Huguenots. In 2017 the suggested awards will total \$1200.

The annual meeting will be held in late April in Lakeland Florida. This will include elections of officers for the 2017-2019 term. The proposed slate of officers is: President David J. Bahn, Vice President Kenneth E. Carter, Chaplain Jo Lee Potts, Recording Secretary Peggy A. Stottmann, Corresponding Secretary Linda L. Smith, Treasurer David J. Bahn, Registrar Catherine Paunov, Historian/Librarian Katherine E. Sapp, Counselor Mary N. Morgan.

David Bahn, President

Georgia

The Huguenot Society of Georgia continues to recruit new prospects. We are working hard to get the word out that we are an active organization with friendly people and worthy goals. Our theme for the last two years has been: Membership, Friendship and Partnership. The goals of my administration have been: to increase membership by talking about our Society at other lineage meetings and in our communities and inviting friends to attend our meetings; to foster stronger friendships by encouraging attendance at our events and meetings and getting to know our fellow members; and to commit to a partnership by getting involved, such as volunteering for a special project or helping an officer or committee chair with a job so that



Treasurer, Lee Nelson; Secretary, Ann Curry; Registrar, John Thorne; Chaplain, Dr. Bill Hearter; Vice-President, Dusti Ide; and president, Kathy Machmer.

more than just a few are doing the work of the Society. I believe that we have met some of these goals but we still have much to do!

Over the past year, we have donated many Huguenot-related books, including our Ancestor Registers and Updates, to our state libraries with genealogical sections. We encouraged all members who have back issues of *The Cross* to donate them to their local genealogical library. We have awarded a scholarship for fall 2017 to student who is a Youth Registrant of our Society. We had silent auction tables at one meeting to raise money for our projects and donations. We participated in wreath-laying services in Macon and Atlanta which raised our profile among other lineage and patriotic societies. We have ordered permanent magnetic nametags to be kept and used by the Society at our meetings.

At our fall meeting in Macon we invited Dr. Christopher Stokes to speak on the Lanier family and we were delighted to have 62 people present. We recognized our two newest members and they were given New Member Welcome Packets, which included a yearbook, a copy of *The Cross* magazine, a welcome letter from the president, and an insignia order form. We continue to feel that this is an important way to make our newest members feel educated about our Society and immediately included. We are still encouraging our members to order and wear their Huguenot Society insignia to our meetings and events. This promotes pride and camaraderie in our Society.

Our spring meeting was in Atlanta and some of our early Society members told of the beginnings of our state group and shared memories. It was wonderful!

We are looking forward to our next meeting this month in Macon which will feature a program about Paul Revere and other Huguenot Silversmiths. We are always happy to have National officer Noella Oberlin and many of our Honorary Presidents attend our meetings.

Our state is large and it is a challenge to accommodate our members with a convenient meeting location. We are continuing to alternate one meeting in Atlanta and one elsewhere, usually in the middle Georgia/Macon area.

The Huguenot Society of Georgia 2017-2019 New Officers

President	Juanita Nichols Jones jgjones1022@gmail.com
1st VP	Marjorie Nolan Wilson
2d VP	Sarah Upshaw Crittenden
Chaplain	Judith Ann Vance Lowery
Recording Secretary	Sara Elizabeth Parker Sims
Corresponding Secretary	Marion Moore Bird Martin
Treasurer	Lynne Marie Allen Tate
Registrar	Gloria "Tina" Gowdy Peavy
Historian	John Parham Rabun, Jr.
Librarian	Virginia Parsons Jackson Wolf
Curator	John Thomas Trussell
Parliamentarian	Rebecca Malone West

Janet B. Walker, Immediate Past President

Illinois

The May meeting this year was held at, of all places, a French café in Highwood near Highland Park. This is in keeping with the Huguenot Society of Illinois' striving to do more events/meetings in a French atmosphere. Bonnie Gerth, wife of Director Stephen Gerth, graced the meeting by singing the Huguenot anthem. Steve brought our beautiful flags. Director Jim Barr arranged for and moderated a panel discussion, "In Dutch, In Faith, In Huguenot," inviting guest participants, Honorary President General The Rev. Travis T. DuPriest, Vice President of the Huguenot Society of Wisconsin; The Rev. Peter Irvine, President of the Huguenot Society of Wisconsin, dual member of Illinois Society; and the immediate Past President of the Holland Society of New York, Robert Schenck, M.D.

This meeting was well-attended. President General Jeannine Kallal did the honors of installation of the 2017-2019 Council and Directors. New members Sharon Zingery and Mary Engstrom were in attendance. Guests included Mrs. Marcia Schenck, wife of Dr. Robert Schenck, and Wayne J. Holman, retired physics professor from MIT. Prospective members Sue Erlick and Mary Helfrich were present and very welcome. A memorial was given for the date Audrey Howe by Chaplain Maurine Hoepfner.



The next meeting will be for an outing to the Saint Jeanne d'Arc Chapel in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on the Feast Day, May 30th, with The Rev. Peter Irvine and the Huguenot Society of Wisconsin. This chapel is an exquisite piece of France in America. Jeanne d'Arc, of course, was the 19 year old French martyr, burned at the stake for her part in the French resistance, by a pro-English Catholic bishop, in 1431. She indeed protested against the reigning religious authority, much predating the Protestant Reformation, which began about 1517. She was declared a national symbol of France by Napoleon Bonaparte.

Nancy Schultz, President; Darcy Juraska, VP; Director Jeannine Kallal, NHS President General; Carol Wandschneider, Treasurer; Susan Fredrickson, Historian Librarian; Linda Wingstrom, Registrar; June Chapek, Chaplain; Cary Stone-Greenstein, Director; Sonja "Sunny" Hayes, Director; Stephen Gerth, Director (not in picture)

Garder la foi,

Nancy Schultz, President

Members at Large

On behalf of our Canadian members, Monsieur René Peron reports that he and his wife are now residents in a care facility for WWII veterans and spouses. He has reminded us that several years ago he gave National the book, *François Peron, Marchand-engagiste, bourgeois et avitailleur de La Rochelle*. As most of you know, National has donated most of its library to the Huguenot Collection, which resides at the DAR Library in Washington, D.C., and Mr. Peron's book is one of them. He is now beginning to translate this book from French into English for us. François Peron was the uncle to Marthe (Martha) Peron of the L'Hommedieu and Peron lineages mentioned in the *2012 Register of Qualified Huguenot Ancestors*. Indeed, he was and is the ancestor to close to 100,000 descendants here in America, both Canada and the USA.

