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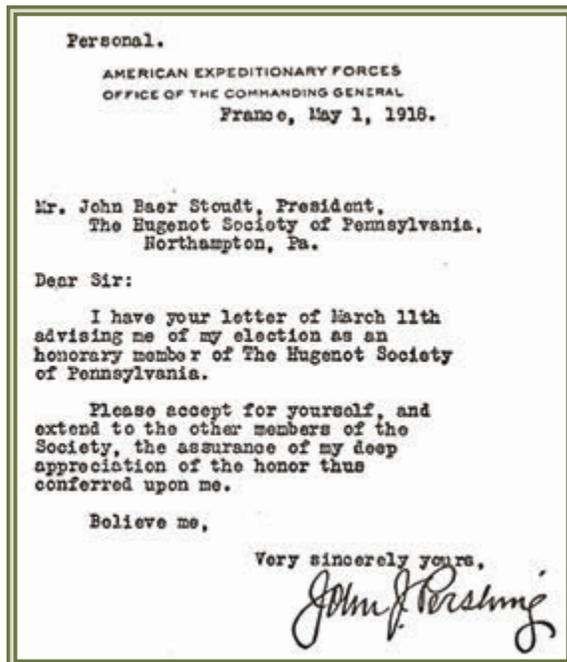
“May God keep us steadfast as He kept them steadfast, and in joy or in sorrow, may we know, as they knew, that underneath are the Everlasting Arms”.



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THE AMERICAN MILITARY FORCES CONNECTION BETWEEN THE HUGUENOTS AND THE WASHINGTON CHAPEL AT VALLEY FORGE CONTINUES: GENERAL OF THE ARMIES JOHN JOSEPH PERSHING

On 13 April 1918—several years before The National Huguenot Society was formed—the first meeting of the Huguenot Society of Pennsylvania was held at the First Reformed Church in Reading, Pennsylvania. It was during the time of World War I. There, a gathering of Huguenot descendants enjoyed hearing the Girls' High School chorus sing "The Marseillaise." That rousing song was followed by the entire group and chorus singing the "Star Spangled Banner." Pennsylvania Society president Rev. John Baer Stoudt, whose brother was serving in our armed forces in France, proposed that the Pennsylvania Society elect to honorary membership Gen. John J. Pershing, a descendant of a Huguenot refugee to Pennsylvania back in the day, and the commander of the American Expeditionary Forces in France. An honorary membership was also granted to 2nd Lt., Q. M.C., N.A., Fred M. Stoudt, the brother of the then-president Stoudt of the Huguenot Society of Pennsylvania. The motion was unanimously approved.



In response, General Pershing wrote a thank you letter.

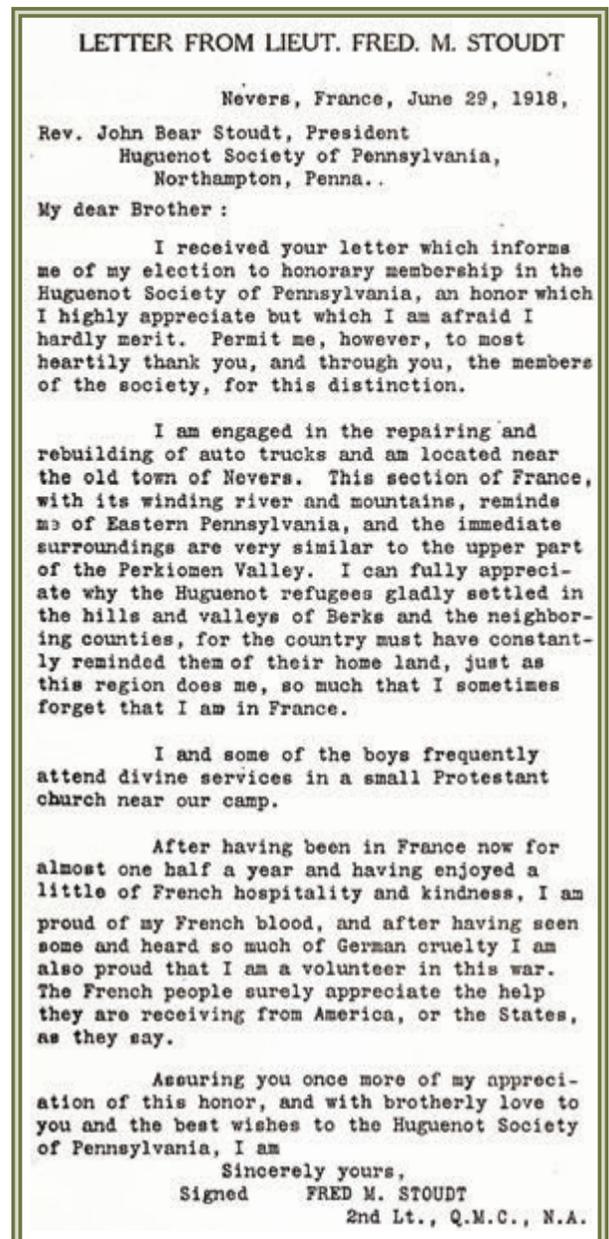
Perhaps one of the most meaningful things General Pershing did during his illustrious career—other than leading the Allied Forces to victory—is that, immediately upon his arrival in France, he visited the grave of General Lafayette, the Marquis of France who had devoted a significant portion of his own

fortune and risked his life fighting for America during its struggle for freedom known as the Revolutionary War. There, at Lafayette's graveside, General Pershing laid a wreath, reverently bowed, and stated, "Lafayette, we are here."

President Stoudt's brother also sent a thank you letter for the honorary membership bestowed upon him.

President Stoudt later remarked that his brother had stated in his thank you letter that "the one thing I am proud of in this war is that I am a volunteer." The remarks of Rev. Stoudt regarding his brother are precious:

Surely to whom much is given, of him much is required. Truly ours is a goodly heritage. But to be as good as our fathers we must be better. Let us then here resolve that the noble heritage that is ours, the high ideals and splendid virtues of our Huguenot ancestors, shall not pass away, that their heroic sacrifices shall not have in the end been in vain, but that they shall be the inspiration for renewal energy in the service of God and humanity in the home, and the state. It is with this hope and in this spirit that...I hope and pray that the same may ever remain the guiding spirit of this society.





Janet B. Walker,
President General

PRESIDENT GENERAL'S MESSAGE

May 22, 2021

It's hard to believe that this is my last article before Congress in October and my term ends. The Nominating Committee will present a slate of new officers. Pray for the members of that committee as they go through the process of matching our members' talents, skills, gifts, and personalities with the offices our National Society will need for a successful future.

My term as President General was not at all what I originally envisioned, i.e., trips to meet and greet you all in person across the U.S. – but, I have been able to see so many of you on Zoom! It has been my extreme joy and pleasure to get to know you over the past two years. I am so impressed with the caliber and commitment of our members.

Despite a global pandemic, our Society is not without accomplishments. We have a wonderful California Society back in the fold and the D.C. Society is well on the way to being officially reorganized when voted on at Congress. Our finances have been streamlined, prudently invested, and all requirements met or exceeded. We have a beautiful new website with important information in our new Members Only section, as well as other compelling items for members and non-members to view and enjoy. The website store is going great and now has PayPal. We are gaining new members across the country and garnering interest with our increased presence on social media and the diligence of many of our State Societies to find prospective members. We have implemented a new monthly email blast to keep members informed and engaged. We have donated to worthy causes such as Valley Forge Historical Park French Alliance Film Project, awarded Youth Contest monetary prizes, and recognized authors of publications of Huguenot interest with awards and cash prizes. We raised money to benefit the Endowment Fund from the sale of the President General's Project "ship pins." We are still evaluating our insignia and protocols for wearing and displaying it so that we have a better understanding of how we want it to be used and cherished by our members. We are all doing great things together!! And I am blessed with a fine group of officers who do their jobs passionately and efficiently.

I remember when I was the Director of Children's Ministries at my large, downtown United Methodist Church, someone once explained that not every pastor appointed to us would have the same gifts. Some were excellent administrators but not so gifted in the pulpit. Some were excellent and inspiring preachers but had few skills for managing a large staff. Some were wonderful, tender, and caring pastors but lacked other skills to lead the church.

Many organizations find themselves in the same situation. I am not talented in some areas, maybe a little in others. I have tried to do my best. So, what gifts and talents can YOU bring to our beloved Society? No, you aren't expected to excel at every job available – but! **Do what you do well.** You will be fulfilled sharing your time and talents with NHS and you will admire those who are able to do things you can't do as well. Really, it's a WIN-WIN for you, them, and our Society! We always need to remember that even though we are all different and have different gifts we are ultimately on the same team. We must pull together in friendship and leadership. And if we do, this will increase our membership.

This reminds me of another church memory: I loved singing alto in our choir for several decades and one of my favorite anthems was "Many Gifts, One Spirit" by the talented musician and lyricist Allen Pote. I'll leave you to ponder and take to heart these lyrics and if you are not familiar with this anthem, I hope you'll go on YouTube (<https://youtu.be/ZEG1Tezz8i0>) and listen to the beautifully blended voices of this meaningful song. Even though the lyrics harken to the Body of Christ we can apply the sentiment and worth to our Society.

I have enjoyed my term as your President General. I am so proud of all of you and of our Society. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

With Huguenot Faith and Friendship,
Janet Butler Walker
"Membership, Friendship, Leadership"

MANY GIFTS, ONE SPIRIT

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Many gifts, one spirit, many songs, one voice
 Many reasons, one promise, many questions, one choice.
 O, God, we pray for unity, give guidance from above.
 In our differences unite us in the circle of your love.
 O, God, remind us we are not alone.
 Though we move on different pathways, we are walking to your throne.
 Help us learn to love each other, show us ways to understand.
 We are members of one family, growing strong by joining hands.
 O, God, remind us we are not alone.
 Though we move on different pathways, we are walking to your throne.
 Take our many ways of working, blend the colors of each soul
 into the beauty of a rainbow.
 Give us life, Lord, make us whole.



**CALL TO The 86th CONGRESS
of**

The National Huguenot Society, Inc.

Farmington Country Club, 1625 Country Club Circle, Charlottesville, VA 22901
4-6 October 2021

*A Live, In-Person Reunion of Huguenots
We Will Follow Safety Measures As Advised by the
Various Event Venues' Rules & Regulations*

THE 2021 ANNUAL CONGRESS EVENTS

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>COST</u>
Monday	October 4	5:00 PM	Registration (Packets provided in individual rooms)	\$ 10
Monday	October 4	6:00 PM	Welcoming Reception, Wine Tasting, Dinner, Blue Ridge Room, Farmington	75
Tuesday	October 5	7:30 AM	Registration and Breakfast at Farmington Country Club Grill or Pub until 10 AM, included in cost of room	
Tuesday	October 5	9:00 AM	National Huguenot Society Board Meeting,	
Tuesday	October 5	10:00 AM	Tour of Historical Farmington Club House	
Tuesday	October 5	10:30 AM	NHS Congress Convenes, Blue Ridge Room Porch, Farmington CC	
Tuesday	October 5	12:00 PM	Luncheon, Memorial Service, Blue Ridge Room, Farmington CC	45
Tuesday	October 5	1:30 to 2:00 PM	Shuttle and cars leave to Monticello for private tour	30
Tuesday	October 5	6:00 PM	Banquet in Jefferson Room, Farmington CC (Susan Stein, speaker)	110
Wednesday	October 6	7:30 AM	Informal breakfast at Farmington Country Club Grill or Pub until 10 AM, included in cost of room	
Wednesday	October 6	9:30 AM	Departure on individual member schedules	
			Total	\$ 270

A block of 24 rooms has been reserved for NHS members: 22 rooms with king beds at \$199 and 2 deluxe rooms at \$209, both including full breakfast in Grill Room at Farmington Country Club.

Rooms will be reserved for individual attendees when their registration is received by Joel E. Strauch, Chaplain General. The deadline for registration and room reservations is September 15. Members will be responsible for payment for accommodation and sundry expenses. Please pick up the keys to your room when you arrive at the front desk of Farmington, c/o Todd Clarke, 434-296-0686, noting that you are attending the Annual Congress of the National Huguenot Society. If you are unable to climb stairs, request a lobby level room.

There are also rooms available at the nearby Boar's Head Resort (1-855-452-2295) and local, nationally-named hotels: https://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotels-g57592-Charlottesville_Virginia-Hotels.htm. Transportation needs may be met by Uber and taxi services.

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORM BELOW
FOR EACH ATTENDEE'S MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES,
TRANSPORTATION, AND MEAL CHOICES**

Please complete mail your completed Congress 2021 Registration Form with appropriate payment to
Joel E. Strauch, 435 White Gables Lane, Suite 201, Charlottesville, VA 22903, by September 15, 2021.

NHS Annual Congress 2021 Registration Information

Name of attendee (s): _____

I will stay at Farmington Country Club Yes _____ No _____

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Attending any of the meetings/events: Yes _____ \$ 10

Attending Wine Tasting and Dinner: Yes _____ \$ 75

Attending Luncheon and Memorial Service: Yes _____ \$ 45

Attending Monticello Tour: Yes _____ \$ 30

Attending Banquet: Yes _____ \$110

Total: _____

Please complete registration form and mail check, before September 15, 2021, payable to National Huguenot Society, to Joel E. Strauch, CFA®, 435 White Gables Lane, Suite 201, Charlottesville, VA 22903.

We would also like to offer this opportunity for you to complete this survey for us, if you are interested.



SURVEY OF HUGUENOT ANCESTORS WITH VIRGINIA CONNECTIONS

Many immigrants or their descendants to North America came to Virginia, so it would be interesting to know if you have any Virginia roots. Please provide the name of 1) your Huguenot ancestor(s), as well as 2) any other known ancestors who may have resided in Virginia. Please list these ancestors below.

