"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".
Note From Your New Editor of:
The Cross of Languedoc

All Reports and other official documents prepared in the course of business for The National Huguenot Society should be emailed to the President General, Sylvia McAuliffe; the Recording Secretary, Linda Neal; and yours truly, Janice Lorenz, at:

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Bring the hard copy to meetings, but be sure to have emailed your document beforehand so that it will not have to be retyped in order to be considered for publication in the next Cross.

Photographs, articles or other material to be considered for publication in the Cross should be emailed to me at Lorenzj1@verizon.net.

If you must send hard copy, please mail it to me at:
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We truly welcome your submissions!

Notice!!

71st Annual Congress, Washington, D.C.

Board of General Officers Meeting
Friday, 6 April 2007

Annual Congress
Saturday, 7 April 2007

MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND NOW!
(See details on Page 14 of this issue.)

Imperial Easter Egg, 1914
St. Petersburg, Russia
Firm of Carl Faberge: Henrik Immanuel Wigstrom (workmaster); Vasilii Ivanovich Zuev (miniaturist)
Gold, diamonds, pearls, opalescent enamel, opaque enamel, silver, platinum, mirror
H. 4 ¾ inches (without stand)
Hillwood Museum & Gardens; Bequest of Marjorie Merriweather Post, 1973 (Acc no. 11.81.1-2)
Photo: Hillwood Museum & Gardens, Washington, DC
– COVER STORY

A HUGUENOT OF DISTINCTION: Peter Carl Faberge

Perhaps one of the most fascinating avenues of exploration of all things Huguenot is discovering that a well-known artist, writer, politician, or other person of achievement was or is of Huguenot descent. It is with that observation in mind that, as the new Editor of The Cross of Languedoc, I would like to feature Huguenots of distinction and achievement whenever possible in this and future issues. Many of you may already be aware that Peter Carl Faberge (30 May 1846-24 September 1920), perhaps the most famous and admired jeweler and goldsmith of his time, was of Huguenot descent. He was born in St. Petersburg, Russia, to jeweler Gustav Faberge and his Danish wife, Charlotte Jungstedt. Gustav’s father’s family were Huguenots who fled from France to Russia (albeit indirectly via Germany), along with many other Huguenots, where they were welcomed.

Peter Carl Faberge was fortunate to have been provided an excellent education by his parents, studying his chosen field of jeweler’s craft in Russia and abroad before returning to Russia to join his father’s jewelry business in 1870. He and his brother first attracted major international attention through his displays at the Pan-Russian Exhibition in Moscow in 1882. Shortly thereafter, he was appointed goldsmith and jeweler to the Russian Imperial court by Tsar Alexander III. He also served as court jeweler to other European royal houses. Faberge made an Easter egg each year for Tsar Alexander III to give to his wife. From 1895 to 1916, Tsar Nicholas II required Faberge to make two Easter eggs each year, one for his wife and one for his mother. Faberge also produced a host of other beautiful decorative objects in his unique style.

Thus was the career of an international goldsmith and jeweler superstar launched. Faberge’s style was opulent, just this side of ostentatious even, using not just the standard gold and other precious metals used by other jewelers of his time, but taking his creations to an entirely new and unprecedented level through the incorporation of precious and semi-precious stones and a mixture of an incredible array of designs. He was required to open several offices in Europe and to employ a large staff of workers to accommodate the demand for his beautiful products.

The Faberge egg featured on the cover is the Catherine the Great Easter Egg, created for Nicholas II to present to his mother, Maria Fedorovna, on Easter morning of 1914. The surprise in the egg has been lost, but reportedly was a mechanical sedan chair, carried by two blackamoors, with Catherine the Great seated inside. This gorgeous egg, along with several others, is a part of a collection owned by the Hillwood Museum & Gardens in Washington, DC (hillwoodmuseum.org). These form a part of Hillwood’s unique collection of Russian imperial art and French Decorative Arts collected by the late Marjorie Merriweather Post. Hillwood Museum & Gardens promises a warm welcome for our Huguenot members and guests who wish to visit them while attending our annual Congress festivities in April. Please contact them in advance (202-686-8500) to confirm their schedule.

Janice Murphy Lorenz
Editor
PRESIDENT GENERAL’S REPORT
Semi-Annual Council Meeting
Daytona Beach, Florida
Sylvia Frederic McAuliffe

There is good news and not-so-good news -- there have been problems -- but none that our strong Huguenot Ancestors were unable to surmount, because of their undying faith in God and their strong resolve against those who would do them harm. So, our problems are but minor obstacles in the greater scheme of things. Hold fast to your faith.

The moving of our National Headquarters in Minnesota is an immediate concern. Miss Grace V. Rice, Archivist and Headquarters Chairman, who has so capably served as Registrar General after her predecessor left in the 2001-2003 administration, has given notice of her resignation, effective at the end of this month, October 2006. Currently, she is going in to Headquarters for about three hours on Wednesdays. When she leaves in a week or so, there will be no one at Headquarters for six months or more. The need to make a change has been a concern of your President General, and others, during this Administration. It was discussed, as well, at the Semiannual General Council meeting in San Antonio in 2005.

The good news is that the filming on microfiche of the membership application records from where the work was interrupted up to the present has been completed, and we are now waiting to receive the film and the invoice.

The 2006 Directory of The National Huguenot Society, Inc., published by Harris Connect, Inc., has been completed and delivered to those who ordered copies. This is a fine publication and a helpful tool to many of the members, officers and chairmen who need to communicate with members in the execution of their duties or to search for ancestors. This Officer expresses her appreciation to Honorary President General, Neoma O. O’Brien, Liaison Officer with the publisher, for a beautiful Directory. Also, Mrs. O’Brien is complimented for the colorful and beautiful editions of The Cross of Languedoc that she has produced as Editor and Chairman of the Publications Committee.