Mississippi

The Huguenot Society of Mississippi has had two meetings since Mid- October 2016. The Fall 2016 meeting was held in Madison, Mississippi with the program being a screen presentation of pictures taken in Normandy and Paris by Jay Buck, husband of Mississippi Society President Mary Margaret Buck. They had recently returned from a trip to France. Chocolate candy in the shape of Tour Eiffel were given to those at the meeting.

The Spring 2017 meeting was held in Ridgeland and Bill Prestage, Vice President of HSM, presented a most interesting program on "How Huguenot descendants were fundamental in the founding of Mississippi." This was about his Huguenot ancestor, Antoine Pintard, who migrated to New York, and his descendants. Antoine Pintard's daughter Magdalen married James Hutchins. Her children ended up in what is now Mississippi. Antony Pintard Hutchins was a Colonel in the British Army 60th Regiment and fought in the French and Indian War. He received a 250,000 acre land grant and moved to the Natchez District of West Florida, settling in White Apple Village near Natchez in 1773.

Another grandson of Antoine Pintard was Thomas Hutchins, brother of Anthony. He was Captain of the Royal Engineers and served in the 60th Regiment, a colonist regiment. He surveyed West Florida in 1772 as a result of the 1763 Treaty of Paris and developed the Public Land Survey System. He was named Geographer of the United States and wrote several survey books.

A third grandson was John Anthony Hutchens who was a Lt. Colonel in the North Carolina Militia. His son John settled in Lawrence County, Mississippi Territory in 1810. We enjoyed learning more of Mississippi History.

A Memorial Service for Dee Abbott and Robert Gaston was led by Chaplain Clarissa Davis. It was also announced that Billie Breedlove is our newest member.

There are several prospective members and hope to have them fill out their applications in 2017.
Mary Margaret Buck, President.



MO President Blair Pickard presenting Anne Sizemore with her Past President pin

Missouri

The Missouri Society will be installing new officers in May, so it's about time to report the present President, Blair Pickard, presenting Past President, Anne Sizemore, with her Past President pin. Blair is an active member who is the son of Dr. Clarence Pickard, past National Surgeon General, who passed away in 2002. Anne is an active member who holds the distinction of having the whole Sizemore family in the Missouri Society. For many years Anne and her three sons have held their membership on ancestor Jean DeJarnette. Anne's husband, William Christian (Chris), recently became a member of the Missouri Society on ancestor Cornielle/Cornelis Melyn.

Although Blair's mother, Erica, has no Huguenot ancestry, she is the Societies' "adopted Huguenot member." Erica has given such interesting programs for the Society. Among them have been Paul Revere, Silver Jewelry Making and New England Grave Stone Carvings. Members enjoyed the program given by member Marilyn Feaster on wedding traditions.

The Missouri Society strives for new members, and current membership runs about 70. Sadly, the Society lost four members, one of them Past President Laurie Fuemmeler.

The Society meets two times a year, May and October, in Columbia, Missouri, which is in the center of the state to encourage attendance. The Society has a joint meeting with lunch and a program with the Missouri Society Dames of the Court of Honor and the John Corbin-Martha Custis chapter of the Daughters of the American Colonists.

Respectfully submitted,
Sara Branton, Treasurer sarajkb3@gmail.com

Nebraska

February 25, the Lincoln Chapter of the Nebraska Society Sons of the American Revolution hosted their fifth annual American Heritage Dinner. The event was designed to foster education and camaraderie between the many patriotic organizations in Nebraska that have a common goal of remembrance and honoring our patriotic ancestors and their contributions to the United States. The dinner is held on the weekend closest to President George Washington's birthday, as a way of honoring and remembering him and the sacrifices of all our Patriot Ancestors.

Other participating patriotic organizations included: DAR, Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, Mayflower Society, Huguenot Society, Order of Founders and Patriots of America, Daughters and Sons of the War of 1812, Magna Charta, Plantagenet Society, Colonial Dames of the Seventeenth Century, Daughters of Founders of North America 1492-1692, American Legion and the VFW. The interaction with representatives from other patriotic organizations, food, displays and speakers were enjoyed by all.

Respectfully submitted,
CMSgt (Ret'd) Robert Knott



NE Society meeting 25 February 2017, L-R: Standing-John Reinert; CMSgt (Ret'd) Robert Knott; Judith Moore; Seated-Thomas Masters; Sharon Fitts, President; and Paul Moore.

North Carolina

The Huguenot Society of North Carolina met on April 8, 2017 at the Carolina Club in Chapel Hill, NC. A social was held prior to the meeting which began at Noon.

Elaine Baldasare, President, welcomed the attendees to the 79th year anniversary of NC Society. Mary Ann Hepler, Chaplain, gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance and the salute to the Huguenot Flag.

We were pleased with the number of members and guests who attended. We welcomed our new members in attendance: Bob Boykin, Harriett Garrett, John Harman and Polly Jarrett. We also introduced 12 prospective members and several guests.

The 2015-2017 officers were recognized and each presented with a Chuck Norton Huguenot cross from the president: Jane Thomas, Vice President; Mary Ann Hepler, Chaplain; Carol Jutte, Secretary; Ann Mueller, Treasurer; Marie Thiele, Registrar (absent) and Suzanne Sauter, Historian. This team of officers worked great together and their efforts were applauded.

Mary Ann held a Memorial Service for four members: Barbara Hall became a member on May 2, 2016 and passed away 12 days later on May 14, Larry Thomas, Lucie Johnson and Edward Cumming. . .Mr. Cumming had been a member for almost 54 years. Mary Ann's granddaughter, Ellie Hepler, a registered youth with the National Huguenot Society, did a splendid job assisting as a page.

After lunch, Randell Jones was introduced to give a program on "Huguenots Connections to the Battle of Kings Mountain, October 7, 1780." He was energetic and informative in sharing his research on this subject. Mr. Jones is a storyteller and author of 9 history books and videos. He has received National and State recognition for his work.

We returned to our business meeting with officers giving their reports. Noteworthy, over the course of a year, the Society voted on inviting 28 prospectives to join the Society. We also welcomed 11 new members and 4 reinstated members during that timeframe.

We continue to recognize our members with certificates for membership milestones with 9 being mailed during the last year.

Following the reports, our scholarship winner, Haley McLoud was presented with a certificate for her award. Haley is in law school at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Judith Rembert, previous State President, presented the slate of officers that the members had voted on. The following officers were installed for 2017-2019:

Elaine Baldasare, President
 Bob Boykin, Vice President
 Mary Ann Hepler, Chaplain
 Carol Jutte, Secretary

The meeting adjourned with a reminder to mark April 7, 2018 as our next meeting and to take part in the group photo.