Huguenot Ancestor(s): _____

Date of Arrival in America: _____ Place of settlement: _____

Huguenot Virginia connections: _____

As reported previously by Richard M. Wright, Jr., Immediate Past President of the Huguenot Society of Virginia, in our last *Cross of Languedoc*, our upcoming Congress will be held at the Farmington Country Club, a beautiful facility nestled in the pastoral countryside just a few miles west of Charlottesville.

The land on which the country club was built was obtained through a land grant in 1744 from King George II. The property was then acquired by Francis Jerdone in 1758, who built a residence there sometime prior to 1780. The property was again sold in 1785 to George Divers, a friend of Thomas Jefferson, who was asked by Divers to design the octagonal east wing of the building. The estate was eventually purchased by the Farmington Corporation in 1927 and converted into what is now the Farmington Country Club. Much of that original dwelling consists of the East Portico section of what is now the country club.

The business meeting will be held in the Blue Ridge Room of the club on Tuesday. That afternoon attendees will be invited for a tour of Monticello, the primary estate of Thomas Jefferson, the third President of the United States. In 1769, Jefferson inherited the land upon which the house was built. He then designed the main house in neoclassical style and built it in 1772. Following Jefferson's death in 1826, his daughter, Martha Jefferson Randolph, sold the property in 1834 to Uriah P. Levy, a Commodore in the U.S. Navy. One can easily see the striking similarities in the architecture of Monticello and the East Portico of the Farmington Country Club.

On Tuesday evening, following the tour, the Banquet will be held in the Jefferson Room of the Farmington Country Club. The Virginia Society is enthusiastic in its welcome to all officers and members of the National Huguenot Society and is looking forward to showing everyone who attends what "Southern Hospitality" truly means.

Editor's Conclusion:

The inescapable conclusion is that our beloved Huguenot Society of Virginia has organized a remarkable 86th Congress for us in gorgeous Charlottesville, Virginia, and, thanks to our Chaplain General, Joel Strauch (VA), who is also the newly-elected Virginia Society President, we will be staying at the beautiful and charming Farmington Country Club. The meetings and organized activities will span 4-6 October 2021.

WARNING: The fall foliage should be beautiful, and the area is blanketed with historical sites of great interest to American history, so you will probably need to stay for an extended visit!

We look forward to seeing you there—IN PERSON! For our first live, in-person meeting since the Covid pandemic began in early 2020.



**SUPPORT THE PRESIDENT GENERAL'S PROJECT
AND THE NHS ENDOWMENT FUND**

PLEASE SUPPORT the NHS Endowment Fund by making a donation via your will, trust, or gift. A Donation Form can be found on our new website. We have had several donations thus far, led by President General Janet Walker, and by the Huguenot Society of Georgia and the Huguenot Society of Texas. We will publish the names of donors in upcoming Crosses. You may want to consider donating individually as a member, in your own name, and/or in the memory of someone special.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

14 April 2021

The General Council Meeting of the National Huguenot Society was called to order by President General Janet Butler Walker at 10:05 am on April 14, 2021. The Invocation was presented by National Chaplain Joel Strauch. The Pledge to the flag of the United States of America was led by Kathy Ocasio, Nebraska State President. The Huguenot Pledge to the Flag of the United States was led by Organizing Secretary General Nancy Brennan. President General Walker led the Ritual. Marjorie Wilson, Third Vice President General, led the Pledge to the Huguenot Flag.

President General Walker noted 61 attendees. She welcomed and invited Presiding Officers of National Societies to each introduce themselves.

President General Walker requested that Officers and Committee Chairs, and State Society Presidents to give a very brief report only if they have something new and exciting to report. Reports will be filed and published in *The Cross of Languedoc*.

Minutes of the Spring 2020 meetings were approved by committee and published in *The Cross of Languedoc*. President General Walker appointed Jerri Townsend, Mary Margaret Buck, and Shirley Arendt to review and approve the Minutes of this meeting.

President General Walker encouraged members to check the *Members Only* section of the website for important announcements, and to review qualifications for the Scholarships and identify worthy candidates. She thanked Sumner Hunnewell for his invaluable help with the website.

Treasurer General's Report – Christine Crossan, Treasurer General, presented her the Treasurer's report, which is attached. The report was accepted and filed for audit. She reported that sales have been brisk for store items and book sales, and that the addition of *PayPal* for payment has been excellent.

The Finance Committee, Joel Strauch, Chair, moved that the National Huguenot Society pay the firm of Bain, Smith, and Clemons, LLP, for the filing of the society's IRS 990 form, at a cost of \$750-\$1250. Adopted.

First Vice President General's Report – Mary Margaret Buck reported the completion of the work on the Directory with Janice Lorentz. The Directory is available from National Headquarters and on the NHS website.

Second Vice President General's Report – Jo Lee Potts reported that the roll out of the tri-fold brochure was delayed due to the closing of libraries and lack of in-person meetings due to the pandemic. She encouraged State Societies to establish a website presence on the internet, and to provide programs with purpose for membership meetings.

Third Vice President General's Report – Marjorie Wilson filed her report. She mentioned that prospective members could be helped by the DAR/SAR list of patriots with Huguenot ancestry.

Chaplain General's Report – Reverend Joel Strauch requested that reports of member deaths should be sent to him in a timely manner. He reported ten member deaths since the last list was published in *The Cross of Languedoc*.

Organizing Secretary General's Report – Nancy Schultz reported that she has helped the Arizona Society in the restructuring of the Officers, following the death of Kathy Machmer. She has aided Lorraine Sims who is reorganizing the Washington, DC Society with twenty (20) members. She reported that the California Society has been reorganized and has received funds held by the National Huguenot Society from the previously disbanded California Society.

Registrar General's Report – Bill Buell reported aiding the DC Society. He has approved twenty (20) new applications, one (1) reinstatement, and one (1) supplemental since his last report, plus the approval of two (2) New Ancestors. He also reported five (5) member deaths and sixteen (16) resignations. The current membership count stands at one thousand, four hundred, and seventy-seven (1477). He reports twenty (20) insignia orders, the sale of ten (10) *Registers*, twenty-three (23) *Consolidated Updates*, eighty (80) *2020 Updates*, sixteen (16) Directories, and thirteen (13) Ship pins sold, and that payments may now be accepted through PayPal.

Historian General's Report – Martha Ann Whitt urged state societies and chapters to promote the Essay Contest, awards, and excellent programs for meetings.

Genealogist General's Report – Nancy Brennan announced that she is available to present her program on Huguenot genealogy research via *Zoom*.

Counselor General's Report - Cathy Paunov emphasized that State Societies must file an IRS 990N form, or if the case that they are holding large assets and funds, they must file a 990. All State Societies must register with their Secretary of State as a corporation and pay the corporation fee annually.

Standing Committee Reports:

Scholarly Works – Kim Burdick, Chair, presented the proposed winner of the 2020 Scholarly Works award, Owen Stanwood of Rhode Island, Associate Professor, Boston College, for authoring the book “The Global Refuge: Huguenots in the Age of Empire.”

The Scholarly Works Committee, Kim Burdick, Chair, moved that the National Huguenot Society award the Scholarly Works Award to Owen Stanwood. Adopted.

Special Committee Reports: none

State President’s Reports:

Mississippi Society – Mary Margaret Buck reported on the President General’s visit, and the donating of NHS books to local libraries.

California Society – Shari Worrell, President, reported the acceptance of four (4) new members, and the donation of \$10,000 for five (5) scholarships.

Illinois Society – Nancy Schultz, President, reported that the Illinois Society has enjoyed steady growth. Second Vice President General Jo Lee Potts presented the May meeting program, and the President General will be visiting in November 2021. She reported the passing of Illinois member, Joyce Bockemuehl, Honorary President General.

Florida Society – Jo Lee Potts, President, reported that Florida Society has one hundred forty (140) members in five (5) chapters.

Pennsylvania Society – Peter Adams, President, thanked the Illinois Huguenot Society for the donation of \$1000 for the restoration project of the Pennsylvania Huguenot Flag Collection at Valley Forge. He presented a letter from Washington Memorial Chapel, Valley Forge, from Rector Fr. Tommy Thompson regarding donations to support the making of a documentary film to chronicle the *French Alliance Day Commemoration*, to be completed by September 30, 2021. A motion to financially support this effort will be presented to the NHS Board.

Corresponding Secretary General’s Report – Susan Gillette Meer has been appointed to fill the unexpired term of Kathy Machmer, who passed away in office. Susan Meer reported that she is sending a monthly “Email Blast” newsletter to keep the membership informed, with more than five hundred (500) subscribers. She requested that interesting and informational content be submitted to her for publication in this newsletter.

Announcements:

The National Huguenot Society Congress will be held in Charlottesville, Virginia, October 4-5, 2021.

The deadline for submission to *The Cross of Languedoc* is May 15, 2021.

The Benediction was given by Reverend Joel Strauch.

President General Janet Walker adjourned the meeting at 11:49 am.

Robin R. Towns, Assistant Recording Secretary



MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

14 April 2021

The meeting of the Board of the National Huguenot Society was called to order by President General Janet Butler Walker at 11:57 am on April 14, 2021 via *Zoom*. The Invocation was presented by National Chaplain Joel Strauch. President General Walker noted 18 attendees.

Minutes of the October 6, 2020 meeting was approved by committee and published in *The Cross of Languedoc*. President General Walker appointed a committee of Brenda Rose, Marjorie Wilson, and Jo Lee Potts to review and approve the Minutes. Mrs. Walker appointed Cathy Paunov as Parliamentarian for this meeting.

Treasurer General’s Report – Christine Crossan, Treasurer General, filed her report, which is attached. A discussion of the importance of filing IRS 990 reports, and of spending the society’s funds to fulfill the mission in keeping with the society’s 501(c)3.

In compliance with The Bylaws, The President General will be appointing three members from different State Societies to oversee the Endowment Fund.

Motion. Marjorie Wilson moved to confirm the appointment of Susan Gillette Meer as Corresponding Secretary to fulfill the unexpired term of Kathy Machmer, who died in Office. The motion was seconded. Adopted.

Officer Reports

Corresponding Secretary General - Susan Gillette Meer, announced the establishment of a new monthly newsletter *Email Blast*.

Standing Committee Reports

Scholarly Works Committee – Kim Burdick, Chair, presented the proposed winner of the 2020 Scholarly Works Award, Owen Stanwood of Rhode Island, Associate Professor, Boston College, for authoring the book “The Global Refuge: Huguenots in the Age of Empire.”

To ratify the General Council’s motion, the Scholarly Works Committee, Kim Burdick, Chair, moved that the National Huguenot Society award the Scholarly Works Award to Owen Stanwood. Adopted.

Finance Committee – Joel Strauch, Chair, presented the report of the Finance Committee with explanation of the investments.

Scholarship Committee – Mary Long of North Carolina, Co-Chair was recognized as new Co-Chair of the committee, along with Sarah Long, Co-Chair, who is an NHS Scholarship recipient.

Special Committee Reports

Insignia Committee – Jo Lee Potts, Chair, presented displays of NHS ribbon from *CityPride* to be used for proposed Officer sashes. The provision for a four (4) inch wide sash for the President General was approved at the 2020 Congress.

Motion. The Insignia Committee moved that the NHS ribbon purchased from CityPride in the amount of \$2300 be paid from NHS General Purpose Funds. Adopted.

Motion. The Insignia Committee moved that purchases of NHS ribbon for sashes and neck ribbons be paid for by individual members. The President General is presented a four (4) inch wide NHS President General’s sash at no cost. Adopted.

Guidelines for sashes were discussed. A hip bow may be worn at the discretion of the wearer. Chapter pins and production costs are being researched by the Insignia Committee. The Chair presented the choice for Officer Bars to be supplied by CityPride or Hamilton Jewelers.

Motion. Nancy Brennan moved to select CityPride as the supplier of NHS Officer Bars. The motion was seconded. Adopted.

Peter Adams, Illinois Society President, made a presentation to the Council meeting, to be presented and considered by the Board. He presented a letter from Washington Memorial Chapel, Valley Forge, from Rector Fr. Tommy Thompson regarding donations to support the making of a documentary film to chronicle the *French Alliance Day Commemoration*, to be completed by September 30, 2021. A motion to financially support this effort will be presented to the NHS Board.

Motion. Nancy Brennan moved that the National Huguenot Society support the project of the Washington Memorial Chapel at Valley Forge, regarding the making of a documentary film to chronicle the *French Alliance Day Commemoration*, to be completed by September 30, 2021, with a \$2000 donation. The project complies with NHS Bylaws and purposes. Adopted.

The Board discussed a proposal from the Florida Society that (1) the Board consider allowing families posthumously to submit family members for posthumous membership; and (2) that the Board consider allowing posthumous memberships to be granted for a person who has passed away after signing the application and during the process. A discussion followed with Registrar General Bill Buell stating that if a person passed away during the process after the application was signed, that the process would continue to completion, per the Bylaws. Posthumous memberships were not considered.

Honorary President General Janice Lorenz reported on the progress of ordering of new Gold and Silver Service Medals from a new supplier, as the previous supplier closed.

Announcements

The Board will meet at Congress in Charlottesville, Virginia on Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 9:00 am.

The Benediction was given by Reverend Joel Strauch.

President General Janet Walker adjourned the meeting at 3:42 pm.

Robin R. Towns, Assistant Recording Secretary General

OFFICER REPORTS

First Vice President General

As First Vice President General who has worked with Janice Lorenz and Bill Buell on the 2020 Membership Directory, I am happy to say it has been published and is available at National headquarters or through the NHS website in the Members Only section. Please check the Spring 2021 Cross of Languedoc for details.

Mary Margaret Buck

Second Vice President General

Insignia Committee Chairman; Membership Committee Chairman

It is an honor to serve this Administration as the 2nd Vice President General. Instead of three reports, I chose to submit one report to the membership.

In my capacity as 2nd VP General, I serve as the automatic chair of the Membership Committee. I have accepted the role of chair of the special Insignia committee. I continue to help with some additional updates that are needed to the new Bylaws & Standing Rules. Each deal with changes related to insignia, logos, banners, and other forms of communications. These are minor compared to the contribution of others.