The Awards Chairman, Mrs. Jean Hyde and her “Awards: Book, Film, and Best Published Work Committee have reviewed several books and selected a winner for the Annual Award. The Rev. Dr. Travis T. DuPriest and Chad Christopher Means also serve this Committee as reviewers. A copy of the winning published work is placed in “The Huguenot Collection” that is housed in the NSDAR Library in Washington, D.C.

Carol Chew, Historian General and Chairman of “The Huguenot Collection” has purchased some fine Huguenot records from Great Britain and other resources and books for the Collection, as well. These materials are available for researchers and it is our belief that this effort will help us find some new Huguenot members for our National Huguenot Society.

Mrs. Sharon Worrell of Illinois has had some setbacks getting started on the Bible Records Book project but is now working to compile the Society’s second book of Bible Records. These books are marketed through the Genealogical Publishing Company in Baltimore.

The President General visited the Huguenot Society of Indiana this month that meets in the beautiful Meridian Hills Country Club in Indianapolis where State President Allen W. Moore and wife Barbara’s lovely, talented granddaughters, Hannah and Holly Williams, both members of the Indianapolis Youth Symphony, played Mozart after lunch. Holly is a member of the Huguenot Society of Indiana. The Moores provided a tour of the beautiful Italianate-style home of United States President Benjamin Harrison, and drove the President General for a tour of the Crown Hill Cemetery where President Harrison is buried and to the top of the hill for a view of the skyline of downtown Indianapolis. Then we drove downtown for a closer look at the beautiful City of Indianapolis and its stunning buildings and sites. The President General had not seen so many “roundabouts” (traffic circles) since she was in London! Indianapolis is a beautiful city.

Invitations have been extended to the President General and accepted, to visit the Huguenot Society of Virginia later this month, the Huguenot Society of Tennessee in early November, and the Huguenot Society of Texas in January.

In addition, the President General has kept up with correspondence from members of the State Societies, and has tried to assist with whatever needs and requests
that have come up. It is a pleasure to serve with such wonderful, dedicated members who serve as your Officers and Chairmen to accomplish the work of the Society. It is an honor to represent you, the Members of The National Huguenot Society, Inc.

The 71st Annual Congress will be held in Washington, D.C., at The Mayflower Hotel on April 6th and 7th, 2007. Do plan now to attend. There will be some important business to be taken care of, as well as a good time of fellowship with other Huguenots. This will be the last meeting of the 2005-2007 Administration and new Officers will be elected and installed.

May you have a lovely Thanksgiving this year, a beautiful Christmas in the Glory of its true significance, and may Peace, Joy and Love abound in your hearts now and forever.

In Huguenot faith and devotion,
Sylvia Frederic McAuliffe
President General

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ORGANIZING SECRETARY GENERAL

Betty L. Swisher

This officer has received no inquiries concerning the organization of new Huguenot Member Societies or request for help from current Societies.

This officer attended the Board of General Officers meeting in Washington, D.C. April 8, 2006. At this time, the Michigan Society petitioned for disbandment and this was approved with regret. It was also reported that the Vermont Society disbanded at the 69th Annual Congress.

“Seeds have been planted” when and where possible and we especially appreciate the last August issue of “Cross of Languedoc!” Our Editor pro tempore, Neoma O’Brien, shared a request she received from the State of North Carolina requesting additional copies of this issue. The request was for additional copies to be shared with kinsmen of other states. More seeds planted. We understand the North Carolina members’ request was filled by department and know this was deeply appreciated. The request referred to the issue as “CLASSIC ISSUE” and wasn’t it a great issue. Thank you HPG O’Brien!

We certainly appreciate the Honorary President General Neoma O’Brien’s dedication and service to our National Huguenot Society.

Madam President General it has been a privilege and honor to serve as your Organizing Secretary General.

Betty L. Swisher

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TREASURER GENERAL’S REPORT 1 APRIL 2006 THROUGH 30 SEPTEMBER 2006

Barbara C. MacManus
17 October 2006

The undersigned, Treasurer General of The National Huguenot Society, Inc., do herewith submit the following Financial Report for the period 1 April through 30 September 2006.

The balance on funds on hand at the beginning of April 2006, including the Dickey Scholarship Restricted Funds of $294,158.89, the Lewis Memorial Restricted funds of $21,411.29, the Unrestricted Advent Recovery Funds of $81,128.01 and the Unrestricted Operating Funds of $79,077.33, totaled $475,775.52.

There was received from all sources during the period 1 April through 30 September 2006, $13,923.33. During the same period, the disbursements totaled $21,572.93, leaving a net decrease in funds during the period 1 April through 30 September 2006 of $7,649.60.

Balances of funds on hand as of 30 September 2006, including the Dickey Scholarship Restricted Funds of $295,269.75, the Lewis Memorial Restricted funds of $21,944.90, the Unrestricted Advent Recovery Funds of $82,720.84, and the Unrestricted Operating Funds of $68,190.43, totaled $468,125.92. The Unrestricted Operating Funds are encumbered by Contingent Liabilities of $6,289.41, being the Vermont Society Funds of $4,289.41 and the General Scholarship Fund of $2,000.00 from Michigan.

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Please note that the Balance Sheet does not reflect gains and losses allocated to each individual Fund because gains and losses are only closed into equity accounts when books are closed at year end.

Also attached is a Budget Report reflecting Estimated 2006 Income and Expenses vs. Actual Income and Expenses for the period 1 January through 30 September 2006. The Variance Column reflects year-to-date actual compared with total annual estimates. Note that, as of 30 September 2006, revenue collected was 95.49% of projected annual revenue and expenses were 81.1% of projected annual expenses.

Monitored all time deposits and researched current interest rates and yields and timely reinvested maturing time deposits in the FDIC insured financial institutions that were most advantageous as determined in collaboration with members of the Finance Committee.

Timely disbursed payment of all bills and invoices approved and submitted by the President General in accordance with the established voucher system.

promptly posted all deposited receipts and disbursed checks to the books of account in the computerized Quick Books system.