In Huguenot Faith,
 Elaine Baldasare, President



NE Society meeting 25 February 2017, L-R: Standing-John Reinert; CMSgt (Ret'd) Robert Knott; Judith Moore; Seated-Thomas Masters; Sharon Fitts, President; and Paul Moore.

MEMORIES OF APRIL IN WASHINGTON, D.C.



Honorary President General Barbara C. MacManus (TX), Genealogist General Nancy W. Brennan (TX), First Vice President General Sandra Staley (TX), and President General Jeannine S. Kallal (IL)



Leslie Reynolds (IL), Rachel Wills (Honorary President VA), and Brenda Rose (Pres. VA)



Chaplain General Joel E. Strauch (VA), Honorary President General Janice M. Lorenz (DC), Nancy Schultz (Pres. IL), and Registrar General Ann Oppenheimer (TX)



Corresponding Secretary General Noella M. Oberlin (TN), and Martha Ann Whitt (AL)



Emily Hornak (AL), Honorary President General Janice Lorenz (DC), Illinois President Nancy Schultz, and Registrar General Ann Oppenheimer (TX)



Nina S. Carter (MO), Leslie Reynolds (IL), Rachel Wills (Honorary President VA), Brenda Rose (Pres. VA), Honorary PG Barbara MacManus, Genealogist General Nancy Brennan, and First Vice President General Sandra Staley



Recording Secretary General Mary Margaret Buck (Pres. MS), and Kathy Carey (IL)



Gigi Best-Richardson (FL), Peggy Goldenman (WA), Organizing Secretary General Janet B. Walker (outgoing Pres. GA), Chaplain General Joel E. Strauch (VA)



Robin Crossan (guest), Second Vice President General Christine Crossan, Nancy Schultz (Pres. IL)



Honorary President General Janice M. Lorenz, Genealogist General Nancy W. Brennan, Honorary President General Barbara MacManus, Recording Secretary General Mary Margaret Buck, Registrar General Ann Oppenheimer, and Corresponding Secretary General Noella M. Oberlin at the Colonial Dames XVIIIth Century Dinner Gala in Washington, D.C.

Oklahoma

Greetings from Oklahoma. So very sorry that I could not attend the April meeting in Washington, DC. I will always have memories of the first meeting that I attended in Washington. The Mayflower was amazing. You are such a special group and I am so very proud to be a part of it. We have two prospective members in the wings. We are all determined to meet in the spring and have the subject be, "RESTARTING AGAIN." We are doing fine. We in Oklahoma send you good health and much happiness.

Blessings to all,
Donna Gantt, President



PA President Lydia R. Freeman and PA Society members who met with Joe Beyer, owner of the Beyer Studio, which is restoring the "Huguenot Window" at the Valley Forge Washington Memorial Chapel

Pennsylvania

Fellow Huguenots,

The PA Huguenot Society had its Annual meeting on May 6th, 2017 at the historic Inn 422 in Lebanon, PA. We had a good turnout. We remembered the members that died this year by reading their names. I shared pictures of the restoration work being done on the "Window of Settlement" from my visit to the Beyer Studio. Joe Beyer had given us a tour of the studio and the process in restoring each panel. We were able to see them working on the "French Huguenot" panel.

The French Alliance Day was held on the Washington Memorial Chapel on May 7th, 2017. The rain had stopped in time for the laying of the wreaths. The "Window of Settlement" was not yet installed, but we were able to see the restored "Revolutionary Window", with its beautiful color.

The PA State Huguenot Society is working on plans to have a dedication service as part of our 100th anniversary celebration. We will also be having several committee meetings about the plans for the 100th anniversary celebration of our Pennsylvania State society in 2018. We are hoping to be able to host the NHS Annual Congress on the first weekend of October 2018, in Philadelphia. Once we get more details worked out we will let everyone know.

The Jean Ribault Chapter will be have their spring meeting at the Cumberland County Historical Society with a luncheon to follow on June 10th, 2017. The PA State Huguenot Society chose to attend this chapter meeting instead of having a picnic.

Blessings in Huguenot Faith,
Lydia R. Freeman, President

Texas

The Huguenot Society of Texas met on February 4, 2017 at the Holiday Inn Airport in San Antonio. The speaker and honored guest was Jeannine Kallal, President General, The National Huguenot Society. Mrs. Kallal gave an inspiring talk highlighting the outstanding resources of the Society, *The Cross of Languedoc* magazine, the website, the 2012 Register and the recently published Consolidated Update to the 2012 Register. She presented some interesting facts:

"In 1559, there were about 15 Protestant churches, 2 years later, there were 2150. By 1562, there were probably a bit more than a million Huguenots vs. 15,000,000 Catholics. In the 16th century, the Huguenots were one-tenth of the population in France. By the late 18th century, only a few hundred thousand survived. In 1626, there were 809 pastors in the service of 751 churches; in 1802, there were 121 pastors and 171 churches."

Mrs. Kallal installed the Texas Society officers and the Languedoc Chapter officers.

Ann Oppenheimer, Registrar General presented new member certificates to Martha Jones and Kathy Totten.

Nancy Wright Brennan, President



A cartoon of the Huguenot Window.

Washington

Washington State has been suffering a decline in membership and participation like many other state societies due to age of our members or that of their spouses; of 14 members, barely a third are under 70 years old. As the last remaining society in the Northwest, finding new members is a primary goal. We were delighted to have three prospectives attend our Spring meeting! Our State Society brochures have just been updated and are being disbursed to libraries by our members in Washington and Oregon. To honor our heritage we continue our donations to Canterbury Cathedral. Engaging program topics such as the Siege at La Rochelle excerpted from TV's *Who Do You Think You Are?*, to historic entities or individuals like the Edict of Nantes, and Cardinal Richelieu are sought out for presentation. Officers were reelected to the same positions for another term, and we look forward to our biennial church meeting this Fall.

We were pleased that Past State President Peggy Goldenman attended the NHS meeting in Washington, D.C. in April.