I am involved in supporting the National Huguenot Facebook Page and “comment engagement”.

When members join our society, they have a reason for coming. Some join for the swag. Being presented at the Board Meeting are several Insignia Committee Recommendations for the Board to consider. These recommendations deal with National Officers Sashes, State President Sashes, President General Sash, Chapter Officer Pins, and donation pins.

Issuing the new National Trifold Huguenot Pamphlet refresh has run into a problem. With COVID 19, many places have removed loose papers and trifold holders. This may now be limited to asking individuals to add this to their webpages.

The National Facebook Page has gone well. Having the National Board Members responding to inquires and posting pieces to the site helps direct prospective members to State sites. We encourage each State and Chapter to have a web and Facebook presence.

Finally, growth, education, and development. Have goals, Publish goals, report on the goals,.. Examples include (1) collect money for Wreaths Across America (2) collect socks for a local.... (3) Specifically have programs at meetings (4) Have a purpose. (5) Stay in contact with membership. People want to feel a part of the Society. No goal is too big or too small. Work as a team to go something good in 2021.

DO SOMETHING. DOING NOTHING IS AN OPTION BUT NOT THE BEST OPTION.

Once again, National is developing programs, in cooperation with several of the states and our Historian General, for programs that can be given at the meetings. They can be virtual or digital overhead. You can donate programs and receive credit or draw from the presentation bank. The Historian General is accepting the programs for review. More will be coming in the next several months, stay tuned. The Huguenots had and still have an impact today. We need to wear, own it, it loud and proud.

It is an honor to serve and to continue to serve.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Lee Potts, Second Vice President General, Insignia Committee Chairman, Membership Committee Chairman

Third Vice President General and Members at Large Representative

It is an honor to serve as your 3rd Vice President General and the Members at Large representative to the National Huguenot Society. This officer reached out through emails, snail mail and phone calls to members about dues for the year 2021 as well as news about the Society. This officer collected dues from 86 Members. Nine members included a donation to a specific fund. Twenty members paid with the new PayPal option on the website. With the reorganizing of the California Society 20 members transferred in October with more following. With the reorganizing of the D.C. Society more members will be transferring. This is wonderful to have the members become active in our State Societies again.

Our Registrar General has been busy approving Member at Large applications. Each new member received a welcome email from this officer which included descriptions of the new items in the Janet Butler Walker Administration.

A list of the Members at Large was sent to the new Corresponding Secretary General to allow them to participate in the new monthly email from our President General.

The Society thanks you for your support of the faith and sacrifice of your ancestors by continuing your membership and supporting the Endowment and Scholarship Funds. Be well during these difficult times.

Marjorie N. Wilson

Third Vice President General; Members at Large Representative

Chaplain General

We are glad to continue to serve as Chaplain General of the National Huguenot Society and to keep our fellow officers informed of our activities. I recently provided a more complete report for the Spring issue of *The Cross of Languedoc*, and subsequently our activities have focused on receiving Reports of Deceased Members from state and chapter officers and sending condolence letters to the next of kin.

We continue to urge state and local officers to notify us of their deceased members, so we can include them in our services, and we stand by to support state society and local chapter chaplains in carrying out their responsibilities.

Since the publication of the List of Deceased Members in the Spring 2021 *Cross of Languedoc*, we have received notice of the following deaths:

Arizona

Kathy Foley Machmer

Florida

Jeanne Fehrenbaker

Illinois

Joyce Bockemuehl

Eva Mae Lomerson Collins

Arthur Rakestraw

Tennessee

Terry Irene Downs Nelson

Texas

Floy Kroeplin

We plan a memorial service for the following deceased members, most of whom have been previously reported in *The Cross*, but whom we have not yet honored in our semi-annual worship services:

Florida

Alice Hornback

Novella "Joyce" Howerton

Cynthia Van Buren

Charles Garrison

Charlotte Elizabeth Jolliffe

Edward Delano Sullivan

Illinois

Carol Wendell Wandschneider

Members at Large

Maurice Theodore Bolmer

Betsy Warren Davis

John Cortelyou Duryea

Elizabeth (Betty) Theroux

New Hampshire

Susan Tukey

North Carolina

Charlotte Fetterman

Pennsylvania

Alvan Markle, III

Tennessee

George Cooper

Terry Irene Downs Nelson

Texas

Mary Ann Webber

Former Member at Large (CA)

Carmen de la Barre, sister of Shirley Ann de la Barre (DC)

Historian General

This officer has written a report in the Spring 2021 issue of the “*Cross of Languedoc*” which gives information about the youth essay contest. The youth essay contest is an excellent way to involve our youth in our Huguenot Society. This gives our youth an opportunity to learn about their Huguenot Ancestors and practice and improve their writing skills. We have instructions for the different age categories and monetary awards in each category. Our winners this year were grandchildren of our National Treasurer, Christine Crossan. Jane Criscuolo, 2nd grade level 1 received \$100.00; Jack Crossan 2nd place winner 2nd grade received \$50.00; Level 2, 1st place winner was William Crossan, 5th Grade receiving \$200.00; and Level 3, 1st place winner was David Crossan, Jr. receiving \$500.00.

This article in *The Cross* is asking all state presidents to contact the members in their state society and inform them of this youth essay contest. This officer has already emailed this information to the membership in Alabama. This contest gives our youth plenty of time to research and enter this essay contest which may be entered at any time the rest of this year.

After the Historian Report was printed in *The Cross*, this officer received a request for a program about our Huguenots from a member in Nebraska. After inquiring as to the type of program that would be the better program for their meeting she said that she would love to have a power point presentation for a zoom meeting. This officer sent her the contact information of Mary Ann Kittell, of Knoxville, Tennessee who gives a wonderful power point on the history of the Huguenots. This is a program Mary has researched and gives a beautiful presentation on the history of the Huguenots. We were honored to have her present her program to our Alabama Huguenot Society this past March at our zoom meeting. Since this is her original program, she gives the program herself and is delighted to share her power point in a zoom meeting.

At the end of our Zoom meeting the 14th April, 2021 this officer learned of our Genealogist General, Nancy Brennan of Texas, who gives a power point presentation that is especially of interest to the Daughters of the American Revolution. Nancy shows how we can use the DAR approved applications as helpful research and proof of lineage for the National Huguenot Society. Nancy’s contact information can be found in *The Cross*.

This officer has learned so much by being your Historian General and it is an honor to be a part of Janet Walker’s Administration.

Martha Ann Whitt, Historian General

Organizing Secretary General

This Organizing Secretary General continues to embrace one of the essential roles of this office, which is to support and facilitate the reorganization of State Societies. Support was afforded by the National Huguenot Society to the Huguenot Society of Arizona after the death of its president, Kathy Machmer. Officers of Arizona were able to restructure their Board and continue on.

Reorganizing President Lorraine Sims has worked tirelessly with this officer on the Washington DC Society, which was originally chartered in 1927. This Society was only recently disbanded formally by the National Society at the 2019 Congress in Philadelphia. Lorraine has worked closely with the NHS Registrar, William Buell. A glowing report of this process brought to fruition will occur at the National Huguenot Society 86th Congress 2021 in October. We anticipate approval.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Nancy Schultz, Organizing Secretary General

Registrar General

1 January 2021 to 9 April 2021

For the year to date, 20 New Regular Member Applications and 1 reinstatement have been approved.

5 members have been reported deceased, and 16 Members have been dropped or resigned.

The current Member count stands at 1477.

Efforts are currently underway to reorganize the District of Columbia Society, and I expect to start receiving the transfer documentation for the necessary 15 potential members starting on 1 August, in preparation for the October Congress.

20 Insignia orders have been approved. 88 queries have been responded to.

2 new Huguenot Ancestors have been added.

During the reporting period, the following items were sold:

10	2012 Register of Qualified Huguenot Ancestors
23	2016 Consolidated Updates to the RQHA
80	2020 Updates to the RQHA
16	Membership Directory, Fall 2020
3	Guidelines for Celebrating Traditions
4	Huguenot Historic Sites and Burials
1	Louise Moillon: 17th Century Still-life Artist
5	Scarves
13	Ship Pins
3	CDs, Huguenot France
2	Edict of Nantes
3	Neckties
1	Huguenot Lineage Research
3	Oval Stickers
2	Note Card Sets

William Collins Buell V, Registrar General

Treasurer General

Our checking account reports a balance of **\$27,717.86** as of March 31, 2021. Assets can be found within the Finance Committee's report.

This officer has collected **\$21,990.00** from the **25 State Societies** of the National Huguenot Society. All states paid on time and in full according to the membership summary reports submitted by each state treasurer. **\$1,224** has been deposited from checks and PayPal payments for Member-at-Large dues since November 1, 2020.

All state societies whose fiscal year was out of sync with National have filed **IRS Form 1128** to correct this.

The National Society has filed its 990N e-postcard for the year 2020, and all state societies have been advised to do this, as well. However, our asset level has exceeded the limit for use of this form. With the approval of the Finance Chair, President General, and Counselor General, I have contracted with Joshua Lerch of tax accountant firm *Baum, Smith & Clemens, LLP*, Harleysville, PA to complete **IRS Form 990** for the National Huguenot Society at a projected cost between \$750 and \$1250.

I am happy to report that the **Bexar Tax Appraisal District** (San Antonio, Texas) has approved our application for **Charitable Organization Property Tax Exemption** effective January 1, 2021. This exemption will save us over \$200 each year.

Our new website has been reaching many people and has generated sales of over **\$2,645** in book sales and over **\$682** in store sales since the first of this year.

A 2021 version of the **Membership Summary report** form and letter can be found in the *Members Only* section of our website.

This officer continues to keep account of the finances of the National Society, with all bills paid promptly, using free online Intuit *Mint* to download and categorize transactions from Wells Fargo Bank. This is compiled into reports using Excel, reviewed quarterly by the Finance Committee.

Christine Crossan, Treasurer General

STATE MEMBER SOCIETY REPORTS

Alabama

Because of the Pandemic, Alabama continues to conduct their meeting by zoom. It does allow members to attend by zoom when they might be confined and unable to meet in person. Although we much prefer the in person meetings this new technology has given us other ways to conduct business when in person meetings are not possible.

This officer has kept in touch with members by emails. Our Corresponding Secretary, Ann Cheney is always ready to send out our information. This officer has sent information about the youth essay contest, the email for registration of our April 14th meeting by zoom and the email for members to sign up for information from the National Society.

Our scheduled church service in March was canceled for the second year as the church is still not open to their regular schedule. This is a very important part of our state society, however, we were most delighted to have Mary Vann Kittle from Knoxville, Tennessee who presented her original power point of the history of the Huguenots. Mary is very professional with her presentation and our members enjoyed her program.

We are adding new members and are trying to inform others of our Huguenot Ancestors. It is an honor to serve our Alabama Huguenot Society.

Martha Ann Whitt, President.



California

The Huguenot Society of California held an electronic membership meeting on February 8, 2021. There were 18 members and one prospective member, Jacqueline Beveridge, in attendance via Zoom.

President Shari Worrell presided and introduced two new members, Lisa Oakley and Christy Ortzow. She also reported that there was another new member not present, as he is still a newborn. His name is Oliver Worrell and he is her grandson, who became a member when he was only 20 days old! The fourth new member is Christopher Mercado. These four new members bring our total membership count to thirty-nine.

Registrar, Shirley Arendt reported that there are 10 prospective members awaiting approval from National. Congratulations to all our officers who have done such a tremendous job in re-organizing the California Society and continuing their hard work in helping it grow.

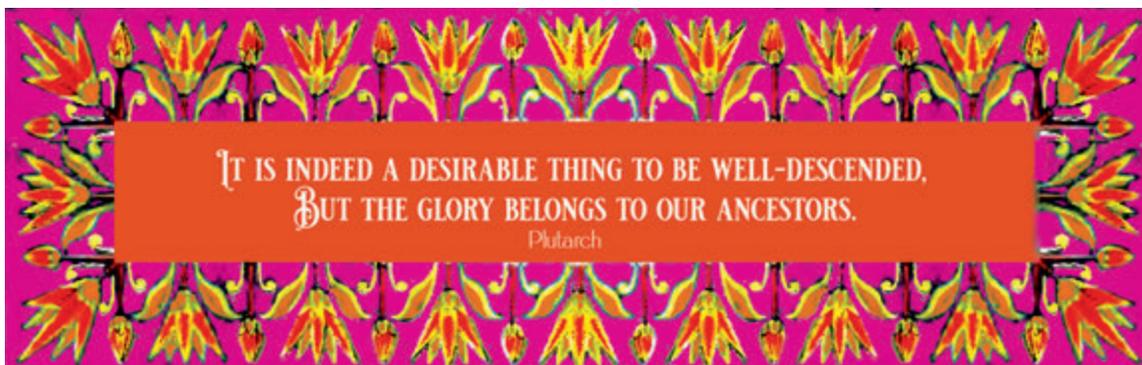
The California Society continues to support 5 scholarships through the Society's endowment at Golden Gate University in Northern California and California Baptist University in Southern California. Scholarships are awarded for both fall and spring semesters.

On a sad note, a memorial service was held for charter member, James Blauer, who died in an accident. The service was conducted by the Chaplain, Ellie Burnaford.

The next meeting of the California Society will be held on May 17, 2021. It is undecided at this time whether it will be by Zoom or in person.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Cates, Committee Chairman for Public Relations



Florida

As of 14 April 2021, the State of Florida had 5 Chapter and 140 members. During 2020, the State Society gained 16 new members: 13 regular, two junior and one dual. Unfortunately, the State Society lost 17 members: 8 regular members passed, our honorary member passed, the remaining 8 transferred out or were dropped for nonpayment of dues. We have four new members already in 2021 and several pending applications are in the works.