Kept the President General and Finance Committee advised of the status of accounts.

Provided Quarterly Financial Reports to the Finance Committee, including the President General.

Verified State Member Societies’ Tax Identification Numbers in accordance with the annual report required by the Internal Revenue Service.

Prepared and mailed Membership and Dues Summary forms to each of the Treasurers of the 36 State Member Societies for their convenience in submitting 2007 National dues payment.

Prepared and mailed Member-at-Large dues billing to 106 Members-at-Large,

Prepared and mailed dues billing to 10 Canadian Members-at-Large and billed six Canadians for subscriptions to the Cross.

Communicated by mail, e-mail, and telephone with various General Officers, Committee Chairs, and Members of The National Huguenot Society, Inc., as appropriate in the performance of my duties. These tasks and any others that may have inadvertently been omitted from this report were performed humbly and with pride in and loyalty to my Huguenot heritage and The National Huguenot Society, Inc.

Attached is a printout of the Balance Sheet as of 14 October 2006. It reflects the transfer from the Dickey
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Fund CD at Treasury Bank/Countrywide Bank of $5,500 to the Dickey Capital One/Savings Money Market Account, the transfer to a two year Dickey Fund CD at Countrywide Bank in the amount of $50,000 at 5% Annual Percentage Yield, and the renewal of the balance in the original Dickey Fund CD for one year at 5.4% Annual Percentage Yield.

These actions were taken after consultation with Finance Committee members to reduce the total funds at Countrywide so that they would not exceed the maximum amount insurable by the FDIC during the coming year and to help protect against possible reductions in interest rates over the next 24 months.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara C. MacManus

[Note from the Editor: The attachment referred to above by the Treasurer General was filed. It is not published herein.]

Registrar General
Jeannine S. Kallal

Since this officer’s last report on 8 April 2006, 49 applications and 5 supplemental papers have been approved. Seven transfers, 2 dual memberships, 2 junior to senior memberships and one reinstatement/transfer were also processed.

Registrar General (cont.)

The Texas Society led the way with 9 new members by application and 3 supplemental papers. Kudos to Nancy Brennan, the Assistant State Registrar of Texas. Missouri also had 9 new members; congratulations to Betty Swisher, Missouri State Registrar.

Others with multiple new members by application:
Arizona—6
Florida—4 plus 1 supplemental
Virginia—4
Alabama—3
North Carolina—2 plus one transfer in California—2

At this time all papers submitted have been reviewed. There are 5 applications on file that need additional documentation.

The totals for this administration since 8 April 2005:
124 new members (including 4 juniors);
17 supplemental papers;
3 Youth Registrations;
13 transfers;
2 dual memberships;
4 reinstatements.

A prototype of a certificate for supplemental papers was designed and sent to the President General. All membership changes were entered into the membership database as they were received. After the mailing of The Cross of Languedoc in August, State Registrars were informed of every member to whom the Post Office could not deliver mail. Requests were made for viable addresses. The Chaplain General was notified of deaths.

The State Registrars will receive the annual State Registrar Report Forms in December. Work on the 2006 Update has begun. It will be available in January 2007. Barry Gerth of the IL Society continues to do the calligraphy for the membership certificates at no cost to the Society.

This officer has attended all meetings and has carried out all the duties of this office.

—Jeannine Sheldon Kallal

Counselor General
James Dewey O’Brien, J.D.

Since the April, 2006, Annual Congress, this officer’s duties have not been onerous. Often the questions came in connection with other duties. A number of them concerned the National Bylaws. A considerable problem for the Member (State) Societies has been the unusual number of membership categories that this Society has. The approval of proposed amendments to the National Bylaws by the Annual Congress of 2006 has been considerable help in this area.

For some time, the website of a Huguenot organization in Texas has been stating that it was affiliated with The National Huguenot Society, which it is not. As Counselor General, I sent a letter to the President of that organization, pointing out that the Federal Trade Co -
mission enforces Federal Statutes as to inaccurate statements that impinge on the rights of others, including a Statute specifically dealing with the internet. The letter also pointed out that we have never had an “affiliated” group within the United States. Moreover, we have very active Member (State) Society in Texas that is very much a part of The National Huguenot Society. The response was most cooperative and I was assured that this incorrect statement would be removed. That website appears to have been closed down pending rewording of the content.

Our Resident Agent for Service of Process, Mr. William Riddle of Elkton, MD, an attorney licensed to practice in both MD and PA, has sent me a letter from the San Jose, CA Division of the U.S. Northern Judicial District of California. This letter was intended to keep us informed of the status of criminal charges brought in that District against brokers for Advent Trust Company. The list included the broker who invested funds of The National Huguenot Society with Advent Trust. He had pleaded guilty and was scheduled to be sentenced. There was a prior postponement and I have not yet been informed whether he has been sentenced.

As previously reported, we informed the Assistant United States Attorney for the San Jose office that, unlike some others, we recovered our funds from the investment with Advent Trust and were not among the complainants.

Respectfully submitted,
James Dewey O’Brien, J.D.

– Standing Committees –

Book Award Committee
Jean M. Hyde, Chairman

We have received an excellent entry for this year. All members of the Committee have read it. The title is, “From New Babylon to Eden.” Its author is Bertrand Van Ruymbeke.

The book is about the Huguenots and their migration to Colonial South Carolina.

Committee Members:
Chad Christopher Means
Dr. Travis du Priest

–Jean M. Hyde

Member (State) Societies

Florida
Robert Burt

If we could add to the title of President “shepherd” of our State Society, I would be very comfortable and proud to serve the FLOCK of 197 members!! Six chapters were visited this past year and the President and lady were well received.

Our Scholarship program is healthy with a $700 grant.

Communications—A state publication is in the mail.

Our annual meeting is scheduled for the Yacht Club in St. Petersburg, Florida the 23-24 February, 2007.