Marissa Goldenman, President (2013-2019)

Washington, DC

Honorary President General Neoma O'Brien (DC) reports that her husband, former NHS Counselor General (whose service was so exemplary that he won a Silver Award) turned 100 years old this year. He enjoyed his birthday with his wife, Gold Award winner Honorary President General Neoma O. O'Brien, and all four of their children--two from California, one from Virginia, and one from Maryland. The O'Briens are doing well and are already making plans for next year. Neoma O. O'Brien

Wisconsin

The Huguenot Society of Wisconsin met on the Eve of Reformation Sunday, October 29, 2016, at Chez Jacques in Milwaukee. Peter Irvine presented a program on Claude Goudimel, Huguenot composer and martyr, who composed settings of the psalms that became the Geneva Psalter. The talk was accompanied by performances of Goudimel's works on flageolet, dulcimer, and voice. Goudimel lost his life in the St. Bartholomew's Eve Massacre.

The next meeting will take place at the Chapel of St. Joan of Arc at Marquette University in Milwaukee, on May 30, 2017, the feast day of this patron saint of France. Because St. Joan stood up to the ecclesiastical authorities of her day and was executed as a heretic, she is regarded as a precursor to the Huguenots. The meeting will include a service of Morning Prayer, using a Huguenot liturgy, to commemorate St. Joan's life and mission, and will be followed by a luncheon at the Coquette Café in Milwaukee. All are welcome.

Finally, we have created a Facebook page for the Huguenot Society of Wisconsin, found at <https://www.facebook.com/HuguenotSocietyofWisconsin/>. This development follows the creation of Facebook group for the National Huguenot Society, found at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/HuguenotCross/>.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Peter Irvine, President



Partial picture of the WI Society meeting, including President The Rev. Peter Irvine, standing; IL Society President Nancy Schultz (IL); and James F. Barr (IL).



Heather Jackson and her mother enjoy the WI Society luncheon, at which WI President, The Rev. Peter Irvin, performed musical works on ancient instruments (not pictured due to space constraints)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Publications

The Publications Committee has continued to publish *The Cross of Languedoc*, the publication twice yearly. It is a joy and a privilege to serve as its Editor.

The Committee is preparing various products for sale through our website and San Antonio office, including stationery. Although they will be ready and available before October, we plan to display and sell them on behalf of NHS at Congress in Charleston. As soon as they are ready, we will post an announcement and details on the NHS website, www.huguenot.netnation.com.

In addition to products, by October we will also have ready for sale the master's thesis book mentioned in our prior reports, which yours truly has been diligently working on for the past couple of years, in between moving house almost yearly. I hope Gregory Michael Smith, the Master's Thesis author, will forgive the multiple delays in the production of my half of the book; delays due to learning curves and because our family has moved in order to support my husband's answering a "call" to alleviate the suffering of our active duty military, his latest endeavor is serving as psychiatrist at a US Naval Medical Center at a Marine Corps base. In addition to the informative Master's Thesis by Gregory Michael Smith about Huguenots in 19th century literature, which won our Scholarly Work Award in 2011, the upcoming book will contain articles which I have curated, and most importantly, an array of portraits and other artwork which is relevant in one fashion or another to Huguenots. Because the subject matter presented the opportunity to include such illustrative artwork, we anticipate publishing the book in both color and in (less expensive) black and white. As soon as it is released, we will publish a notice on our NHS website, and I will send an email to the General Council (i.e., state presidents, elected NHS board, Honorary Presidents General, and committee chairmen).

Janice Murphy Lorenz, Chairman, Editor

Scholarly Works Committee

The Scholarly Works 2016 Award Winner: *The Visual Theology of the Huguenots: Towards an Architectural Iconology of Early Modern French Protestantism, 1535 to 1623*, by Randal Carter Working. Pickwick Publications (February 18, 2016).

Our Scholarly Works Committee has selected this book as the best scholarly work published in 2016. Committee Chairman Kim Burdick liked its overview of French and Swiss-French Protestant ecclesiastical architecture using three seventeenth-century churches as case studies. She found that "in the final third of the book the story really comes alive; talking about the impact on the intellectual community of the works of the then-newly-discovered Roman architect, Vitruvius, Huguenot architects of the 16th century, and a look at adaptive reuse of older churches."

Honorary President General, The Rev. Travis DuPriest, voted for it because it "takes an unusual, if not unique, perspective on Huguenot worship." Dr. Working "looks at not just the texts of Huguenot worship, but the context, providing insights into the sacred space for worship and the adornment or lack of adornment of that space. His emphasis on the visual along with the verbal sets his book apart in its contribution to Huguenot studies."

Randy Working advises that he became interested in the story of the Huguenots through his interest in the Reformation, French, and Calvinism. "I find their story of persecution and resiliency to be compelling and inspirational." Although he is unaware of Huguenot ancestors in his family, he has wondered if it might be possible, since the Workings came to America from the Rhineland, and seem to have been Calvinist rather than Lutheran.

Randal Working earned a B.A. in Art (Whitworth University), an M.F.A. in Painting (University of Washington), and an M. Div., D. Min., and Ph.D. (Theology and Culture, Fuller Theological Seminary). He has taught for the University of Washington, Trinity Lutheran College, Seattle Pacific University, Ashland Theological Seminary, and Fuller Seminary, and

has designed and taught study tours in France, Switzerland, Germany, Mexico, Guatemala, Peru, Colombia, and Israel. He has shown his paintings in California, Washington, and Switzerland, and was visiting artist at Westmont College. Working is an ordained Presbyterian pastor, and is the author of *From Rebellion to Redemption* (a study of the Heidelberg Catechism), and commentaries on the Book of Romans and the Gospel of Matthew. His book, *The Visual Theology of the Huguenots*, was translated into Spanish as *La Teología Visual de las Iglesias Reformadas*. He is married to a native of Geneva, Switzerland.

Dr. Working will be presenting an academic paper entitled “*House of God, or House of God’s People? Portraying the Divine in Reformed Worship,*” at the Christians in the Visual Arts Conference at Azusa Pacific University in June 2017.

Scholarship Committee

Committee Chairman Honorary President General Neoma O. O’Brien is pleased to announce that the Scholarship Committee has selected Shelby Amanda Gowdy as the winner of The National Huguenot Society’s Scholarship Award for 2017. Shelby will begin her junior year in September of 2017 at the University of North Georgia, Dahlonega, GA. Her Huguenot ancestor is John Root I. Her cumulative GPA is 3.33.

The University of North Georgia, Dahlonega Campus, is easily recognized by the gold covered steeple of the Administration Building, which is listed on the National Register of Historical Places. In the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, about an hour north of metro Atlanta, the area is home of the first major gold rush in the nation.

Shelby sent a gracious thank you note to the National Huguenot Society. “Thank you so much, I cannot even begin to explain how much I appreciate the awarding of this scholarship. Thank you!”