Our Florida Chapter of the Year for the second year in a row was the Admiral Gaspard de Coligny Chapter. This happens to be the home chapter of our Counselor General Cathy Paunov.

The Admiral Gaspard de Coligny Chapter had 32 members at the end of 2020 with a net gain of eight over 2019. These new members included the grandchildren of Chapter member Barbara Durocher, as junior members, and two transfers from the Fleur de Lis Chapter, following its disbandment. Every member from 2019 paid his or her dues in 2020. The Coligny Chapter was unable to hold any meetings during 2021 due to COVID restrictions, but looks forward to meeting again in October 2021. Chapter members did attend the National Meeting in October 2020 and the 2020 Annual State Society Meeting via Zoom.

The Ernst d'Erlach Chapter had 16 at the end of 2020. The chapter added two new members; lost three – two to death and one dropped. The chapter did acquire a new member April 2, 2021. The chapter is blessed that the officers have stayed the same for the past few terms, however, the chapter is struggling, because the officers have needed to keep their positions for the last several terms because the chapter is small. Even though it is small, the Chapter contributed \$140 to the Allen-Parker Scholarship Fund in 2020. The Chapter meets in various locations to minimize travel on the upper, middle east coast of Florida. Membership and attendance at meetings is difficult because of our geographic size, COVID 19 made it harder to meet. The chapter usually schedules two meetings a year. During 2020, they suspended their meetings. Hopefully, they can set up two meetings in 2021 as soon as restrictions can be lifted.

The Fort Caroline Chapter was able to hold its two meetings with programs and lunches in 2020 and one so far as of March 2021, at the Atlantic Beach Country Club, Atlantic Beach, Florida. There is one more meeting set for the fall of 2021. Fort Caroline acquired three new members in 2020 and lost one member due to death. The chapter's membership stands at 28 members. Fort Caroline Chapter donated \$473 to the Allen-Parker Scholarship in 2020 and already has \$200 in contributions towards the 2021 scholarship paid to the State Society at the end of the year with the chapter dues.

The Jean Calvin Chapter members were unable to meet at their favorite restaurant due to COVID 19. Meetings instead were held via Zoom. Although fewer members attended, distance members could attend the meetings who would not have been able to attend the in-person meeting. We hold three meetings a year—in January, March and October. October 2020, Jo Lee Potts presented an interesting program on Alexander Hamilton. In January Penny Sapp reported on *THE GLOBAL REFUGEE: Huguenots in an Age of Empire* by Owen Stanwood. At our March 2021 meeting, 15 members attend and Jo Lee Potts presented a program on the Printing Press and Its Influence on the Colonies. The chapter lost 3 members through death and several others resigned due to age and moving out of the area. The Jean Calvin Chapter has a Chapter Scholarship, The Karlene O. Darling Scholarship. There were two recipients approved for \$500.

The Louis Dubois Chapter merged with the Fleur de Lis Chapter when Fleur de Lis disbanded. Most of the Fleur de Lis members moved their membership via interstate transferred to the Louis DuBois Chapter as of July 26th. The Chapter membership grew from 9 members to 20. It is exciting that almost all members renewed. Louis Dubois had one resignation and one member drop. Two members passed in 2020. Due to health reasons our President Edwin Ferree had to resign his position as President. The position remained vacant until Brett Brown assumed the position as well as continuing to serve as Recording Secretary and Treasurer.

The Chapter realizes and agrees that it is unhealthy to have one member serving these key positions because of the possible conflicts of interest. The membership had been polled to find volunteers but as of this this report, there were no members willing to serve. This is a concern, because this was the fate of the Fleur de Lis Chapter. The Chapter received a letter from the attorney for the estate of Cynthia Van Buren dated June 30th. Cynthia was the Historian of the Louis Dubois Chapter and she passed in May of 2020. She had left a sizable bequest in her will for the Louis DuBois Chapter with no restrictions except that it must be used only for educational or charitable purposes. In August the Chapter sent out a poll to the membership as to how the Chapter should use or invest the funds. The general consensus was to put the funds into a trust in her name. Still to be decided is to whether the principal should be invaded for scholarship purposes in addition to the earnings.

This Florida President would like to thank Florida State Recording Secretary—Peggy A. Stottmann and Corresponding Secretary—for acting as co-Recording Secretary General *Pro-Tem* at the National Zoom Congress in October 2020.

There will be a continued focus in 2021 on membership and a new focus on adding funds to the Allen Parker Scholarship Fund. We are marking the scholarship fund a focus because our savings account and CD's which fund the scholarship are not

generating the interest we need to keep giving the awards we are giving to the number of qualified candidates. We reduced award amounts in 2020. We were able to return to normal funding in 2021, but we are projecting a shortfall in 2022 unless donation increase.

Since I sit on the National Board as and am a State President, I have two Florida State Executive Board Motions that I am Charged by the Huguenot Society of Florida to present.

FL 2021 Motion 1: The Executive Board of the Huguenot Society of Florida requests that the Executive Board of the National Huguenot Society consider allowing families to posthumously submit a family member for “posthumous membership”. The thought behind this motion is that this could be used to generate fund for the organization and conversations within families.

FL 2021 Motion 2: The Executive Board of the Huguenot Society of Florida requests that the Executive Board of the National Huguenot Society consider allowing the forward process of an application, in process with a registrar when the perspective member passes. The thought behind this motion is that this could be used to generate fund for the organization and conversations within families and reward the person for the work they did before their untimely passing.

The State and each of the Chapters are on solid financial footing with tight oversight.

It is an honor to represent the State of Florida as its State President and outgoing State Chaplain.

Jo Lee Potts, President



Georgia

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as the State President of the Huguenot Society of Georgia during the Walker Administration. During these last 2 years, we have certainly had our highs and lows. We have lost members and friends to this terrible disease. Thank goodness we have a strong faith in the power of our Lord. He has shown us to place our future in his hands and walk with him.

It is hard to believe that our last in-person meeting was at the Marietta Country Club in August 2019. At that meeting we gave to the Switzer Library in Cobb County two boxes of requested books. We learned about the History of Georgia Marble. We certainly enjoyed the fellowship of each other as well as our meal and the amazing choices at the ice cream bar.

John Trussell, 2nd Vice President, has done an excellent job researching the old Huguenot, GA site. In the near future we hope to dedicate a marker in Elberton in honor of these Huguenot ancestors crossing the Savannah River to establish a town. During John’s research, he found a marvelous speaker and award-winning author for our meeting in August. Thanks to the Zoom digital platform, we were able to meet Tom Poland from South Carolina and hear about his travels in this area. To learn about our ancestors creating the New Rochelle settlement in the wilds of South Carolina across the Savannah River was meaningful and informative. Sometimes it is important to be reminded of the difficulties our ancestors experienced to give us such a powerful and plentiful future. Tom selected Joyce Patton’s registration number as the winner of the door prize.

That same summer we gave a donation to the Georgia Archives to purchase the software and training for a digital scanner that will digitize and clean up microfiche. Our current website is being updated and will be more user friendly for research and finding information about our fantastic State Society.

State Treasurer Joyce Patton and I spent several weeks updating our membership list. It is always wonderful to reconnect with our inactive members. Our State Registrar Tina Peavy reported that we currently have 144 members. New members approved during the 2019-21 term were 21. State Corresponding Secretary Lynne Tate has updated the yearbook and created a beautiful newsletter. Our State Librarian Glenda Harkins ordered the 2020 Update of the Register of Qualified Huguenot Ancestors for each of the 28 libraries around the State that received the original Register. She also ordered books and the 2020 Update to be donated to the Elbert County Library.

We were again blessed at our 2021 Spring meeting to have an amazing speaker over Zoom from Texas, Nancy Brennan, National Huguenot Society Genealogist General and Past NHS Registrar General, who spoke on our Huguenot ancestors and their descendants in the American Revolution. She stayed connected to answer as many questions as possible. An honorarium was sent in her honor to our President General’s Project. The members we lost were honored by State Chaplain Jane Faulk, who gave a wonderful Memorial Service. Judy Womack’s registration number was chosen to win the door prize.

Thank you to my board for all their support and service--Sara Parker Sims, 1st Vice President; John T. Trussell, 2nd

Vice President; Jane Rountree Faulk, Chaplain; Kate Orr Messer, Recording Secretary; Lynne Allen Tate, Corresponding Secretary; Joyce Ball Patton, Treasurer; Tina Gowdy Peavy, Registrar; Virginia Jackson Wolf, Historian; Glenda J. Harkins, Librarian; David Peavy, Curator; and Robin R. Towns, Parliamentarian.

I am so excited with the incoming Board led by Robin Towns as the Georgia President. This Society will be in very capable hands leading us into a strong future.

In Huguenot Service,

Marjorie N. Wilson, President (outgoing)

Illinois



The Huguenot Society of Illinois has grown steadily since the October report at Congress in 2020, which was the National Society's first Virtual Event of this nature.

The Illinois Society has embraced this modality since May of 2020 with vim and vigor. The Scholarship Committee is busy with their task of assisting candidates applying from Illinois for financial award.

This Society's May 2020 meeting featured a power point program provided by Second Vice President General Jo Lee Potts on the Faberge family history and the evolution of the incredible "Eggs."

A donation of \$1000.00 was sent to the Huguenot Society of Pennsylvania to further the restoration and promotion of the Huguenot flags for permanent display at the Washington Memorial Chapel Valley Forge.

The Illinois Society looks forward to hosting the President General in November 2021, as well as attending the 86th Congress in October 2021 in an in-person, spectacular event in Virginia.

Nancy Schultz, President

Mississippi



The Huguenot Society of Mississippi held its 2021 Spring Meeting March 20 via Zoom. Carla Riley was thanked for getting the meeting together for us. President Mary Margaret Buck called the meeting to order and welcomed guests President General Janet Walker and Lisa Namie, a member of the Illinois Society who is a friend of several of our Mississippi members. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Huguenot Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag were led by Penny Lotterhos, the Pledge to the Huguenot was led by Dena Ward, and Mary Margaret Buck read The Objectives of the National Huguenot Society.

President Buck introduced President General Janet Walker who told our members about the goals she has for the society, the new NHS Website, encouraged us to purchase the Register of Qualified Huguenot Ancestors, the 2016 Update, and the new 2020 Update and donate to genealogical libraries. It was a pleasure to have her with us!!!

The members voted to donate books to some libraries. Also, a nominating committee was formed. Members were able to talk with each other after the meeting was adjourned.

Mary Margaret Buck, President

Missouri



The Missouri Huguenot Society has not met in person since October of 2019, due to the restrictions of the pandemic. We had planned to have an in-person gathering at our Spring meeting on May 15, but we could not achieve a quorum in order to conduct official business, so an informal planning session was held. Topics of discussion included current finances, the next slate of officers for the Missouri Society, as well as a Memorial service to be conducted in October for our recently deceased members. It was agreed that we would continue to communicate about Society business by email and phone, and we do plan on meeting in October of this year.

In Huguenot Friendship,

E. Blair Pickard, President

Nebraska

The Nebraska Society was thrilled to welcome President General Janet Walker to our February 27, 2021 Zoom meeting. Her address regarding the current state of the society was encouraging and it is good to know that we are on a path of growth. Membership is the number one priority for our state society and we are actively reaching out to local genealogical societies as well as to friends in other lineage societies to spread the word about our Huguenot ancestors. Nebraska currently has 12 members and we are working with prospective members to be able to join our society.

Our February program was presented by Robert L. Knott, Jr. on his Huguenot ancestor, Pierre de la Chaumette. It was interesting to learn of the path he travelled to finally make it to America and begin a new life.

We will also be busy this year updating our state bylaws, organizing our historical records and preparing them for electronic storage. It is our desire to write a history of the Nebraska Huguenot Society in the years to come. We are surveying the catalogs of local public libraries to ensure that we provide appropriate Huguenot resources to allow the public to conduct their Huguenot ancestor research.

Kathy Ocasio, President



New Hampshire

New Hampshire Huguenots have selected another outstanding scholarship winner for this year. The student has not been notified yet, so no details. Last year we had four wonderful applicants and could not make a decision on one, so we had for the first time co-winners, with both receiving full scholarships.

Even though this one goal has kept us going for a few years now, lack of new leadership and an aging membership is forcing us to disband. The votes have been counted and we hope our members will join other Huguenot groups or become members at large.

We plan to have a final meeting in August and wish each other well as we continue our journeys. As NH President, please accept this, my final report.

Marsha Stewart, President



North Carolina

The North Carolina Huguenot Society held our first ever Zoom meeting on April 21, 2021. Twenty two members attended, including seven new members who were introduced and asked to speak about their Huguenot ancestor. Our total membership currently stands at 107.

Our 2021 scholarship of \$1,000 was awarded to Sarah Deacon, a Choral Music major at Liberty University. We conducted a memorial service for those members who passed away since our last meeting in April 2019: Thomas Norris, Charlotte Fetterman and Randy Madry. In other business, we amended our standing rules for fees and dues in response to recent increases by the National Society. Our annual membership dues are now \$40, which includes state and national dues.

A new slate of officers was elected for the 2021-2023 term: President, Ann Mueller; Vice President, Mary Ann Hepler; Chaplain, Nannette Godwin; Secretary, Jane Thomas; Treasurer, Elaine Baldasare; Registrar, Angela Thompson and Historian, Suzanne Sauter. When the meeting was adjourned many members stayed on the line to visit and catch up. We are hoping to meet in person again in 2022!

Ann Mueller, President



Pennsylvania

Greetings Fellow Huguenots,

I pray our country is on the road to recovery, so we are able to get back to social in-person meetings. In 2019 the PA Society had a picnic in Boiling Springs and then the Reformation Sunday Service at the Hill Church in Lebanon. Then in 2020 due to Covid-19, there was not a 2020 Annual Meeting. Then the Reformation Sunday service was on October 25th on Zoom where we had 3 members from National join and 3 members from our PA State Society join.