We are privileged to be host to the National Society Fall meeting. Our own State Society member, Sylvia McAuliffe, President General, will conduct the meetings and we are proud to be here.

A GENEALOGY HAPPENING is scheduled to be held 02 December 2006. Naples, Florida is the location and we will gather folks to reinstate the Henry of Navarre chapter. DAR, Mayflower, SAR, and the local genealogy society will make this happen.

Robert Burt
State President

Virginia
Carla Whitehurst Odom

The state website features photos of the March 25th Annual Meeting of the Huguenot Society of Virginia. A report is also included in the August issue of the Cross of Languedoc. Details were made available at the 70th Annual Congress that was attended by four Virginia Huguenots. Seven new members have been added to the roll thus far this year. A good number of individuals are completing applications. The busiest state officer is our Registrar!

Excitement is running high in Virginia’s plans to host the President General later in October at the Com-
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monwealth Club in Richmond. Last month the Call to the Annual Day of Remembrance was sent along with a four page semi-annual newsletter together with a dues notice and a directory supplement. Response to the Call has been outstanding!

The Annual Meeting next March is scheduled at Tappahannock. Past President Patsy Underhill will present a program about Huguenot ancestor CD’s. Election and Installation of new state officers will occur at that time.

Madam President General, it is a great honor to serve in your administration.

Carla Whitehurst Odom
State President

Washington, D.C.
Shirley de la Barre

The highlight of our year is always our annual Day of Remembrance Service, when we gather at the Washington National Cathedral’s Bethlehem Chapel to worship together and remember our Huguenot ancestors as well as our friends who passed during the previous year. As has become our new tradition, The Rev. Richard E. Fichter, Jr., conducted the service, which included the lovely Huguenot hymn adopted by The National Huguenot Society as its official hymn, La Cevenole. Richard serves as the Interim Assistant Rector at Christ Episcopal Church in Winchester, Virginia. After the service, we walk across the street to Cafe De-luxe, where we enjoy a delicious luncheon with our fellow members and guests.

WHAT IF........
YOUR ANCESTORS HAD STAYED IN FRANCE?

According to a piece in The New York Times, by Craig S. Smith, published December 1, 2006, entitled “History for Sale; Needs Work,” the French government is now selling historic properties in Paris and the nearby provinces in order to relieve itself of the burdensome and onerously expensive task of maintaining these old and beautiful buildings. A similar problem exists in most European countries due to the difficulty of maintaining the upkeep and improving “the Roman, medieval, Renaissance, Baroque, neo-Classical, belle époque and Art Deco architecture they have been left.” Apparently, American pension funds and private equity firms are doing most of the buying of these rundown but chateaus, villas and hotels particuliers.

Headquarters Chairman and Archivist
Grace Virginia Rice

This is to answer a question as to “what I have been doing” in the office and archives of The National Huguenot Society for the past five years!

In the Office: The incoming mail, both postal and e-mail, is mostly inquiries about possible Huguenot surnames. My reply is to include a photocopy of the surname listing from the Register of Qualified Huguenots, if it is listed in the Register – and a referral to the closest State Registrar for follow-up. If the surname is not in our Register, I try to designate other sources for the person to refer to.

Letters containing orders for items on our Order List are followed up promptly with packing and shipping.

One of the time-consuming tasks is that some of the Updates of Corrections and Additions to the Register are “out of print”, about four or five of the earlier issues. So when orders come in for any of those Updates, I have to make a photocopy of the entire booklet, to fill the order. (That is still a lot cheaper than having some reprints done.)

Because I am not computer-savvy, e-mail to this office is “short-stopped” on his home computer by one of the Minnesota Society Members, and he brings it to the office at his convenience. If I am not there, it is put in the mail slot like regular mail.

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Fort Caroline, built in 1564 with the help of native Floridians, the Timucuans, was France’s second commercial venture in the New World after an attempt at a garrison at Charlesfort in present-day South Carolina failed. Admiral of France Gaspard de Coligny convinced the Crown a refuge for French Protestants was also needed. About 200 soldiers and artisans arrived, led by Goulaine de Laudonnière who had accompanied Jean Ribault on the earlier expedition. In 1565, Ribault returned with more supplies, 600 soldiers and settlers including more women and some children. The present site is located 13 miles east of downtown Jacksonville. Recent archeology has shown the Fort Caroline National Memorial is placed on the right spot—but that the fort was larger than currently represented. The exhibit is based on a 16th century sketch by Jacques le Moyne, the colony’s artist and mapmaker.

In the midst of the Protestant Reformation in Europe, Philip II of Spain learned that Fort Caroline had been established not far from Spanish treasure trade routes. Worst of all to the devoutly Catholic king, the French settlers were Huguenots. Shortly after Ribault brought supplies and new settlers to Fort Caroline, Admiral Pedro Menéndez de Avilés, charged with establishing a Spanish settlement in Florida and driving out the French, sailed with 800 settlers at the mouth of the St. John’s River. After a brief sea chase, he fled south and founded St. Augustine. Jean Ribault sailed on September 10 to attack St. Augustine, but a hurricane carried his ships farther south, wrecking them on the coast. The Jean Ribault plaque (shown at left) is located facing the ocean in Daytona Beach.
Ribault Monument (above), near Fort Caroline, stands atop a bluff with a broad vista of St. Johns River. A plaque reminds visitors of the colonization of Florida by French Protestants for the sake of religious freedom—a half century before the Plymouth Colony. The stone column, bearing the coat of arms of Charles IX, is a replica of the marker erected by Jean Ribault in May 1562 at the mouth of the May River (now St. Johns). By this gesture, he claimed Florida for France.

Massacre of the French at Matanzas Inlet plaque (above)

Menéndez then led a force, which easily captured Fort Caroline while the French soldiers were away. When he returned to St. Augustine he learned from the Timucuans that a group of white men were at the beach a few miles south. With about 50 soldiers he blocked the French who were attempting to return to Fort Caroline. He told them how their fort had been captured and urged the French to surrender, with no promises of clemency. Exhausted and having lost weapons in the storm, they surrendered. After they were brought across the inlet, Menéndez ordered them slain. He spared a few professed Catholics and four artisans needed at the new settlement of St. Augustine.