Shelby Gowdy

Our congratulations and very best wishes to Shelby as she continues her studies at the University of North Georgia!

Honorary President General Neoma O. O’Brien, Chairman

Youth Committee

David Crossan, Jr. was our winner of the Youth Essay Contest for 2016. We are very proud of this young man as he has won for two straight years. Books are being reviewed to be added to our list of approved books for the Essay Contest. We encourage our youth to participate in the Youth Contest for 2017. Our Youth Contest awards dollar prizes! Details are available on the National website, www.huguenot.netnation.com.

Jo Hill, Chairman

TWO HUGUENOTS HONORED WITH HONORARY MEMBERSHIP IN THE HEREDITARY SOCIETY COMMUNITY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

We are quite pleased to announce that two of our members were selected for honorary membership in The Hereditary Society Community of the United States of America at that organization's annual reception this past April in Washington, D.C. held at Anderson House.

The first of the HSC events in 2017 was attended by a number of Huguenots.



NHS President General Jeannine S. Kallal (IL) and The Rev. Jack Early (KY) are honored by The Hereditary Society Community of the United States of America



Dr. Jack Early (KY) and his grandson, Chris Martin of Richmond, Virginia



Member and HSC founder Barry Christopher Howard (KY) and President General Jeannine Kallal (IL)



Seated L-R: Honorary President General Janice M. Lorenz; Honorary President General Barbara C. MacManus; Honorary President Huguenot Society of Virginia Rachel Wills. Standing L-R: Genealogist General Nancy Wright Brennan; Recording Secretary General Mary Margaret Buck (also President of the Huguenot Society of Mississippi); Registrar General Ann Oppenheimer; and Carla Whitehurst Odom, a HSC member and member of the Huguenot Society of North Carolina.

HUGUENOTS AND THEIR DESCENDANTS IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR

Genealogist General Nancy Wright Brennan has compiled a list of Revolutionary War Huguenots listed in our Approved Register of Qualified Huguenot Ancestors who also appear in the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) patriots files.

	DAR Ancestor number		DAR Ancestor number
Christian Ankeny, Lt. PA Son of Johann Theobold Agne Grandson of Johann Heinrich Agne Great Grandson of Pierre/Peter Anguenet/Agney/ Ankeny	A002923	Andrew Chaudoin, Private VA Son of François/Francis Chaudoin/Chadouin	A021261
Peter Ankeny, Lt Col. PA Son of Johann Theobold Agne Grandson of Johann Heinrich Agne Great Grandson of Pierre/Peter Anguenet/Agney/ Ankeny	A002826	John Chaudoin, Private VA A207264Son of François/Francis Chaudoin/Chadouin	
John Jean Benning Capt. VA Son of Antoine/Anthony Benin/Benning Grandson of François/ Francis Benin/Benning	A009337	Anthony Dibrell, Patriotic service VA Son of Christophe/Christoffe/Christopher DuBreuil/ Dubril/Dibrell	A033489
Lewis Bobo, Patriotic Service, Capt. SC Son of Spencer Bobo/Baubeau/BeauBeau/Bodeau Grandson of Gabriel Bobo/Baubeau/BeauBeau/Bodeau	A011632	Charles Dibrell, Ensign VA Son of Anthony/Antoine Dibrell Grandson of Son of Christophe/Christoffe/Christopher DuBreuil/Dubril/Dibrell	A033500
Sampson Bobo, Capt. SC Militia Son of Spencer Bobo/Baubeau/BeauBeau/Bodeau Grandson of Gabriel Bobo/Baubeau/BeauBeau/Bodeau	A011633	Anthony Dibrell, Jr., Private VA Son of Anthony/Antoine Dibrell Grandson of Son of Christophe/Christoffe/Christopher DuBreuil/Dubril/Dibrell	A033493
Joseph Bondurant, Patriotic service VA Son of Jean Pierre/John Peter Bondurant	A011941	David Dumas, Patriotic Service NC Son of Benjamin Dumas Grandson of Jérôme/Jeremiah Dumas	A034568
Johann Martin Simon/John Bonnet, Civil Service PA Son of Jean Jacques Bonnet(t)	A012019	Peter Fayssoux, Lt. Patriotic service SC Son of Daniel Fayssoux/Foisseau	A039563
Samuel Bonnet, Patriotic service VA Son of Jean Jacques Bonnet(t)	A012024	James Ford, Sr., Patriotic Service Son of Pierre Fauré Grandson of Daniel Isaac Fauré	A040837
Jean/John Bouchillon, Lt. militia SC (immigrant)	A204451	Peter Forney, Capt. NC Son of Jacob Ferney/Fernay/Forney/Farney Grandson of Pierre Ferney/Fernay/Forney/Farney	A041561
Robert Brevard, Patriotic Service NC Son of Jean Brevard	A014078	Isaac Garrison, Patriotic service, NC Son of Isaac Garrison Grandson of Isaac Garrison	A044314
James Brewer, Capt. NJ Son of Pierre/Peter Bruyère/Bruère Grandson of Jacques Bruyère/Bruère	A014113	Isaac Garrison, Lt. NY Son of Beverly/Bavil Garrison Grandson of Isaac Garrison	A044308
John Brickey, Patriotic Service VA Son of Peter Brique/Bricquet/Brickey Grandson of Jean de/John Brique/Bricquet/Brickey	A091099	Pierre/Peter Gilbert, Lt. SC (immigrant)	A044728
		Francis Lamar III, Capt. NC Son of Francis II La Mare/ Delamar/Lamar Grandson of François La Mare/ Delamar/Lamar	A031423