Our Pennsylvania State Society reached out to our membership in a mailing for our 2021 Annual Huguenot Meeting on May 1st to have an in-person site and also connect on the Internet "Zoom" site. We had 13 members join, 4 in-person joined as a group on the Zoom link, 8 members through the Zoom link and 1 member called in to the Zoom link. It offered an opportunity for all our members to be a part of the meeting during this difficult historic time. This 2021 Annual Meeting was important for the election of New 2021-2023 Officers.

Lydia Freeman - President

Bernard Palissy Chapter -VP Judy Moneta

Jean Ribault Chapter- VP Bonnie Watkins

Languedoc Chapter -VP Susan Gillette Meer

Treasurer- John Beitel

Corresponding Secretary- Carolyn Holt

Recording Secretary- Jan Christensen

Registrar- Vacancy (Interim Lydia Freeman)

Chaplain- Rev. Clayton Ames

Counselor- David Hope

Historian, Librarian, & Archivist- Bonnie Watkins

Council Members-Douglas Hocker, Irene Walker, Kendra Hech, Barbara Dobmeier

Our PA Society has a New website link: <https://pahuguenotsociety.wixsite.com/website>. Thanks to Susan Gillette Meer for her work.

In regards to our PA Huguenot Society 16 French Flags, they are on loan and currently displayed in Presidential Hall at the Historical Washington Memorial Chapel in Valley Forge, PA. The flags' condition has been evaluated and determined to be good. They will need periodic cleaning. Our PA Huguenot Society Council and members at the meeting have approved the needed funds to have an appraisal done, the printing of an informational brochure about the collection of these French Flags, the upkeep, the forming of a Color Guard, and any other maintenance required. We are very appreciative of the generosity that the Illinois Huguenot Society has shown in contributing \$1000.00 to the preservation and promotional material needed for our PA State Huguenot Society French Flags.

We approved the needed funds to placing a Huguenot Membership drive advertisement in DAR, SAR, or similar organizational publications. We thank Susan Gillette Meer in volunteering to design the advertisement. The membership committee and Council will be working together to implement the membership guidelines with prospective members to follow the process in becoming members in our PA State Huguenot Society.

In regards to the French Alliance Day Film Project, the PA Huguenot Society Council and members in attendance have approved to make a donation of \$3,000.00. I will be making a personal donation and Peter Adams has agreed to match my donation.



I was honored as the incoming PA Huguenot Society President to attend the French Alliance Day Service on May 2nd, 2021, in person with several other organizations that have pledged to make contributions for the Film Project. I look forward to being interviewed about our PA State Huguenot Society involvement in the French Alliance Day Service and what it means to our Society.

The picture in this report is our Pennsylvania Huguenot Society Flag after one of the French Alliance Day Services with Ellis Adams in his color guard uniform and Lydia Freeman showing the flag.

We are planning an in-person 2021 picnic gathering this summer. In the fall, we will be planning for our October 31st, 2021 Reformation Sunday Service.

A small group of us are signed up and looking forward to attending the 86th Annual Congress in Charlottesville, Virginia, on the 4th to the 6th of October 2021.

Blessings in Huguenot Faith

Lydia R. Freeman, President

Memories of the



April 2021 Meetings



Texas

The annual joint assembly of the La Rochelle and Languedoc chapters of the Huguenot Society of Texas met on 21 February 2021 via Zoom. Meetings in each chapter have continued to be held virtually due to COVID restrictions, but the Languedoc Chapter will have its first in-person meeting in June in San Antonio. The next joint assembly will be hosted by the La Rochelle Chapter in Dallas in 2022.

New Huguenot Society of Texas state officers were elected and installed at the February assembly. Jerry A. Chenault is now serving as the President; Ann Oppenheimer, Vice President; Carolyn Sue Chenault, Recording Secretary; Katherine Totten, Treasurer; Ronald Powell, Registrar, and Janis Myer, Chaplain.

The chapters have continued to welcome new members through 2020 and into 2021, adding nine new members during that period. The Texas Society was organized 2 April 1954 and has remained active since that date.

In Huguenot Faith and friendship,

Jerry A. Chenault, President

Carolyn Sue Chenault, Recording Secretary



Virginia

The Huguenot Society of Virginia is progressing in its meeting and activities, as many of us have received our vaccinations and our governor has permitted larger gatherings. Our Society met for the first time in eighteen months in March to elect new officers and plan for our hosting the Annual Congress in Charlottesville on October 4th to 6th.

We welcome the new officers, who will serve over the next two years:

President	Joel Edward Strauch
First VP	Brantley Bolling Knowles
Treasurer	Susan Pemberton Webber
Second VP	Timothy Christopher Finton
Registrar	Virginia Hurtes Rouse
Chaplain	Brenda Payne Rose
Secretary	Karen Lynne Pogoloff
Librarian	Courtenay Turner Stanley
Historian	Dorothy Lee Rosen

The Registration form for the 2021 National Huguenot Annual Congress was reviewed, see attached. Among the innovative ideas is for attendees to share their Huguenot lineage, particularly any connections with Virginia, as Virginia served as a gateway for many of our immigrant ancestors. Registering to attend, members will be asked for this information, as we search for familial connections we may have with one another and to Virginia.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel E. Strauch, President



Washington

The Huguenot Society of Washington state has not met since the spring of 2020. Between Washington state restrictions, insufficient language in our state society's bylaws for online meetings, limited membership, and lack of computers for some of our most active (and oldest) members, a choice was made to postpone our next meeting for a few months, in hopes we will be able to instead meet in person this summer, for Elections.

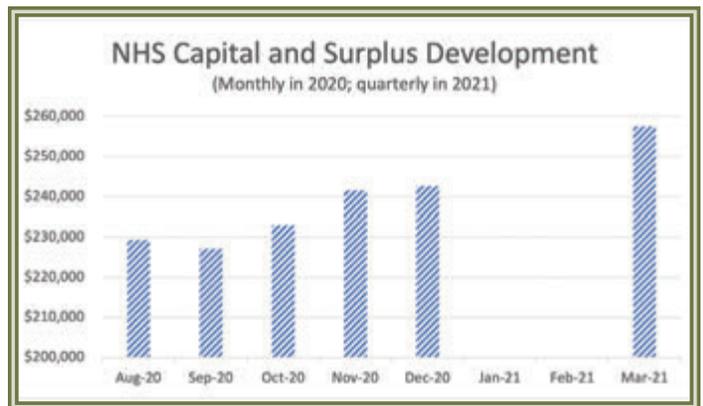
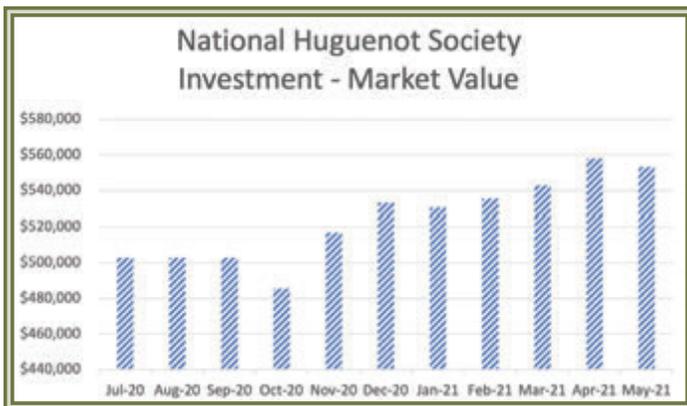
Marissa Goldenman, President

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee has been made significant progress over the course of 2020 and the first quarter of 2021, managing the financial affairs of the Society:

- 1) Most importantly, the Committee with the expertise of Treasurer General has established professional protocols to report the finances of the Society. Financial statements are now generated at each quarter end, summarizing the transactions over the course of the reporting period and period end valuations of assets, liabilities, and reserves. The balance sheet and income statements for the Society are presented below.
- 2) The Treasurer General also generated a 2021 annual budget using the receipts and expenditures for the last twelve months, adjusted for anticipated differences, which were amended in the budget and, in turn, discussed and approved by the Finance Committee and the Board. The budget acts as a road map for our expected expenditures and an effective control to keep our operations on course.
- 3) The Treasurer General has addressed our responsibility to maintain our tax-exempt status and has managed the filing of our 2020 Form 990 for the Internal Revenue Service, to be completed and submitted by a Pennsylvania accounting firm.
- 4) The Finance Committee monitors the financial position of the Society and changes in financial markets to develop ongoing investment plans to rebalance our investment portfolio. Portfolio changes were initiated after our Annual Council meeting to reflect the expectations of stronger economic growth and the risk of higher inflation.
- 5) The results for the first quarter of 2021 are reported in our income statement. Through the end of March, the investments of the Society provided attractive returns through a diversified portfolio invested in equity, fixed income, and short-term funds. Since the inception of funding the investment accounts at Vanguard through the date of this report, May 15, 2021, these investment accounts have generated \$9,232 of dividend, interest, and capital gain distributions and \$40,549 of market gains for investment returns of \$49,780; for Vanguard accounts the investment returns were 9.8% for this period.



NHS Balance Sheet		-----3/31/2021-----				
Accounts	Assets	Restricted ³	Unrestricted	Total		Liability ²
1. For Scholarships:					Scholarship Reserve Total	\$ 246,692.10
Dickey/Scholarship Funds	\$ 240,783.66			\$ 240,783.66	DC Scholarship Res.	\$ 26,198.99
General Scholarship Fund			\$ 5,908.44	5,908.44		
2. For General Purposes					General Purposes Reserve	\$ 35,487.02
Endowment Fund			\$12,141.42	\$ 12,141.42		
Lewis Fund	20,000.00		3,345.60	\$23,345.60		
General Fund						
3. Operating funds						\$ 288,885.74
Investment fund			\$ 251,756.34	\$ 251,756.34	Dissolved State Society	31,345.93
Liquidity fund ¹			37,129.40	37,129.40	Capital and Surplus	257,539.81
	Total assets			\$ 571,064.86		\$ 571,064.86

¹Vanguard liquidity of \$9,411.54 + Wells Fargo Balance
²Fund balances
³Designated as Permanently Restricted
 Restricted funds are defined by the legal granting documents, whether from a foundation or individual donor.

OPERATING INCOME		Budget 2020	Budget 2021	Income Actual 01/01/2021- 03/31/2021	Receipts Actual 01/01/2021-03/31/2021
Dues	State Dues	\$ 20,435	\$ 27,120	\$ 22,380	\$ 22,380
	MAL Dues	\$ 3,500	\$ 2,265	\$ 516	\$ 516
Fees	Fees Income	\$ 2,000	\$ 4,500	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,100
Sales	Book Sales	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,200	\$ 2,405	\$ 2,405
	Store Sales	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,200	\$ 609	\$ 609
	Lightning Source	\$ 300	\$ 400	\$ 151	\$ 151
Donations	Donation Income	\$ 250	\$ 100	\$ 565	\$ 565
	Pin donation	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 165	\$ 165
Events	Board Mtg In	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ -
	Congress Income	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ -
	Investment Income	\$ 7,500	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ -
	Transfer In				\$ -
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME		\$ 46,485	\$ 48,285	\$ 27,891	\$ 27,891
OPERATING EXPENSES		Budget 2020	Budget 2021	Expenses Actual 01/01/2021- 03/31/2021	Expenditures Actual 01/01/2021-03/31/2021
Overhead	Office Rent	\$ 7,896	\$ 7,896	\$ 2,034	\$ 2,034
	Internet	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Office Supplies	\$ 200	\$ 1,000	\$ 228	\$ 228
	Shipping	\$ 200	\$ 1,000	\$ 476	\$ 476
	Liability Insurance	\$ 325	\$ 325	\$ 327	\$ 327
	D&O Insurance	\$ 1,540	\$ 1,540	\$ -	\$ -
	Bank Fee	\$ 30	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Website	\$ 250	\$ 300	\$ 106	\$ 106
	Local Tax	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ -
Awards	Youth Contest	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 850	\$ 850
	Scholarly Works Award	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -
	Scholarship Award	\$ 5,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -
Publications	Printing	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,500	\$ 9,635	\$ 9,635
	Cross Postage	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,027	\$ 2,027
Store	Store Inventory	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Events	Board Mtg Exp	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ -
	Congress Expense	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ -
	Speaker fees	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ -	\$ -
	Donation Expense	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ -
Travel Allowanc	President	\$ 1,500	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ -
	Registrar		\$ 500	\$ 105	\$ 105
	Transfer bet Banks				\$ 500
	Reorganized Society				\$ -
TOTAL OPER EXPENSES		\$ 39,141.00	\$ 48,261.00	\$ 15,788.53	\$ 16,288.53
NET INCOME/(LOSS)		\$ 7,344.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 12,102.72	\$ 11,602.72
12/31/2020 to 3/31/2021		Investment Account (Vanguard)			
<u>Consolidate Accounts</u>					
	Income returns			\$ 3,238.57	
	Net unrealized gains			\$ 6,107.29	
	Consolidated Vanguard total			\$ 9,345.86	
	Comprehensive net income (Wells and Vanguard)			\$ 21,448.58	

The financials, including our Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2021; and our Statement of Operating Income and Expenses for the First Quarter of 2021, including 2021 Budget, are presented above. The Treasurer General and the Finance Committee expect to continue to generate quarterly financials to report the development of the resources of the Society to the Board of General Officers.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel E. Strauch, CFA®, Chair of the Finance Committee

Publications

Our line of books is available online at most major booksellers, and via our NHS Website, nationalhuguenotsociety.org. All of our books are selling well—better than ever, actually, which must be thanks to our new website, and to Treasurer General Christine Crossan’s update of our website’s store payment technology. This officer continues to generate a new *Cross of Languedoc* twice a year, featuring items of Huguenot interest on its cover and in its feature articles, and containing important contributions by our officers and members.

Janice Murphy Lorenz, Honorary President General, Chairman

Scholarly Works Award

We are delighted to announce the winner of the 2020 Scholarly Works Award, *The Global Refuge: Huguenots in an Age of Empire*. New York: Oxford University Press (2020), by Owen Stanwood.