Huguenot Cemetery is located close to Castillo de San Marco, the Spanish fort in St. Augustine. According to AAA Florida Guidebook: “An outbreak of yellow fever coupled with the fact the Catholic cemetery inside the city walls would not accept Protestants brought about its founding in 1821.”

The granite marker (above), located in Huguenot Park, Ormond Beach, preserves the memory of the first Christian marriage in North America. 

Credits:
Photographs: by Dan Chew
Layout and captions: by Carol Chew
office at his convenience. If I am not there, it is put in the mail slot like regular mail.

And, again due to my lack of computer use, and since there is no typewriter in the office, all correspondence from this office has to be done at my home, which, with transportation time added to the office hours, makes it a full day each week for the Society.

When the Registrar General has approved membership applications, they and their supporting proofs are forwarded to the National Office to be filed. The membership application is put in the pertinent State binder, and the lineage proofs are put in the pertinent ancestor file in the archives.

In the Archives: When I took on this job there were 36 file boxes of unfiled ancestor proofs – covering approximately 10 years – that had not been put into the ancestor file folders! Being that the drawers of ancestor files were already full, I had to sort and purge each file, of duplicate proofs and of papers not pertinent to the ancestor and his next two or three generations, to make room in the drawers for the additional proofs as they were to be filed.

The purging of the extraneous papers resulted in 15 – 20 boxes of paper to be shredded; that was done about two years ago, at a cost of about $200. An ongoing task is that each and every ancestor file has to be purged of such extraneous paper! It has not been completed. There are 12 drawers – absolutely full – of ancestor files. There is at this time an accumulation of 15 more boxes of papers to be shredded, and there will be more.

As some of the ancestor files were cleared, I put the remaining proofs in chronological order, referred to the listing in the Register, and added or corrected the entry according to later information. I typed up a new entry, to be ready to be used for a new Register. Those entries – most of the A’s, B’s and C’s – were put in the front of each pertinent ancestor folder, and are therefore available at such time as a new Register is compiled.

When I was told that the ancestor files of proofs were to be microfilmed, that film to be used by someone to compile a new Register, I felt I had been wasting my time trying to do it properly.

Library: Several years ago, when the President General of the Daughters of the American Revolution was in Minneapolis, I spoke with her as to the possibility of our Huguenot Society Library being a part of their library, so it could be available for research. She referred me to their head librarian, he was interested, and I turned over all the information to our then President General, Neoma O’Brien. When the agreement was completed, I was authorized to have someone come in to help catalog and pack the library books for shipment. That person was paid $10 per hour and did a very good job. I have since found some additional books, which I thought had been kept separate for use by the Registrar General, but consist of a mixture that probably should also go to the DAR Library. The Historian General, Carol Chew, will be notified of these books, and if appropriate they too will be sent to the DAR Library (for The Huguenot Collection). The same cataloging and packing terms of $10 per hour plus shipping charges will apply.

I have mentioned, over a period of time, that this office location should be temporary for service by the Minnesota Society, that I was just “filling in” until it could be re-located.

Anywhere in this country would be adequate, keeping in mind that our archives are confidential, not for research use by anyone else. This present site situation works very conveniently; the files and storage in a secured corrugated steel vault in a Public Storage building, and the small office in the same building. There has never been a day when it was not necessary to access the storage room for one reason or another. To relocate into two separate areas would be very inconvenient.

I find it hard to believe that no effort has been made to find a similar situation anywhere in this country. There are Public Storage facilities everywhere. The best location would be a city where there are members who could staff the site, and especially if there were members with Registrar experience, who could get going on a new Register. It is an extremely interesting task! When I sent notice to the President General, Sylvia McAuliffe, the first of August, that I did not wish to continue coming to this job as of the first of November, I thought that would be enough time to research a new location.
After a call from Counselor General Dewey O’Brien, I will honor his request that I cancel my decision to quit completely. However, instead of going to the office for the four hours each and every week, I’ll go in just once a week, to take care of the mail, until April. I feel that a suitable relocation should certainly be verifiable at that time.

If you have questions, please contact me at my home address.

Grace Virginia Rice

Report of:
Liaison for Membership Directory Publication

The National Huguenot Society, Inc.
Membership Directory – 2006
Published by: Harris Connect, Inc.

All prepublication orders for the new “Harris” directory have now been mailed. A total of 492 copies was sold, and the general feeling seems to be that members are pleased with the publication. (Of course, there is no claim of 100% satisfaction.) This is the third directory that Harris has published for The National Huguenot Society since 1997.

The directories are printed at no cost to the Society and if purchased directories reach 20% of the membership listed, the Society receives royalties on those sales. Unfortunately, sales of the 2006 volume did not reach that percentage.

Harris only prints an approximate number equaling the prepublication sales. Any overruns can be purchased from Harris on a first come, first served basis. Members who wish to purchase at this time should contact Harris customer service at: 800-877-6554.

Valuable lessons have been learned or re-learned – an up-to-date list of members, with current addresses is a must for our Society. Our “National” membership list depends in great part on information sent by the Member (State) Societies. Appreciation is extended to all who were helpful and many thanks given to all who were understanding when errors were discovered.

Neoma O. O’Brien
Appointed Liaison for Membership Directory Publication

Question and Answer

The question asked in the August 2006 issue was:
What present-day “Royal House”, in what country (once a refuge for Huguenots) traces its lineage through Huguenot, Admiral Gaspard De Coligny (1519 – 1572)?

Answer:

The Netherlands has been an independent monarchy since 16 March 1815, and has been governed by members of the House of Orange-Nassau since.

Traditionally, Dutch monarchs have always been members of the Dutch Reformed Church.