DAR Ancestor number		DAR Ancestor number	
Pierre/Philippe LeRoy, soldier SC Son of Pierre Michel LeRoy	A069403	Glode Requa, Capt., Patriotic service, NY Son of Glode Requier/Requa/L'Escuyer/L'Equier Grandson of Gabriel Requier/Requa/L'Escuyer/ L'Equier	A095507
Henry Mouzon II, Capt. SC Son of Henry Mouzon Grandson of Louis/Lewis Mouzon	A206502	Christian Riblet, non commissioned officer PA Son of Bartholomew Riblet(te) Grandson of Christian Riblet(te)	A096086
John Pasteur, Naval Capt. VA Son of Jean Pasteur	A088497	Paul Revere, Civil Service, Patriotic Service Lt. Col Son of Apollos/Paul Rivoire/Revere Grandson of Isaac Rivoire/Revere Great grandson of Jean de Rivoire/Revere	A095546
John Ernest Poyas, SC Patriotic Service Son of Jean Louis Poyas	A092373		
Robert Purviance, Civil Service, Patriotic Service Son of Samuel Purviance Grandson of Jacques II Purviance Great Grandson of Jacques Purviance	A092324	Pierre Jacques/James Roquemore, Patriotic Service Son of Pierre Roquemore/Roquemaure	GA097577
James Purviance, Capt. NC Son of John Purviance Grandson of Jacques Purviance II Great Grandson of Jacques Purviance	A092319	Samuel Swilley, soldier SC Son of Stephen Souillé/Souillet Grandson of Nicolas Souillé/Souillet Grandson of Jean Souillé/Souillet	A112055
David Purviance, Patriotic Service NC Son of John Purviance Grandson of Jacques Purviance II Great Grandson of Jacques Purviance	A200047	John Sevier, Col. VA Son of Valentine Xavier/Sevier Grandson of Jean/John Xavier/Sevier	A102092
John Purviance, Civil Service, Patriotic Service Son of John Purviance Grandson of Jacques Purviance II Great Grandson of Jacques Purviance	NCA092322	Valentine Sevier, Jr., Maj. Civil Service VA Son of Valentine Xavier/Sevier Grandson of Jean/John Xavier/Sevier	A102097
		Samuel Woting, Corporal PA Son of Abraham Vautrin/Votrin/Wotring	A130664
Peter Quintard, Sgt. CT Son of Isaac Quintard Grandson of Isaac Quintard	A093300	Abraham Wotring, Lt. PA Son of Abraham Vautrin/Votrin/Wotring	A130660

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS 1 January 2017 TO 25 JUNE 2017!

Alabama

Martha Ann Higginbotham Whitt Ancestor: Gabriel Bobo
Mary LaRoche Bailey Maiorano Ancestor: Jacques (James) LaRoche

California

Shirley Jean Kloberdanz Arendt Ancestor: Thomas Roote(s)/Root
Richard James DeCoe Ancestor: Lauren desCou/DeCou/DeCow

Florida

Ashely Rose Godwin Intriago Ancestor: Louis Philippe Paisant/Payzant
Karen Elizabeth Christie Ancestor: Nicholas de la Vergne
Constance Annette Corbett Taylor Ancestor: Chretien DuBois

Georgia

Lynne Marie Allen Tate Ancestor: John Vivion/Vivian
John Thomas Trussell Ancestor: Nicolas Lanier
Frederic C. Beil, III Ancestor: Pierre Monnet

Illinois

Sharon Kaye Zingery Ancestor: Louis Dubose
Robin Sue Turpin Ancestor: Pierre Fauconnier (II)
Laurie Anne Turpin Soderholm Ancestor: Pierre Fauconnier (II)
Ann Warren Wilkerson Ancestor: Guillaume de la Vigne
Susan Kay Chenoweth Erlick Ancestor: Jean Jacques Bonnett
Mary Margaret Helfrich Ancestor: Vincent Runyon
Lynne Neville Colter Witt Ancestor: Jacques Mahieu

North Carolina

Elizabeth Martin Hardison Hamer Ancestor: Leonard d'Auge/Dauge/Dozier
Polly Hawkins Jarrett Ancestor: Jacob Forney, Sr.
Harriet Raines Traynham Garrett Ancestor: Daniel Duval
Kristen Lee Loge Schutte Ancestor: Jean Loge/Logier
William Guy Jarrett, Jr. Ancestor: Jacob Forney, Sr.
Christine Palamountain McKeever Ancestor: Thomas Root
Dorothy Ann Boykin Pittman Ancestor: Thomas Lamar
Janet Marie Clair McLaughlin Ancestor: Daniel Duval/DuVal
Glenn Miller Davis Ancestor: Claudius Pegues

Oklahoma

Dallas LeRoy Fortney Ancestor: Jonas Fortineux

Texas

George Ronald Powell Ancestor: Henri Marchand

NECROLOGY: FAREWELL TO OUR DEARLY DEPARTED HUGUENOT MEMBERS

Chaplain General Joel E. Strauch led the Necrology Service by lighting a candle and asking those present to stand when the name of Huguenot decedent from their state, or of their acquaintance, is called. Members are also invited to briefly speak on behalf of a deceased of their acquaintance. Many of the names on this list had members stand and speak for them. *At the Editor's discretion, this time we are including a brief phrase describing the service to their state Society and to National made by various members.*

Alabama

Lilian Culley White
Molly Hicks Hagood
Elizabeth Pegues Hayes
John H. Newman, Jr.

Arkansas

Madelyn Louise Terry Payne
Mary Nell Turner

California

Barbara Jean McNew
Virgene Carey
Mary Elizabeth Whitesell
Beatrice Geraldine Hartshorn

Colorado

Robert Peterson

Florida

Roger Smith-who faithfully served the FL Society, and was Finance Committee Chairman and Parliamentarian for NHS for many years
Robert Burt-another beloved Huguenot gentleman who enthusiastically served our cause

Georgia

Charles Bell Upshaw
Charles Pack Danial
Thomas Malin Rogers

Illinois

Audrey Howe

Members at Large
Rodney Smith

Missouri

Dorothy Ellen Springer
Baumgartner
Dorothy Ross Crouch Mayhugh

Mississippi

Dee Thornton Abbott
Robert Thompson Gaston, Jr.

Nevada

Dorothy P. Appleton
Patricia Lee Moore Worcester-
faithfully served for many years
as Treasurer and Secretary

New Hampshire

Kathryn G. LeClair

New York

Nola Peyton Webb

North Carolina

Barbara Terry Hall
Lucie Jenkins Johnson
Edward Durnee Cumming
Larry Coyle Thomas

Pennsylvania

Anna Brenner
Gregory Dimmick
Frederick Hobbs
Doris Miller
Beth Roe
Amos Seldomridge

Ohio

Harold Taylor Duryee

Tennessee

Alice DuBose Conlin

Texas

Frederick P. Atchley
Jay Stuart MacManus
Jean Carter Young Fish
Grace Fisher DuePree

Virginia

Lorraine Jones Andrews
Marilyn Jean Law Cowan
Edward Prince

Washington

Elizabeth U. Gates
Leighton Rice

GENEALOGICAL NEWS FROM JACQUES GAGNE IN CANADA

North American family lineage researchers in most cases want quick answers to a query or a subject matter and once they have obtained required information, most will carry on their own online searches.

JeanLouis, I have taken the liberty of borrowing information from your excellent website
<http://shpfq1.org/>

The first part of the attached list the Protestant Filles du Roy identified by Irène Belleau of the Société d'histoire des Filles du Roy.