Published: 20 January 2020. 312 Pages . ISBN: 9780190264741. Also available as an Ebook. See Oxford Scholarship Online. See also: The Author’s Corner with Owen Stanwood:

<https://thewayofimprovement.com/2020/01/09/the-authors-corner-with-owen-stanwood/>



The author, Owen Stanwood, is an associate professor of history at Boston College. Currently a resident of Providence, RI, Owen C Stanwood (born 1974) “grew up in a small town in Washington state that was especially proud of its past, and I worked as a teenager with local museums and preservation organizations. This interest in local history eventually transformed into curiosity about how North America developed over the longue durée. “I love history because it simultaneously allows me to recover lost worlds while also understanding the real world that I live in a bit better.”

From his bio at Boston College, we learn that:

The Global Refuge: Huguenots in an Age of Empire is based on extensive archival research on three continents, and is the first global history of the Huguenots. It highlights the role of religious refugees in the making of European imperialism. Huguenot refugees were everywhere in the early modern world. French Protestant exiles, fleeing persecution following the revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685, scattered around Europe, North America, the Caribbean, South Africa, and even remote islands in the Atlantic and Indian Oceans. *The Global Refuge* provides the first truly international history of the Huguenot diaspora. The story begins with dreams of Eden, as beleaguered religious migrants sought suitable retreats to build perfect societies far from the political storms of Europe. In order to build these communities, however, the Huguenots needed patrons, forcing them to navigate the world of empires. The refugees promoted themselves as the chosen people of empire, religious heroes who also possessed key skills that could strengthen the British and Dutch states. As a result, French Protestants settled around the world: they tried to make silk in South Carolina; they planted vineyards in South Africa; and they peopled vulnerable frontiers from New England to Suriname. This embrace of empire led to a gradual abandonment of the Huguenots’ earlier utopian ambitions and ability to maintain their languages and churches in preparation for an eventual return to France. For over a century they learned that only by blending in and by mastering foreign institutions could they prosper.

While the Huguenots never managed to find a utopia, *The Global Refuge* demonstrates how this diasporic community helped shape the first age of globalization and influenced the reception of future refugee populations.

A historian of colonial America, the Atlantic world, and, more generally, of European overseas endeavors during the early modern era, he has a number of interests within this vast field, including the development of the British and French empires, the diffusion of Christianity, intercultural contact and interaction, and the history of exploration. A 1997 graduate of Grinnell College, he received his MA and PhD from Northwestern.



Owen C. Stanwood is the author of two books, and numerous articles. His first book, *The Empire Reformed: English America in the Age of the Glorious Revolution* (2011), examined how fears of Catholicism galvanized and transformed Anglo-American political culture during the last decades of the seventeenth century. His newest book, *The Global Refuge: Huguenots in the Age of Empire* (2020), focuses on the global diaspora of French Protestant refugees, who scattered around the world after Louis XIV revoked their right to freedom of worship in 1685, settling in communities stretching from New England to the Indian Ocean and playing a leading role in the development of the British and Dutch empires.

His teaching ranges from colonial and revolutionary America to early modern Europe, including such topics as European-Indian relations, the settlement of Boston and New England, the history of Jesuits in North America, and the French Atlantic experience.

Kim Burdick (DE), Chairman

Scholarship Committee

Note from the Editor:

Our Scholarship Committee has transitioned to new leadership, as arranged by Honorary President General Neoma O. O'Brien, who chaired the Scholarship Committee for more than twenty years. While we are disappointed to hear that she is stepping down as chairman, we are enormously grateful to Neoma for her flawless execution of her duties, and recognize the genius of her creative succession planning. She will be succeeded as chairman by two Huguenots: (1) our 2015 Scholarship Winner, Sarah Renwick Long (NC), who was featured on the cover of our Fall 2015 Cross of Languedoc; and (2) her mother, Mary Erwin Roff Long (NC). They are brimming with energy and ideas, and we thank them for agreeing to serve in this extremely important role for The National Huguenot Society, Inc.—the \$5000 annual scholarship we award fulfills one of our primary missions pertaining to the promotion of Huguenot education and awareness.

National Huguenot Society College and Postgraduate Student \$5,000 Merit Scholarship

More than two decades ago, a very generous bequest made it possible for the Society to create a \$5,000 merit scholarship for undergraduate and post-graduate studies.

This award is not dependent on financial need (no FAFSA or tax return requirements), and the award monies are issued directly to the winner's educational institution. The deadline to apply for this non-renewable award is February 1st of each year.

Candidate Requirements:

- Be a regular member of The National Huguenot Society, having met all requirements for that membership.
- Be a student at an accredited college or graduate school, who has taken at least two collegiate courses in history including, at least in part, a history of religion.
- Have completed at least two years of college with a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

An application form is available on the NHS website. Additional information is available from the Co-Chairs of the Scholarship Committee via email at scholarship@nationalhuguenotsociety.org.

Mary Long and Sarah Long, Co-Chairmen

Website—Our New Website is a “Hit”

This report was prepared by the Editor.

As announced in the Spring 2021 *Cross of Languedoc*, we are very pleased with our newly-revamped Website of The National Huguenot Society. Our new website address is:

www.nationalhuguenotsociety.org.

We have a new web host, a new website address, a new appearance, new content, a brand new and upgraded store, without eliminating our old favorites in terms of Huguenot history, books, old *Cross of Languedoc* magazines, and a Qualified Huguenot Ancestors list. Many thanks to Steve Gerth (IL), our former Webmaster, and to Sumner Hunnewell (MO), our current Webmaster, and to our website developer, Steve Allen of Egg Media.

The new website address presents a new Members Only Section with important documents such as the updated Bylaws and Fee Schedule. The Members Only section requires a password in order for our members to use it. Please contact President General Janet Walker at president_general@nationalhuguenotsociety.org for the password to the Members Only section of the website.

You will immediately notice that our new website has a very successful NHS Store, where one may order and actually pay for desired NHS items online, including our line of NHS published books. The San Antonio NHS headquarters office is managed by the NHS Registrar General, Bill Buell, and his office management duties include fulfilling our NHS Website Store orders.

In addition to his Registrar General duties, his headquarters office management, and his Website Store order fulfillment duties, Bill ALSO manages the NHS Membership List and *The Cross of Languedoc* Mailing List. He may be reached at: registrar_general@nationalhuguenotsociety.org with changes of address and membership status, and for anything pertaining to his other NHS roles. We are so very grateful for Bill's incredible energy and his service to NHS, which he performs to perfection.

Another noticeable improvement to our NHS Website capabilities is the ability to now pay by PayPal for purchases made in the NHS Store, and for Member at Large Dues payments.

Our NHS officers may be emailed at:

President General: president_general@nationalhuguenotsociety.org

Treasurer General: treasurer_general@nationalhuguenotsociety.org

Corresponding Secretary General: corresponding_secretary_general@nationalhuguenotsociety.org

Editor of *The Cross of Languedoc*: editor@nationalhuguenotsociety.org

Webmaster: webmaster@nationalhuguenotsociety.org

The San Antonio headquarters office address appears on the back page of this and every *Cross of Languedoc* issue. The headquarters office no longer carries a land line telephone. All transactions are to be done on our Website and via email, and regular USPS mail, whenever possible. In addition, there is an online form which can be filled out by anyone with an inquiry.

Youth

It is exciting to present this opportunity for our young people to honor their Huguenot ancestors. The National Huguenot Society is encouraging our youth to participate in the Youth Essay Contest. The Youth Contest Guidelines are listed in *The Cross*. For this information to be more personal, we are asking each state president to send out a flyer to the membership encouraging their youth to participate. The closing date for submission of the essays is November 20, 2021. This gives plenty of time for you to submit your essays.

Level 1.....1st Place Winner Award is \$100.00

Level 21st Place Winner Award is \$200.00

Level 3.....1st Place Winner Award is \$500.00

Contest topics and additional information can be found in *The Cross*. It is very educational for our youth to discover their Huguenot ancestors and also learn of the Huguenot ancestors of our many famous leaders of our country who helped form America from its foundation into the great country in which we live today. Let us take this opportunity to share our Huguenot Heritage.

In Huguenot Faith,

Martha Ann Whitt, Chairman
jameswhitt11@msn.com

ANNUAL YOUTH CONTEST GUIDELINES—Revised 2021

The NHS youth contest is designed to invigorate our state societies, raise Huguenot awareness among our youth, and strengthen family ties between members and their children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews by sponsoring a contest for students. We aim to encourage our eligible young relatives and friends to register as youth or to join as an NHS member. The winning submissions will be announced and published in *The Cross of Languedoc*.

Program Timeline:

January 1: Opening date for current year Youth Contest Candidate Submissions;

January 1: The Committee Chairman notifies the President General of the prior calendar year's proposed Youth Contest winners. Once the President General has approved those winners, the Committee Chairman notifies the winners. The Chairman should forward the winning submissions along with the winners' names and state to the Editor of *The Cross of Languedoc* for publication. The President General should notify the Treasurer General to promptly issue checks to the winners in accordance with the amounts promised in the Youth Contest Guidelines.

November 20: Closing date for the current year Youth Contest Candidate Submissions

Program Requirements:

1. Candidates must be students in elementary or high school and must be eligible for and either registered with National as a Youth or have applied for membership. Candidates must pay the applicable fee and have a relative submit an Application for Youth Registration for the Candidate, or enroll the Candidate as a Junior Member of the National Huguenot Society. Youth Registration costs \$10.00 per youth. Forms available on the NHS webpage: www.nationalhuguenotsociety.org
2. ALL SUBMISSIONS SHOULD CONTAIN: The Youth's Name, Grade, Age, Address, and State Society, and a title. Attention should also be paid to spelling and grammar.
3. Prepare your submissions in Microsoft Word format (or JPG format for the Level 1 submissions) whenever possible; if not possible, use PDF. Email them to Martha Ann Whitt at jameswhitt11@msn.com between January 1st and November 20th.

Contest Topics and Prizes:

Entries will be judged on originality, creativity, and thoughtful handling of the topic.

Level 1 – Grades 2-4: Each student will submit an art piece to illustrate contributions of Huguenots or Huguenot descendants to America. Each submission should have an accompanying title or short statement to explain the relationship of the artwork to the theme. Artwork should be scanned into a computer or digitally photographed so that it can be emailed. Please submit in JPEG format if possible; if not, use PDF. Prizes: 1st Place=\$100; 2nd Place=\$50; 3rd Place=\$25.

Level 2 – Grades 5-8: Each student will either: (1) submit an essay on "What it means to me to be a descendant of a Huguenot;" Information about their specific ancestor may be cited. Visual images may also be included; OR (2) Students will read and submit a review one of the books listed below. Essays should be at least 300 words in length, contain a title, and be composed in proper form with attention to correct spelling and grammar. Please submit in Microsoft Word format; if not, use PDF. Prizes: 1st Place=\$200; 2nd Place=\$100; 3rd Place=\$50.

Level 3 – Grades 9-12: Each student will submit an essay on "What I've learned about the migration of Huguenots to other lands." Visual images may be included, such as maps or other types of illustrations. The essay should be at least 500 words in length, contain a title, and be composed in proper form with attention to correct spelling and grammar. Please submit essay in Microsoft Word, if possible; if not, use PDF. Prizes: 1st Place=\$500; 2nd Place=\$250; 3rd Place=\$100.

Well-Known Books About Huguenots for Young Readers Below—Please Notify Us About New Ones!

1. The Escape: Adventures of Three Huguenot Children Fleeing Persecution. A. Van Der Jagt.
2. Huguenot Garden, Douglas Jones.
3. Escape Across the Wide Sea, Katherine Kirkpatrick.
4. The Refugees: Tale of Two Continents, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (better for slightly older kids)
5. Francis Marion & The Legend of the Swamp Fox, Kate Salley Palmer.
6. Hammer of the Huguenots, Douglas Bond.