Gaspard De Coligny (1519 – 1572), Admiral of France and Protestant leader, came of a noble family of Burgundy. His family traced its descent from the 11th century, and in the reign of Louis XI, was in the service of the King of France.

By his first wife, Charlotte de Laval, Coligny had several children, among them Louise who married first Charles de Teligny and afterward William the Silent, Prince of Orange.

Louise De Coligny, a French Huguenot and daughter of Gaspard De Coligny, was the fourth and final wife of William and the mother of Frederick Henry (1584 – 1647), William’s fourth legitimate son.

Queen Wilhelmina (1880 – 1962), as a direct descendant of Admiral Gaspard De Coligny, accepted membership in the Huguenot Society of Washington, DC, and sent to the Society an autographed photo which is still displayed in the archives of the Washington, DC Society.

When King William, III died in 1890, his only child (Wilhelmina) was too young to reign. Queen Emma acted as regent until her daughter came of age in 1898. Queen Wilhelmina reigned from 1898 until 1948, at which time she relinquished the throne to her daughter Juliana (1909 – 2004).

Queen Juliana reigned from 1948 until 1980, at which time she relinquished the throne to her daughter Beatrix (born 31 January 1938).

The present Queen Beatrix succeeded her mother in 1980.

The House of Orange-Nassau has played a major part in Huguenot history, other than what is cited above. But that will possibly be left to another question at another time.

Publications Committee Member
Neoma O. O’Brien
Members and Friends are cordially invited to attend the 71st Annual Congress which will convene at 9:30 A.M., on Saturday, 7 April 2007. The presence of delegates from at least twelve Member Societies is most important, in order for the necessary business of the Congress to be conducted. Listed below are two of the several important matters to be included in the business session of Congress on Saturday.

1. This Congress will elect General Officers to serve for the next two years. Nominees selected by the Nominating Committee will be presented for vote by the delegates. Nominations from the floor are also permitted.

2. The Congress will decide, by vote, the new location of the Office/Archives. (Please see the report of the Archivist, Miss Grace Rice, published in this issue.) All Member Societies are invited to submit suggested suitable locations, which should include proposed rental contracts and plans for the office to be operated by a member or members of the Member (State) Society. The National Society, as it has for the past five years, bears the expenses of rent, postage, and necessary regular office expenses. Any and all proposals should be submitted in writing, first to the Board of General Officers. (The Board of General Officers will meet the preceding day, Friday, 6 April 2007.)

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, 6 April 2007
2:00 PM Board of General Officers Meeting Board Room, second floor, (subject to change)
6:30 PM Annual Reception (check schedule board in lobby)
7:00 PM Annual Banquet (check schedule board in lobby) Cost: $72.00
(Complimentary wine served.)

Saturday, 7 April 2007
8:30 AM Registration Colonial Theater (subject to change) Reg. Fee $ 5.00
9:30 AM Congress Convenes Colonial Theater (subject to change)
12:00 Noon Luncheon (place to be announced) Cost: $55.00
1:30 PM Congress Reconvenes

REGISTRATION FEE, BANQUET, AND LUNCHEON COST:
Registration fee, $5.00; Banquet, $72.00; Luncheon, $55.00 — a total of $132.00 for events and fee. The cost of all meals are actual charges by the hotel. The registration fee of $5.00 helps to offset other costs of Congress, such as microphone, etc. Checks should be made payable to The National Huguenot Society and mailed before 15 March 2007 to:

Mrs. Neoma O. O’Brien
812 Braeburn Drive
Ft. Washington, MD 20744-6021

Hotel Reservations: Room reservations should be made with the Renaissance Mayflower Hotel by the cut-off date of 15 March 2007 (sooner if possible) by calling 202-347-3000. Request reservations rate for Genealogical Related Societies. The rate is $220.00 plus tax per night for single, double or up to four persons in a room. Request a confirmation number. Double check the confirmation number and rate AND date of your stay. Please make reservations as early as possible!
COME AND ENJOY THE COMPANY OF FELLOW HUGUENOTS AND FRIENDS! COME AND HELP MAKE THE DECISIONS FOR A BETTER SOCIETY WITH TRUE HUGUENOT FAITH AND DEVOTION.

DELEGATES: The Presidents of Member Societies should complete the Credentials Form with the names of Delegates and Alternates of their Society. (The blank form will be mailed to all Member – State – Society Presidents.) The Credentials Form should be completed and mailed (if at all possible) before 15 March 2007 to the Credentials Chairman, whose name and address will appear on the form. The (new) Credentials Chairman is: Rachel E. Wills; 1001 Pruitt Ct., SW; Vienna, VA 22180-6429.
MINUTES OF SEMIANNUAL GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING
17 October 2006
Daytona Beach, Florida

The PURPOSE was read.
Article VIII, General Council, by President General Sylvia F. McAuliffe before the meeting was called to order:

Section A. Membership. The General Council shall be composed of the General Officers of the National Society, all Honorary Presidents General, the Presidents of Member Societies, and the chairmen of standing committees of the National Society.

Section B. Functions. The functions of the General Council shall be:

1. To act as a creative forum that examines the problems and the successes experienced by Member Societies for the purpose of assisting in the solution of problems and recommending successful programs and activities for adoption by the Member Societies.

2. To develop long-range plans and to recommend them for adoption to the Board of General Officers, which shall in turn report them to the Annual Congress for consideration and possible implementation.

3. To coordinate with the Board of General Officers the times and places for future meetings of the General Council.

There being a Quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 9:08 AM by President General McAuliffe in the Ponce Deleon Room of the Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort. The Recording Secretary General, Linda Moody Neal, was present.

INVOCATION: in the absence of the Chaplain General, the Invocation was given by Dr. David Harpole, pro tem.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA was led by Ann Register.

THE HUGUENOT PLEDGE TO THE FLAG was led by Linda Neal.

INTRODUCTIONS: Each person present introduced themselves:

*Peg Grundman, Treasurer, Huguenot Society of Florida, Inc.