The web addresses for each of the Protestant Filles du Roy are those of Fichier Origine and of SHPFQ.

For those who are not familiar with Fichier Origine, said free online search engine address the majority of Catholic French Canadians who settled into New France (Nouvelle France) from 1604 onward.

In order to be included within the extensive databases at Fichier Origine, the staff, under the direction of Marcel Fournier and Micheline Perreault, were required to find the original act of baptism in France of the immigrants who settled New France.

The majority of immigrants were Catholics who settled in Nouvelle France.

A few hundreds were Protestants and in many cases if one cannot find on Fichier Origine the name of his or her ancestor, the reason might be that said immigrant was a Protestant in France or a person without a religious affiliation or a person who changed her or his name in order to avoid detection.

At the conclusion of the attached I have listed the four Filles du Roy of Hilary Clinton who were identified by Gail MoreauDesharnais of the FrenchCanadian Heritage Society in Michigan.

The first two were Catholics, for Catholic Parish Baptisms in France were found by Fichier Origine, namely **Madeleine Niel** and **Madeleine Plouard**.

The next two Filles du Roy of Hilary Clinton, Marcel Fournier and Micheline Perreault and their associates could not find the Catholic acts of baptisms in France, so it could indicate in part that the next two Filles du Roy were Huguenots.

>> **Jeanne Du Corps**

>> **Catherine Paulo**

I have recently sent to Claire Lindell, four or five research guides addressing the research process in France of Huguenot families from about 1596 to the French Revolution (1789-1799). In said research guides I have addressed the various repositories from which one can conduct an online search such as the Archives nationales de France in Paris, a number of Archives départementales of France (Regional Archives), Huguenot and Protestant Societies in France with databases of Protestant Church Registers or biographies of Protestant families.

Catherine Paulo Fille du Roy Ancestor to Hilary Clinton Catherine Paulo -1645-1721

Elle est baptisée au temple protestant de la ville de La Rochelle. Elle est la fille de Pierre Paulo et de Renée Cordetelle

She was baptized at the Protestant Temple in La Rochelle, France Daughter of Pierre Paulo and Renée Cordetelle. in La Rochelle, France in the ancient province of Aunis. She married Érienne Campeau dit Limousin, the latter with a birth of April 3, 1638 in BrivelaGaillarde, Limousin, France He was the son of Léonard Campeau dit Limousin and Françoise Mager Étienne Campeau dit Limousin died on April 3rd 1690 in VilleMarie (Montréal) Nouvelle France.

Catherine Paulo died in Montréal in 1721, will obtain more details later on her death.. The couple had 8 or 9 children. Traces in Quebec for this couple are obscure, at least for the time being except the yeas of death. See: **Filles du Roy Maison StGabriel** at www.maisonsaintgabriel.qc.ca/fr/programmation/350efillesduroy.php

Please note: The above text in the French language is only available on the descriptive Google Front Page. Simply enter onto Google: **Famille Paulo Protestants de La Rochelle en Aunis**. First result on Google is Maison StGabriel addressing **Catherine Paulo**.

**EXCERPT FROM INTRODUCTION OF A NEW BOOK BY HUGUENOT
DESCENDANT JAMES M. LOWRANCE,
*How Huguenot Protestant Reformers Changed the World (©2017)***

I remember as a teen, hearing my dad and his mother (my paternal grandmother) telling me that our family was part of the French Huguenot people of generations past. In fact a family history book of the Lowrance Family written by my cousin, a PhD physician in the early 1960s states that “Johannes Lorents”, a Huguenot born in La Rochelle, France, had children who first adopted the surnames Lowrance and Lawrence. I was amazed when only two years ago, I discovered “The National Huguenot Society” which lists Johannes Lorentz in the *Register of Qualified Huguenot Ancestors!* He and his family immigrated to Holland and later to America the USA and the surname-changes by his children, sounded less European and was likely to quell possible discrimination that could be directed toward them in New England.

After much study, I believe living descendants of this massive group of people who began the protestant reformation in approximately year 1511, largely still consider themselves Huguenots. I certainly consider myself one in spite of the fact that I do not live in France (country of John Calvin) or Germany (country of Martin Luther), nor have I ever been to these places. Regardless, my ethnic ancestry is largely French/German. Several DNA-Genome ethnicity tests I’ve taken, all showed French as a major part of my ancestry, one specifying 22% French/German....

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Present day Protestants owe a debt of gratitude especially to the French Huguenot’s Protestant Reformation Movement, which if not having happened would likely have allowed the Roman Catholic Church and its doctrines to have ruled the world to date. In great admiration of my Huguenot ancestors, I offer my own sincere Thank you for Protestant freedom we have as a result of your bravery and persistence!

James M. Lowrance



**WORTH THE READ! THE HUGUENOT JEAN ROU (1638-1711): SCHOLAR,
EDUCATOR, CIVIL SERVANT**

We are pleased to announce that we have a new author friend, Dr. Michaël Green, who researched and wrote the excellent book about the Huguenot Jean Rou, published by Honoré Champion of Paris, which was considered for the 2015 Scholarly Works Award. The full details are: *The Huguenot Jean Rou (1638-1711): Scholar, Educator, Civil Servant, series: Vie des Huguenots, Paris: Honoré Champion, 2015.*

We would like to share with you some of the reasons that this particular book deserves our Huguenot attention. Jean Rou was not only a Huguenot, a scholar, an educator, and a civil servant, he was also for a time a lawyer at the Parlement de Paris, and he was even a brief resident of the Bastille after his writing offended the Catholic Church. Despite the controversy he sometimes generated, he went on to build a distinguished and prominent career, first as a tutor, and later as a translator of the States-General of the United Provinces at The Hague. Jean Rou’s career path was fascinating, but one of the most important reasons the book is valuable is because Dr. Green has researched Huguenot culture extensively, and offers us important information about the educational views of Huguenots, their practical use of networking, and other interesting Huguenot social practices during one of the critical periods of Huguenot history.

Michaël Green has defended his PhD at the Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies, University of Groningen, the Netherlands. Since then, he conducted several research projects at the University of Geneva, Switzerland and at the IEG-Leibniz Institute for European History in Mainz, Germany. He has been awarded the Huguenot Prize 2011 as a promising young researcher working on the Huguenots. His research interests focus on Huguenot educators, Calvinist-Jewish relations, early modern social networks and nobility. In addition to numerous articles on these topics, he also edited the last book by the renowned historian of the Huguenots, the late Myriam Yardeni, which is currently in print. He is a collaborative researcher at the University of Cordoba, Spain.