Sample of Famous Americans with Huguenot Ancestors:

- Audubon, John James (1785-1851) Ornithologist, naturalist, and painter of birds
 - Cassatt, Mary (1845-1926) American's most famous impressionist artist
 - Chennault, Claire Lee (1890-1958) Air Force general, Flying Tigers in W/III
 - Cody, William Frederick (1846-1917) Heroic Army scout, "Buffalo Bill" showman
 - Crockett, Davy (1786-1836) Battle of the Alamo hero
 - Custis, First Lady Martha Dandridge (1731-1802) 1 First Lady
 - Dana, Richard Henry (1815-1882) Author of *Two Years Before the Mast*
 - Decatur, Stephen (1779-1820) Heroic naval officer
 - Depp, Johnny (1963-) American film actor
 - Dewey, Admiral George (1837-1917) Admiral in Spanish-American War
 - Dulles, John Foster (1888-1959) U. S. Secretary of State
 - Du Pont, E.I. (1771-1834) American industrialist
 - Edison, Thomas Alva (1847-1931) Inventor, especially electrical & communication devices
 - Eisenhower, President Dwight David (1890-1969) WWII Commander of Allied Forces, 34th President of the United States
 - Faneuil, Peter (1700-1743) Built Faneuil Hall "Cradle of Freedom" in Boston
 - Hamilton, Alexander (1757-1804) 1st Secretary of the U.S. Treasury
 - Howe, Julia Ward (1819-1910) Author of "Battle Hymn of the Republic," social reformer
 - President Ulysses S. Grant (1822-1885) Civil War Commander of Union Forces, 18th President
 - Grimké, Angela & Sarah, 19th century civil rights activists
 - Jay, Chief Justice John (1745-1829) 1 Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court
 - Lee, General Robert E. (1807-1870) Civil War Commander Confederate Army
 - Lindbergh, Charles (1902-1974) Aviator who made 1st nonstop solo flight from NY to Paris
 - Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth (1807-82) Poet
 - Robert, Henry Martin (1837-1925) General who wrote *Robert's Rules of Order*
 - Minuit, Peter (1580?-1638) 1st Deputy General of New Netherlands
 - Poinsett, Joel Roberts (1779 - 1851) Christmas flower named for him
 - Rockefeller, John D. (1839-1937) U.S. industrialist and philanthropist
 - Revere, Paul (1735-1818) Gold & silversmith; Ride immortalized by Longfellow's poem
 - Roosevelt, Eleanor (1884-1962) Instrumental in U.N. *Declaration of Human Rights*; 1st Lady
 - Roosevelt, President Franklin Delano (1882-1945) 26th President of the United States
 - Roosevelt, Theodore (1858-1919) 26th President
 - Thoreau, Henry David (1817-1862) Author of *On Walden Pond*
 - Tiffany, Charles (1812-1908) Jeweler
 - Truman, Harry S. (1884-1972) 33d President of the United States
 - Washington, George (1732-1799) Revolutionary War general and 1st President
 - Whittier, John Greenleaf (1807-1892) Poet
 - Williams, Thomas Lanier (1911-1983) Tennessee Williams, major American playwright
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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

For the Period 1 January 2021 to 23 May 2021

STATE and MEMBER NAME

Alabama

Sunny Beth Day 16-246

Arkansas

Mary Jean Hall 42-140

Arizona

Merville Lynn Nicholls, Jr. 31-183

Karlene Marie Todd Coleman 31-184

California

Lisa Eileen Oakley 5-728

Christy Lee Metcalf Decoite Ortizow 5-729

Florida

David Carter Purviance 9-968

Debra Lee Cummings 9-969

Laura Charis Tonklin Allen 9-970

Georgia

Dr. Cheryl Hunt-Clements 38-424

Christine Louise Weisiger Crowe 38-426

Analyssa Brayden Trussell 38-427

Illinois

William Tracy Erbes 13-520

William Henry Burnham 13-521

Richard Dennis Bradley 13-522

Members at Large

Elizabeth Hammond Carlson 2-130

Laurie Lynn Byers Weitzel 2-131

Alixandra FitzWilliam-Tate Collins Baker 2-132

Mississippi

Rita Kathryn Davis 41-84

North Carolina

Lynne Larzelere Thorp Hoerter 8-356

Oklahoma

Kathy Huber 43-106

Robin L. Baker Reed 43-107

Pennsylvania

Maribeth Wilt-Seibert 1-3481

STATE and MEMBER NAME

Texas

Ronald Joe Turner 10-1251

Henry Elvin Shoenfelt, II 10-1252

Edith Celeste Smith Craig 10-1253

Virginia

Cheryl Leslie Devine-Holick 28-559

Franklin James Fishbaugh 28-560

Susan Rieman Stewart Claytor 28-561

Washington

Bruce Glenn Bock 14-208

Junior Members

Daniel Brian Andrew Worrell 5-724 (California)

Ryan Richard Worrell, Jr. 5-725 (California)

Oliver Orion Atticus Worrell 5-727 (California)

Lola Mairae Howes-Colomon 9-959 (Michigan)

Milo James Howes-Williams 9-960 (Michiga

The Altar and the School

When, driven by oppression's rod,
Our fathers fled beyond the sea,
Their care was first to honor God,
And next to leave their children free.
Above the forest's gloomy shade
The altar and the school appeared;
On that the gifts of faith were laid,
In this their precious hopes were reared.
The altar and the school still stand,
The sacred pillars of our trust;
And freedom's sons shall fill the land
When we are sleeping in the dust.
Before Thine altar, Lord, we bend,
With grateful song and fervent prayer,
For Thou who wast our fathers' friend
Wilt make our offspring still Thy care.



Pictured at the March 1992 meeting of the Huguenot Society of Washington, DC at the Fort McNair Officers Club, are L-R: Neoma O. O'Brien, gesturing to the framed Charter of the Huguenot Society of Washington, DC, apparently signed by its charter members; and a student who was that year's winner of a student's award. Neoma O. O'Brien is currently an Honorary President General of the National Huguenot Society.

Honorary Huguenot Society Memberships Mattered to General Pershing – He Became a Charter Member of The Huguenot Society of Washington, DC

General Pershing was among the charter members of the Huguenot Society of Washington, DC, which formed in 1927, and was incorporated in 1928. Accounts of the formation of the organization indicate that there was a good membership response from the beginning.



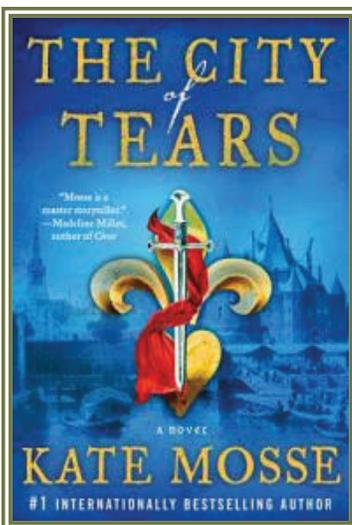
FEES AND DUES INCREASES PASSED AT CONGRESS 2020 BEGIN FOR 2022 YEAR

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that various fees and dues increases were approved at the Congress meeting in October 2020, which was held online. A Dues and Fee Schedule can be found in the Members Only section of our new website, at www.nationalhuguenotsociety.org. The effective date for the new/increased member Fees to begin is in the dues collected for the calendar year 2022, which occurs in the Fall of 2021.



Book Review on “*Burning Chambers*” Series of Books

by Mary Margaret Buck



The Burning Chambers Series of books by Kate Mosse is for those who enjoy historic novels that keep one's interest. Kate Mosse, an international known author, weaves a fascinating exciting story filled with treachery, love, drama which begins in 1562 and is based on historic events of the Huguenot. The first book in the series is *THE BURNING CHAMBERS* (2019) begins with a prologue set in 1862, then there is a flashback with a man being tortured in Chapter One. The author then introduces Minou Joubert and follows her fascinating life during the turbulent times of the Religious Wars in France until 1572.

That wonderful story is followed by the second in the series, *THE CITY OF TEARS* (2021), which begins with the excitement of a Royal Wedding. Minou and her husband Piet making plans for the journey from Puivert to Paris with their children. What happens in Paris? Read the book and find out!

I found *THE BURNING CHAMBERS* hard to put down, and *THE CITY OF TEARS* follows suit.

FUNDING REQUEST TO RESTORE STAINED GLASS ROOF OF A HUGUENOT CHURCH IN FRANCE

We recently received a request from Corrinne Danilian-Verdin, Pastor, Robert Gill, Church Council President, and Reverend Cyrille Payot, for NHS and our members to consider making a financial donation to support the restoration of a stained glass roof at the Église Protestante Unie de Saintes et Sud-Saintonge in Saintes, Charente-Maritime, France. It was built in 1904-1906 and is located at 2 Cours Reverseaux, 17200 Saintes, France.

This temple boasts a beautiful stained glass roof which needs restoration and renovation. The history of the Huguenots in that region is international, with connections to Switzerland, the United Provinces, England, the German States, and the Huguenot Societies founded in Great Britain and the United States by their Huguenot descendants. The region includes the Huguenot stronghold of La Rochelle, Meschers, Saintes-Saintonge, and is replete with Huguenot history. Some members might also want to consider making a trip to visit this region of France—when the COVID restrictions ease and it becomes safe to do so.

Questions and further information may be requested of one of the contacts above.



- A public Facebook page : << Sauvegarde du Temple de Saintes >>
- A website : <http://bit.ly/vitrailsaintes>
- An email address: vitrailtemple@gmail.com

I WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT THE RESTORATION OF THE STAINED GLASS ROOF

Please return this page to EPU Saintes- 2 Cours Reverseaux- 17200 SAINTES, FRANCE

Name and first name or business name:

Address:

Email :

I am making a gift for the glass roof restoration of : €

By bank transfer - IBAN : FR76 1170 6120 2356 0309 3062 894 - AGRIFRPP817

Or by cheque drawn on a French bank account to: « EPUDF Association Cultuelle Saintes”.

THE FRENCH FONDATION DU PROTESTANTISME IS SUPPORTING THIS PROJECT

Donating to this project via the Fondation du Protestantisme offers the opportunity for additional French tax credits: an income tax credit of 60% of the donation for businesses and, if liable to French wealth tax, a credit of 75% of the donation.



You can pay :

- **By cheque drawn on a French bank account:** payable to the Fondation du Protestantisme (or the Fondation Martin Bucer), 47 rue de Clichy 75009 PARIS, quoting reference PS039

- **By internet:**

https://donner.fondationduprotestantisme.org/b?cid=49&lang=fr_FR
Specifying our project by quoting the reference PS039. Please also send an email quoting the above reference to: contact@fondationduprotestantisme.org

- **By bank transfer to the Fondation:** IBAN FR76 1009 6180 9199 0548 0190 966, account name FONDATION DU PROTESTANTISME DONS quoting the above reference PS039. Please also send an email quoting the above reference to contact@fondationduprotestantisme.org

“SELL FOR A CAUSE!”
- A FUNDRAISING TOOL FOR YOUR SOCIETY’S CONSIDERATION

by Peter Morgan Adams, Immediate Past President, Huguenot Society of Pennsylvania

Now is the time to consider a valuation of your passion assets such as paintings, silver, furniture, jewelry, memorabilia and other collectibles, and take action.

Members of my advisory council are telling me to advise my corporate clients now to take action. Specifically, business owners contemplating selling their business or divesting a portion should take action now, ahead of the coming tax change. This assumes a higher tax rate in the future. How does this call to corporate action relate to us, members of the National Huguenot Society? My research indicates asset values tend to fall when taxes rise. This means an asset sold today will likely produce greater after-tax value for the seller as compared to its future sale taking place in a higher tax environment. Interestingly, this phenomenon impacts the sale of businesses and other assets, such as family passion assets. We should encourage our members to consider obtaining values of their passion assets. If they are contemplated for a future sale, likely now is the most opportune time to take action. A portion of the proceeds could be donated to your state society or to the National Huguenot Society. A tax change will impact value. My recommendation is to begin a process to identify family passion assets, determine their value and contemplate strategic selling now in order to monetize and take advantage of current historically low tax rates. Decide what causes or charities you want to support, then sell with a purpose. Currently art, jewelry, memorabilia and other collectibles are a small part of overall charitable giving. These passion assets could add significant funding to a charity’s annual donations.

My research into the asset class known as passion assets – paintings, silver, furniture, jewelry, memorabilia, cars, revolutionary war artifacts, wine, books, sports memorabilia, and other valuable collectibles – presents a significant wealth building component. The timing of an orderly deaccession of these valuable personal assets is critically important. You must consider your motivations, expectations and philanthropic possibilities before contemplating the deaccession of your passion assets. Consider the challenges faced when your children are not interested in these objects. As society changes, I have noticed the patterns of philanthropic behavior by high-net-worth families evolve. My research indicates a large transfer of wealth is expected from baby boomers to millennials. Not surprisingly, passion asset consideration and estate planning are becoming extremely important. Assets such as paintings, jewelry, wine, books and valuable collectibles reflect the passions, interests and legacies of the individuals and families who have acquired them. Consumer tastes have changed and will continue to evolve. My personal experience indicates our younger generation is not as interested in acquiring our or our grandparents’ treasures. So, what should you do with these treasured passion assets?

I recommend you consider using passion assets to further your philanthropic interests. As a leader of many non-profit organizations during the past decades I have witnessed members donate cash to these 501c3’s. Instead of writing checks or even donating stock portfolios, some members have approached me to request converting their passion assets into a philanthropic opportunity for the organization. In doing this I realized that passion assets present a critically important philanthropic opportunity for individuals and families to create a legacy. The field of strategic philanthropy is more sophisticated and complex than this article can attempt to elucidate. However, I am aware of successful individuals who have already implemented a philanthropic strategy using for example collections of wine, art, jewelry, books, coins and other passion assets to help make a greater impact in the lives of others. Anyone that regularly contributes to their favorite organizations can develop a more strategic approach to giving by considering using passion assets. The philanthropic process involving these passion assets begins with understanding what your passion assets are worth. Please contact me to begin your process of passion asset valuation. I will confidentially assist you and can engage a team of experts to fulfill and likely exceed your expectations.

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HUGUENOT SOCIETY OF ALABAMA PARTICIPATES IN A DAR HERITAGE FESTIVAL



Thanks to our NHS Historian General, Martha Ann Whitt, who is also the president of the Huguenot Society of Alabama, the Huguenot Society of Alabama was asked to display information about itself in the Heritage Festival sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution, John Wade Keys Chapter in Athens, Alabama, on 23 May 2021.

As Martha Whitt reported, “We shared a table with the Alabama Society United States Daughters of 1812. We displayed several copies of *The Cross of Languedoc*, information about the NHS Annual Youth Contest—Children’s Essay Contest, and copies of programs. The Heritage Festival raised over \$4,000.00 to benefit our veterans. Several other societies had displays and the Sons of the American Revolution’s Color Guard participated in the Patriotic Service. We enjoyed sharing who the Huguenots were and how they contributed to our country’s formation.”

Pictured from left to right is Libby Ash a Huguenot member, Martha Ann Whitt, NHS Historian General and Alabama Huguenot Society President; with a prospective member Brenda Yoder.

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Communication is the key to enlightenment. For centuries, man has looked for ways to improve communication with inventions like the telegraph or the telephone being recognized as modern progress. When our French Huguenot ancestors of 1574 were communicating with one another, the only options were verbal communication, hand-written communication, or printed communication since the printing press had been invented in the previous century. Thank goodness that today we have fast and efficient ways to communicate with one another, with email being used widely. So, why not take advantage of this communication technique? The National Huguenot Society is starting monthly emails for members to keep us informed of all things NHS. They will be sent on or near the 1st of each month.