*Jeannine Kallal, Registrar General

*Dr. David Harpole, First Vice-President General

*Carla Whitehurst Odom, President, Huguenot Society of Virginia

*Mr. Bob Miller, husband of Honorary President General, Nadine Hardin-Miller

*Nadine Hardin-Miller, Honorary President General

*Carol Chew, Historian General


*Barbara MacManus, Treasurer General

*Dr. Donald Randolph, Historian/Librarian, Huguenot Society of Florida, Inc.

*Mrs. Donald Randolph, Member, Huguenot Society of Florida, Inc.

*Ann Register, Corresponding Secretary, Huguenot Society of Florida, Inc.

*Mary Nelson, Registrar, Huguenot Society of Florida, Inc.

*Linda Neal, Recording Secretary General

*Sylvia McAuliffe, President General

*Pru-Ann Miller, Member, Huguenot Society of Florida, Inc.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the previous General Council Meeting that was combined with the 70th Annual Congress were approved by a committee and circulated. There were no further corrections.
Barbara MacManus and Carla Odom were APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT GENERAL MCAULIFFE to serve as a committee to read the minutes of this meeting.

REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS GENERAL:

1. President General, Sylvia F. McAuliffe. Report presented and filed.

2. First Vice-President General, Dr. David Harpole gave a report for his office and that of Membership Chairman.

3. Chaplain General, Dr. Albert C. Walling, sent regrets that he could not attend. He sent a short necrology list and prayers for the events as attached.


5. Corresponding Secretary General, Barbara Baylis, was absent.


9. Counselor General, James Dewey O’Brien. A faxed Bylaw Recommendation was received from James Dewey O’Brien, J.D., Counselor General, and was voted upon favorably at a reconvened meeting of the Board of General Officers on October 17, 2006. It will be circulated to the Member Societies at least sixty (60) days prior to the 71st Annual Congress, having originated by the Board of General Officers, in accordance with National Bylaws, Article XV, Amendments, Section A.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Awards, Published Works, Book, Jean Hyde, Chairman, sent a report that was read by Linda Neal. Report filed.

2. Bylaws, Carole Belcher, Chairman, incorporated the amendments into the bylaws, but it was found that more work is required before they can be sent out to the Members. This work will be done in November, and the bylaws will be ready for distribution. The Handbook is “out of sync” and needs to be compatible with the bylaws. The President General has appointed the Publications Committee to work on the Handbook. Plans are being made that both can be published together under one cover. The State Presidents and officers will receive it gratis.

3. The President General will be working on the bylaws.

4. Carol Chew, Chairman of Books and Archives, gave a review of “The Huguenot Collection.”

5. It was reported that Barrett McKown, President of the Huguenot Society of Maryland, resigned as Chairman of Credentials, Reservations and Registration for Annual Congress.

6. Finance Committee: Mr. L. Pegues, Chairman, was not present.

7. Scholarship Award, Richard Dana Smith, Chairman, was not present.

STATE SOCIETY REPORTS:


There was a 10-minute recess.

After the recess, Carol Chew, Historian General, gave a Special Power Point Program, assisted by her husband, Dan, on how to create display boards and windows.

Lunch was served at 12 noon. A prayer was given by Dr. David Harpole, Chaplain pro tem, before lunch.

During lunch, the President General announced the appointment of Rachel Wills of Virginia to serve as Credentials Chairman to replace the position resigned by Barrett McKown.

Since there were no other announcements or remarks and no further business, there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 12:49PM, following the Benediction given by Dr. David Harpole, Chaplain General pro tem.

LINDA NEAL, Recording Secretary General
CALIFORNIA RECOGNIZES A HUGUENOT OF ACHIEVEMENT

Joy Cauffman is a long time member of La Rochelle Chapter and has presented many outstanding programs at the Chapter’s meetings. Her programs are marked with her scholarly achievements, and she is well loved for her warmth and inspiration. She received the First State President’s Achievement Award at a recent state meeting of The Huguenot Society of California.

Some of Joy’s national recognition is as follows:

At the 68th Annual Convention and Exposition of the American Association of Health Education (AAHE) held in Chicago, Illinois, April 15, 2005, Dr. Joy G. Cauffman, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus, Department of Family Medicine, Keck School of Medicine, University of Southern California, was awarded a Presidential Citation from AAHE for having founded the Coalition of National Health Education Organizations.

Through Dr. Cauffman’s vision, dedication and persistence, the Coalition of National Health Education Organizations became a reality. Joy founded and organized the Coalition as well as leading it during its early years of existence. She has served as Presidential Consultant to three American Presidents. Special tribute and recognition for serving among health education professionals have been awarded to Dr. Cauffman.

Congratulations to a distinguished member, Dr. Joy Cauffman, of the La Rochelle Chapter, The Huguenot Society of California!

Submitted by: Phyllis L. Smith Rothrock, Past President The Huguenot Society of California

HUGUENOTS IN FLORIDA

According to scholar Charles W. Baird, two ships of Calvinist noblemen, soldiers and laborers set sail from Havre, Normandy on 18 February 1562, headed for the Florida coast, and led by Jean Ribaut. Ribaut (sometimes spelled “Ribault”). Ribaut had been chosen by Admiral Coligny, the famous Huguenot leader and governor. Surnames of those on those ships included Laudonniere, Barre, Mallon, Fiquinville, Sale, Lacaille, Guernache, and soldiers Lachere, Rouffii and Atinas.

Ribaut’s two ships arrived off the coast of Florida in April, 1562. They continued to sail north until they reached the mouth of a large river, which they called the “River of May” but which is now known as St. John’s.

Upon coming ashore for the first time, they immediately knelt down to give thanks. Ribaut declared the land a possession of the King of France, and at a small grove of cypress and palm trees near the harbor, erected a pillar of stone engraved with the French royal arms. As they sailed north, they came upon a broad estuary, which they called the channel of Port Royal. A few men remained there to settle, but they did not thrive because they engaged in interecine disputes. They eventually returned to Europe. The remainder sailed north.