POTENTIAL NEW CROMMELIN FAMILY MEMBER FROM CANADA ANNOUNCES NEW RESOURCES

This is an example of some of the correspondence that our Scholarly Works Committee and the Editor of The Cross of Languedoc receive from potential members and from current members.

As a descendent of Huguenot ancestors I have researched my French heritage and have posted my findings on our historical family website: <http://www.crommelin.org/home/enHome.htm>

I would be pleased if you would publicize an informative presentation that I have completed recently on the subject of 'Charenton' - the Huguenot temple of Paris in the 1600's.

<http://crommelin.org/Expo2018/Charenton/CharentonScript.htm> My preliminary research for this presentation appears on: <http://www.crommelin.org/history/Ancestors/Charenton/index.htm>

For the past 5 years I have also been translating letters written by my Huguenot ancestors that are archived at the SHPF Protestant museum in Paris. These letters were written in the 1600's during the time of persecution preceding the revocation of the Edict of Nantes. This (unfinished) project appears on: <http://www.crommelin.org/history/Biographies/Frederic/index.htm>

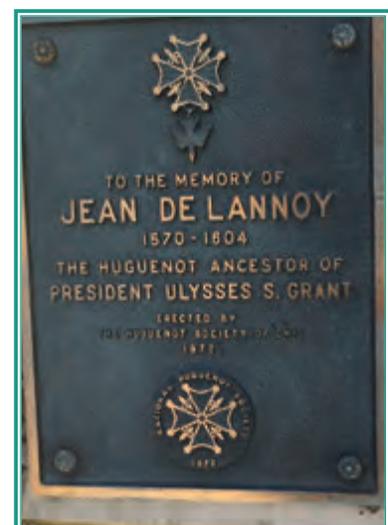
I have also recently posted a presentation about Antoine Benezet, another distant relation, who was a pioneer in getting slavery abolished in America. <http://crommelin.org/Expo2018/Benezet/Benezet.htm>

Any efforts by the Huguenot Society to help publicize these resources would be greatly appreciated. I would like to know more about your society and how I might be able to contribute further to your worthy endeavours to help keep our heritage alive.

Sincerely,
Miff Crommelin
Mission, B.C., Canada

HUGUENOT PLAQUE MARKER AT THE BIRTHPLACE OF GENERAL & PRESIDENT U.S. GRANT

The Honorable Glen Bower, a member of the Huguenot Society of Illinois, recently visited Point Pleasant, Ohio, the birthplace of President Ulysses S. Grant. As we are all aware, President Grant was also an illustrious Civil War General. Glen shares with us that photograph of the Huguenot marker explains that Grant was a descendant of Huguenot ancestor Jean De Lannoy.



James Dewey O'Brien 100th Birthday Celebration 3 June 2017

Having marked the 70th Wedding Anniversary with his wife Neoma on 1 June 2017, the 100th Birthday Celebration included family and many friends.

James Dewey O'Brien became "A Friend of the Huguenots" 3 July 1988, when his wife, Neoma O. O'Brien was admitted to membership. He attended meetings and functions of the Washington, DC, Huguenot Society, as well as National functions that were open to him until 1 March 2003 when he was admitted to membership. His Huguenot ancestor, John Valliant (Vaillant), nine generations removed, was born 1670 in France, came to London in 1685. With extensive research, a new ancestral line was established. Five generations beginning with John Valliant (Vaillant) were established by will, following generations were established with estate records.

In London the foundation of the "new churches" were not always easy to unravel, but the records of the Castle Street Church (where we find the Vaillant family) were more complete. The individual had to appear before the "reformed church" as it was called in London and renounce "la religion romaine" (Roman Catholic); had to renounce the doctrine of "transubstantiation", the mass, the cult of images", and purgatory before they could be admitted to the Castle Street Church (a reformed church, as French Protestant Churches were called).

James Dewey O'Brien, better known as Dewey, has served the National Huguenot Society, as well as many other tax exempt societies with pro bono legal service, both as official Officer and as a member. He served the NHS as Chairman of Finance 2003 – 2006, and Counselor General 2005 – 2007. On 12 April 2014 The National Huguenot Society awarded to him the NHS Distinguished Service Medal, which remains one of his prized possessions. (See *The Cross of Languedoc*, Fall 2014 issue, page 27.)

He and his family look forward to the beginning of his second century!



Former Counselor General James Dewey O'Brien and his wife, Honorary President General Neoma O. O'Brien on Dewey's 100th birthday

NATIONAL GENERAL OFFICERS ELECTION TO BE HELD AT CONGRESS

State Presidents, because there will be an election of new national officers held at our Congress in Charleston in October, you will need to fill out a Credentials Form naming your state's delegates who will attend Congress to vote on behalf of your state. Obtain the form from President General Jeannine Kallal, and send the completed form back to her well before Congress. You, as a State President attending Congress, automatically get to vote, but you are not technically a "delegate," *per se*; rather, your state must elect or appoint delegates from among your state's members who plan to attend the Congress. The number of delegates your state is entitled to send to Congress depends upon the number of members in your state society. See National Bylaws (current edition is 2013) for more details.

CARTOGRAPHIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE REGION CHANGES

This may be old news to some of you, but in 2016 France reduced the number of its administrative regions from 22 down to 13, changing the names of some and giving new names to others. Administrative regions in France do not make their own laws, but do exercise authority over expenditures in such areas as education, tourism, and the like. Each region is divided into departments. The existing departments were not changed, but some have the right to change regions up until 2019, so we will need to be aware of the potential for future changes in departments and in regional capitals when doing your research.

Specifically, the administrative changes are:

- Alsace, Champagne-Ardenne, and Lorraine are now Grand-Est;
- Aquitaine, Limousin, and Poitou-Charentes are now Nouvelle-Aquitane;
- Auvergne and Rhône-Alpes are now combined as Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes;
- Bourgogne and Franche-Comté were combined to form Bourgogne-France-Comté;
- Languedoc-Roussillon and Midi-Pyrénées were combined to form Occitanie;
- Nord-Pas-de-Calais and Picardie were combined to form Hauts-de France;
- Basse-Normandie and Haute-Normandie were combined to form Normandie.

Six regions remain unchanged:

- Bretagne
- Corse
- Centre
- Île-de-France
- Pays de la Loire
- Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur



Map of France in 2017 with its new administrative regions. Credit: Lesniewski at dreamstime.com.



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