Sign up to be on the email list though this link: <http://eepurl.com/hs1Wyf>

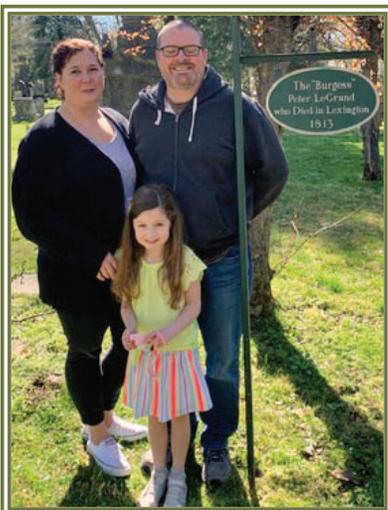
You can also ask your State President to send you the link, or you can get the link on the Members Section of the NHS website. Just be sure to get connected to hear all the news!

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18th century Fawkner Printing Press, Image courtesy of Museums Victoria

MEMORIAL OF COLONIAL BURGESS, HUGUENOT IMMIGRANT ANCESTOR PETER LEGRAND



Honorary President General Travis DuPriest’s son and family visit the grave of the Huguenot colonial Burgess, Peter LeGrand, in Lexington, Kentucky. Travis’ granddaughter, Maddie (age 6) is a youth member.



FRENCH ALLIANCE DAY CELEBRATION IN VALLEY FORGE, PENNSYLVANIA

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L-R: Peter Morgan Adams, Immediate Past President, Huguenot Society of Pennsylvania; Pat Nogar, Rector's Warden, Washington Memorial Chapel at Valley Forge; Katia Graytok, Guest; Thierry Chaunu, President, American Society of Le Souvenir Français.

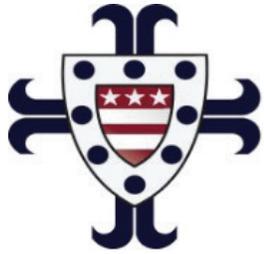
Huguenots share ancestry with many famous Americans responsible for laying the strong foundation of America. Leaders such as Alexander Hamilton, Henry Laurens, John Jay, Gouverneur Morris and George Washington all provided their leadership skills and Huguenot heritage in the formation of America. Many of these leaders having Huguenot descent are remembered today in statues and monuments crafted from stone. Take George Washington for example. A chapel in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, built during the early 1920's is named after him. It is called the Washington Memorial Chapel at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. This chapel was constructed over 100 years ago as a permanent memorial of stone and stained-glass to remember George Washington and the patriots. One of its significant stained-glass windows was completely restored by a donation provided by the Huguenot Society of Pennsylvania. It depicts early Huguenot immigrants in America receiving a treaty from Governor Blake of South Carolina in 1697 providing their equal rights. The Huguenot Society of Pennsylvania has a longstanding tradition of involvement with the Washington Memorial Chapel at Valley Forge.

For fifty consecutive years, the Washington Memorial Chapel has held an annual church service, called the "French Alliance Day Celebration", to remember the day in May during 1778, when General George Washington first learned of an important new treaty with France. That treaty was key to ensuring French supplies, munitions and money were available to support the Continental forces during its protracted war against Great Britain.

During 2020 the Washington Memorial Chapel was obliged to cancel its French Alliance Day celebration because of Covid-19. This year, the chapel held its annual French Alliance Day ceremony on May 2nd, 2021. Understandably, Covid-19 caused restrictions as participation was limited and attendance was by invitation only. Those invited included leaders of organizations having ties with France as well as representatives of the many patriotic organizations and lineage societies which honor the American Revolution. Also invited were leaders of organizations having as their mission the remembrance of French history. Some of the guest speakers included Rosalyn Fennell, Valley Forge National Historical Park Superintendent; Michael Scullin, the Honorary Consul of France in Philadelphia and Wilmington and Thierry Chaunu, President of the American Society of Le Souvenir Français. The Huguenot Society of Pennsylvania was represented by Lydia R. Freeman, President; Kendra Kline Heck, Membership Committee and Peter Morgan Adams, Immediate Past President.

Following the service, Messrs. Scullin and Chaunu, escorted by a Color Guard of the Philadelphia Continental Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, laid two wreaths in honor of the French and American soldiers and sailors who died in the struggle for American Independence. The entire service and wreath laying were filmed professionally. The National Huguenot Society and the Huguenot Society of Pennsylvania along with other notable national organizations donated funds to make a film about this unique ceremony and the important historical event it commemorates. The chapel is making plans to launch the film later this year. It is designed to educate and inform viewers throughout America and the world about the significance of the French Alliance Day Celebration.

Peter Morgan Adams was quoted during the reception saying "To say that this ceremony was impressive is an understatement. To think it has been held annually for decades is awe-inspiring. And to believe that it will continue for generations to come is a source of profound respect and inspiration."



WASHINGTON MEMORIAL CHAPEL
THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH AT VALLEY FORGE

Note from the Editor: We are publishing this letter because you will see a reference to this film in our Minutes published in this issue of The Cross.

The Washington Memorial Chapel in Valley Forge National Historical Park overlooks the Grand Parade where the Continental Army, on May 5, 1778, celebrated the signing of the Treaty of Alliance between France and the United States. This Alliance was instrumental in contributing to the independence of the United States – **and the Chapel is the only place in the United States where it is commemorated annually.**

The Chapel's world-renowned "French Alliance Day" remembrance entails an elegant prayer service, accentuated by music from the Chapel's National Patriots Bell Tower, as well as addresses from representatives of both the National Park Service and the French Embassy and a wreath-laying ceremony in honor of the French and American soldiers and sailors who died to secure America's independence.

Our French Alliance Day celebration symbolizes the enduring friendship between two great democracies and the spirit of sacrifice and dedication to the cause of liberty that animated the founders of our nation. We believe this notable event, and the themes it represents, should be seen and understood by everyone – domestically and internationally.

We propose to produce up to a 45-minute scene assembly film to capture the moving commemoration of this historically-important event. The film will have first-rate production values and provide an opportunity for patriotic and lineage societies to sponsor its creation. Sponsors' logos will be featured at the beginning and end of the film in proportion to their level of giving. The film will include the beautiful Chapel with its exquisite event music, drone footage of the Grand Parade, select portions of the addresses and the solemn wreath-laying ceremony. We anticipate the film will be completed by September 30, 2021. We are offering patriotic and lineage societies, that have contributed to the Chapel in the past, the opportunity to share in the cost of the film's production. The cost is budgeted at \$20,000 with attribution based on the amount contributed.

We welcome your participation in creating this important documentary film and we are asking for donations totaling up to \$20,000 to cover our cost to create the film. May we contact you to discuss this and answer any questions you or your organization may have? I have asked Peter M. Adams and Gardiner P. Pearson to lead in making inquiries to those societies which have generously contributed to us in the past. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Thank you in advance and our continued blessings,

Fr. Tommy A. Thompson, Rector, Washington Memorial Chapel

THE RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY THE HUGUENOT SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR AWARD TO GENERAL PERSHING OF AN HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Resolutions Adopted

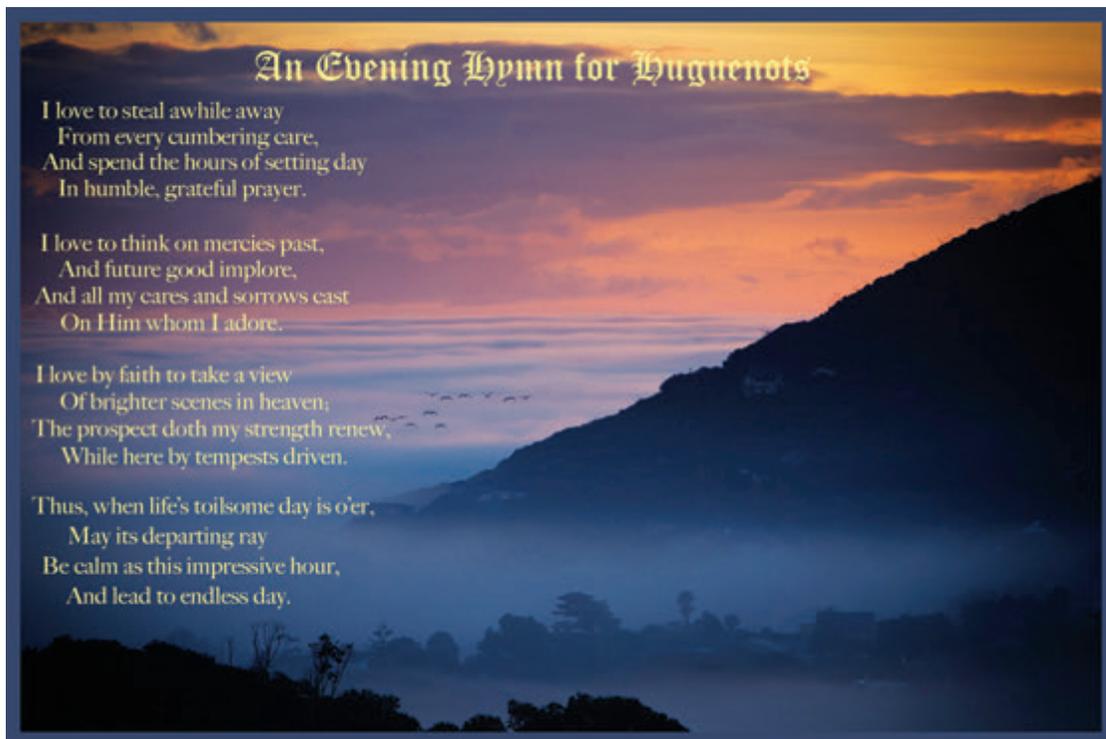
Whereas, This society has been organized to perpetuate the memory and to foster the principles and virtues of the Huguenots; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That as France, in which country the Huguenots suffered religious persecution, is now under a republican form of government, that we, as descendants of those who fled to America for the purpose of enjoying freedom, do most sincerely extend to the French nation and its allies our most heartfelt sympathy in the struggle now going on in the cause of democracy, and express the hope that the invaders of the soil of France may soon be driven beyond its borders.

Greetings to General Pershing

Resolved, That to our fellow countryman, General Pershing, a Huguenot descendant, whom we have elected to honorary membership in this society, who is now commanding the American forces in France, we desire to convey our confidence in him as a commander, earnestly trusting that success may attend all his undertakings and that the efforts of our soldiers in the supreme test that they are now undergoing in fighting with the allies may be crowned with victory.

Resolved, That as an organization for the furtherance of love of country and veneration and regard for our ancestry, we wish to assure the present national administration of our earnest support of the president and Congress in all that they are doing to defeat imperialism and crush despotic rule, and we humbly pray that the ultimate triumph of our arms may result in the realization of a sane and lasting peace and the whole world be better for the terrible ordeal that has been endured.



CALENDAR OF DEADLINES FOR THE NATIONAL HUGUENOT SOCIETY

**Our Fiscal Year runs from January 1st to December 31st.*

January	1	MAL dues due to Treasurer General
	1	Opening date to receive Youth Contest submissions for current year. See website for more information
	1	Youth Contest Chairman notifies President General of winners in each category for the previous year and sends essays to Editor of <i>The Cross of Languedoc</i> for publication.
	15	State Societies must pay annual per capita dues with Membership and Dues Summary Report and Roster of Members to Treasurer General.
	15	List of Officers (and term of office) of State Societies and Roster of Members to President General, Registrar General, Treasurer General, and Corresponding Secretary General.
February	1	Submission for winner of the Scholarly Works Award (usually) for the prior year) is to be sent to Awards Chairman. The work must have been completed in the year it is considered for the award; then the proposed Scholarly Works Award winner is presented at the Board meeting in April for approval. See website for more information.
	1	College & Postgraduate Scholarships Award applications due to Chairman of Scholarship Committee.
March	1	Dues not paid by the State Society to the Treasurer General by this date are not entitled to representation at Annual Congress.
	1	Members-at-Large who have not paid their dues by this date will be dropped.
	1	Semi-annual Activity and Status Reports from State Society Presidents due to President General, Recording Secretary General, and Editor of <i>The Cross of Languedoc</i> .
	1	Semi-annual Reports of Deaths from State Society Chaplains due to Chaplain General for Necrology Report and Memorial Service at Annual Council in April.
April	early to middle	Annual General Council Meeting and Annual Board Meeting in Washington, D.C. The Scholarly Works Award winner for previous year and the Scholarship Award winner(s) for current year are approved by the Board.
May	15	Per the NHS Bylaws, the deadline to submit articles and reports for publication is May 15. Email your subscriptions to editor@nationalhuguenotsociety.org
June	30	<i>(in even years)</i> Deadline for submission to Chairman of Nominating Committee of applications by letter for consideration as nominees for national General Officer position.
July	1	State Societies must submit to the Corresponding Secretary General the names, addresses and contact information of their current officers
August	1	Any proposed Bylaw amendments must be sent to all State Societies at least 60 days before the annual Congress meeting in the fall.
	15	<i>(in even years)</i> The report of the Nominating Committee is due to the President General and Corresponding Secretary General
	24	Anniversary of the 24 August 1572 St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre
September	1	Nominating Committee Report is due to be sent by the Corresponding Secretary General to the Board of Officers and all State Society Presidents.
	1	Credentials Forms due from State Society Presidents to the Chairman of Credentials Committee naming Delegates and Alternates for annual Congress.
October	1	Annual membership dues for new members are owed with applications; after the 1st, dues will cover the following year.
	early	Annual Congress, place TBD each year. Even years: Nominating Committee elected; Odd years: National General Officers elected.
	18	Anniversary of the promulgation of the Edict of Nantes, 18 October 1598 by King Henri IV of France
	22	Anniversary of the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes, 22 October 1685 by King Louis XIV of France
November	20	Closing date to receive Youth Contest submissions for the current calendar year.
	28	Anniversary of the Promulgation of the Edict of Toleration, 28 November 1787, by King Louis XVI of France
December	15	Deadline to submit articles and reports for the Spring issue of <i>The Cross of Languedoc</i> .
	25	Merry Christmas!



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