Meanwhile, back in France, Coligny had heard nothing of these developments, and in 1564 arranged for a new expedition consisting of three ships to be sent as reinforcements, led by Rene de Laudonniere and accompanied by the draftsman Jacques Lemoyne de Mourgues. They settled at Fort Caroline in an area now called “St. John’s Bluff.” Unfortunately, they were drawn into political battles among the native population and suffered terrible famine. Soon, however, they were joined by more ships led by Jean Ribaut, sent by Coligny to assist in the French occupation of Florida.

Three of Ribaut’s seven ships sailed up river to Fort Caroline. Along came the Spanish, led by Menendez, who were determined that they would continue to dominate Florida. They slaughtered hundreds of Huguenots there. Four of Ribaut’s ships attempted to engage the Spanish at sea but were shipwrecked in a storm. The Spanish considered Protestants to be heretical, and ultimately killed the survivors, some with their hands tied behind their backs. Menendez then placed a memorial tablet at Fort Caroline to commemorate the massacre, inscribed: “Hung not as Frenchmen, but as Lutherans.”

News of these developments reached France, where a Frenchman named Dominique de Gourgues, who was not even a Huguenot, took umbrage at this treatment of his fellow Frenchmen and organized three ships to sail to Florida in 1567 to avenge their deaths. He gained the cooperation of the native Indians and unpleasantly surprised the Spanish at Fort Caroline. He then inscribed the other side of Menendez’s plaque with his own pithy statement. Charles Baird describes all of these events in fascinating detail in his book, cited below.

[Charles W. Baird, Huguenot Emigration to America, (Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1998) at 60-77].
SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING FESTIVITIES AT DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA
October 2006

L-R: Ann Register, Corresponding Secretary, Huguenot Society of Florida; Sylvia F. McAuliffe, President General, National Huguenot Society.

L-R: Harold Frank Miller, guest from Sarasota, Florida; and Dr. David Harpole, First Vice President General, National Huguenot Society.

L-R: Nadine Hardin-Miller, Honorary President General, National Huguenot Society; Linda Moody Neal, Recording Secretary General, National Huguenot Society; and Ann Register, Corresponding Secretary, Huguenot Society of Florida.

L-R: Jeannine Kallal, Registrar General, National Huguenot Society; Mary Nelson, Registrar, Huguenot Society of Florida; and Peg Grundman, Treasurer, Huguenot Society of Florida.

L-R: Mr. Charles Robert Odom, guest and husband seated next to wife, Carla Whitehurst Odom, President, Virginia Society.

L-R: Linda Neal, Recording Secretary General and Peg Grundman, Treasurer Huguenot Society of Florida.
Welcome to New Members
and
Congratulations to those who have had Supplemental Papers approved.

17 May 2006
Howell, Clewell, Jr.
MD Member Society
Ancestor: Mareen Duvall

9 June 2006
Thorne, John Kandelin S
AZ Member Society
Ancestor: Joris Jansen de Rapalje

17 June 2006
Lowman, Caroline Louise Rapson
NV Member Society
Ancestor: Nicholas Gaillard

18 June 2006
Swan, Judith Marie Haddock
CA Member Society
Ancestor: Hester Mahieu

19 June 2006
Rogalla, Kathleen Ann Christian
AZ Member Society
Ancestor: Pierre Faure

9 July 2006
Bane, Rosemary Sullivan
MO Member Society
Ancestor: Pierre Cresson

9 July 2006
Maples, Ruth Mary Conrad
MO Member Society
Ancestor: Jacob Forney

9 July 2006
Schoen, Glenn Ann Maples
MO Member Society
Ancestor: Jacob Forney

9 July 2006
Maples, Ruth Elaine
MO Member Society
Ancestor: Jacob Forney

9 July 2006
Mondy, Linda May Vestal
MO Member Society
Ancestor: Gideon Merlet

9 July 2006
Belzer, Jean Marie Vredenburg
AZ Member Society
Ancestor: William Gillet

25 July 2006
Maleski, Verna Marie Griffith
AZ Member Society
Ancestor: Vincent Runyon

23 August 2006
McAtee, Vera Elizabeth Snuggs
NC Member Society
Ancestor: James Thelaball

1 September 2006
Howland, Miriam Lydia Campbell
AL Member Society
Ancestor: Isaac Porcher

13 September 2006
Baldasare, Sandra Elaine Conwell
NC Member Society
Ancestor: Louis Dupre

20 September 2006
Fomby, Elizabeth Jane Wilson
TX Member Society
Ancestor: Lewis Latane

20 September 2006
Thomas, William Edwin, Jr.
FL Member Society
Ancestor: Claude LeMaitre

30 September 2006
Higgins, Peter Lander
ME Member Society
Ancestor: Philippe de la Noye

30 September 2006
O’Conner, Janis Windham
TX Member Society
Ancestor: Pierre LeGrand

30 September 2006
O’Conner, Michael Patrick
TX Member Society
Ancestor: Pierre LeGrand

30 September 2006
Barber, Carolyn Bryant Row
AZ Member Society
Ancestor: Frederick Pershing

2 October 2006
Shope, Lois Ann Lymburner
FL Member Society
Ancestor: Nicholas Gaillard

3 October 2006
Campbell, Betty Jean Smith
AL Member Society
Ancestor: Isaac Porcher

4 October 2006
Carr, William Richard
NY Member Society
Ancestor: Joris Jansen Rapalje

6 October 2006
Wimberly, (Beady Mae) Leigh Reneau
TX Member Society
Ancestor: Louis Reynaud

Note: Membership Forms can now be completed electronically on computer and printed to hard copy for final submission, by using the Society’s web-page. Submitted applications should be printed on acid-free paper, 20 pound weight. Looking forward to receipt of applications! Thanks!