



# The Cross of Languedoc

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



**LOUIS PRANG, HUGUENOT DESCENDANT  
AND RENOWNED CREATOR OF THE CHRISTMAS CARD,  
EASTER CARD, AND CARDS FOR ALL OCCASIONS**

*By Janice Murphy Lorenz*

*Cover image: Easter Lily Cross. Prang & Co. Library of Congress.*

Louis Prang, a Huguenot descendant born in Prussia, is credited with “inventing” the traditional Christmas card, which then expanded into other holiday greeting cards. There were many images to choose from for the cover of this *Cross of Languedoc*, but this one seems emblematic of some of Prang’s best work as a color lithography publisher, and is appropriate for a publication such as this *Cross of Languedoc Spring 2022* issue, which is delivered closer to Easter than to the Christmas holiday. Louis Prang was born in 1824 in eastern Europe in what was then Prussia. His father was a textile manufacturer who taught him engraving, printing, and calico dyeing. As he learned these trades, due to his political activities it became wise for him to flee, first to Switzerland, then onward to New York and Boston. As he went along, he refined his skills and sought training in his craft of color lithograph production from the best in business in America and in Europe.

One of Louis Prang’s early trademark prints was a floral image of a rose or roses, which he loved to print because his Swiss wife particularly loved roses. He won international awards for these and other prints, and opened international offices. While in Europe at the Vienna World’s Fair of 1873, someone suggested that he market his floral prints as Christmas cards, which were already popular in England. This was a risky proposition for Prang in Boston, where the relatively Puritanical element of colonial American New England was not yet keen on celebrating Christmas in a holiday spirit. But Prang took a chance, and the rest is history. His early Christmas cards displayed a flower—not Santa Claus—and a written “greeting” message suitable to the occasion. This greeting was new to the industry, and caught on because it spared the buyer the task of having to hand-write a message inside the card. This novelty, coupled with the beauty of the artistic composition of the cards, created a sensation, even in England.

Prang deliberately promoted works by featured unknown female artists who, as a whole often struggled to find a suitable means of making a living. He innovated to help develop all new artists, and this evolved into an avid interest in public school education and art education—perhaps evidence of his Huguenot heritage from the old country influencing and channeling his interests? Expanding into the publication of art education textbooks and art supplies, not only is he credited with changing the greeting card landscape in America, he is also credited with redefining art education, having developed the “Prang Method of Instruction.”

Prang had his finger on the pulse of contemporary culture and artistic tastes, and changed the world with his combined artistic vision and business acumen. He exemplified many of the best features of Huguenot culture and values.

Sources:

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2. *Louis Prang Invents the American Christmas Card in Boston*. New England Historical Society.
3. Smithsonian Magazine.

**CALL TO 13 APRIL 2022 MEETING**

Washington, DC

**PLEASE JOIN US on** Wednesday, 13 April 2022 for our mid-year meetings.

*[NOTE: It is possible that due to DC government Covid restrictions,  
this meeting will be held by Zoom only, or other changes may occur.]*



**CALL TO 3-4 OCTOBER 2022 MEETING**

Huntsville, Alabama

*Courtesy of the Huguenot Society of Alabama*

**PLEASE JOIN US at** The National Huguenot Society’s 87th Congress! It is hosted by the Huguenot Society of Alabama, in Huntsville, Alabama, on October 3-4, 2022.

*There are no further details available at this time.*

*Please ask your state president to provide you with the meeting and other information as soon as it is available.*

## PRESIDENT GENERAL'S MESSAGE



*Janet B. Walker,  
President General*

Greetings from the President General:

We had a marvelous Congress in October in beautiful Charlottesville, Virginia, thanks to the efforts and diligent planning of Joel Strauch and the Virginia Society. Our accommodations at the Farmington Country Club were wonderful. The events planned for all were well executed and enjoyed by everyone. Thanks again, Joel and the Virginia Society for making our Congress so excellent!!

We did attempt a hybrid Congress meeting with both Zoom and in-person capability. That was a challenge, to say the least. We will need to go back to the drawing board to figure out how to best serve our members in meetings that are online and in attendance in order for everyone to hear, see, and be able to vote. Technology can be extremely frustrating but Jo Lee Potts and Sumner Hunnewell did a yeoman's job of pulling it together the best they could. We all owe them a debt of gratitude for their efforts.

After our Congress, my next trip was to the Huguenot Society of Illinois. I flew into O'Hare and was picked up by State President Nancy Schultz and member Deborah Domain. We had a marvelous weekend in Illinois, staying at the beautiful Lang House, attending the nondenominational Union Church in Kenilworth, with me bringing the program at the Illinois meeting. Nancy is doing a great job as President of that state and they really rolled out the red carpet. I have many dear new friends in that Society. Thank you all for having me in Illinois!!!

Unfortunately, my father was not doing well in October or November and ultimately passed away on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 only ten days after returning home from Illinois. My heart has been broken; since my best friend and mother died in 2009, as an only child losing my father I now feel like an orphan. My kind, loving, and precious Daddy, D. Melson Butler, was a member of the Georgia State Society. Please keep me and my family in your prayers as we learn to navigate life without him. Since both my children live in Macon, as did my Daddy his whole life, we are all very, very close. Thank you all for the prayers and expressions of sympathy you have extended to me in Huguenot friendship and love. They are very much appreciated.

In Huguenot Faith and Friendship,

Janet B. Walker, President General





NATIONAL HUGUENOT SOCIETY  
LIBERTY FAITH

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL OFFICERS 5 October 2021

The meeting of the Board of the Eighty-sixth Congress of the National Huguenot Society was called to order by President General Janet Butler Walker at 8:44 am on October 5, 2021 at the Farmington Country Club, Charlottesville, Virginia. The meeting was held in-person and available via *Zoom*.

President General Walker appointed Cathy Paunov as Parliamentarian for this meeting. Mrs. Walker appointed a committee of Ann Whitt and Marjorie Wilson to review and approve the Minutes of this meeting.

The Invocation was presented by Chaplain General Joel Strauch.

A quorum was established.

Minutes of the April 14, 2021 meeting were approved by committee and published in the Fall 2021 Issue of *The Cross of Languedoc*.

### Officer Reports

President General – Mrs. Walker deferred her full report to the General Council meeting. Mrs. Walker reminded Board members to provide Motion Cards for Assistant Recording Secretary Robin Towns, who will present motions adopted by the Board to the Congress.

Treasurer General's Report – Christine Crossan, Treasurer General, filed her report, which is attached.

Chaplain General's Report – Joel Strauch distributed copies of the Chaplain's Report, attached. The Memorial Service will be presented at the luncheon.

Organizing Secretary General's Report – Nancy Schultz deferred report until Congress. Mrs. Schultz presented the following Motions to the Board, to be presented at Congress upon adoption:

MOTION: To disband the Huguenot Society of New Hampshire on October 5, 2021. The motion was seconded. ADOPTED.

MOTION: To reorganize the Huguenot Society of Washington, DC on October 5, 2021. The motion was seconded. ADOPTED.

Counselor General's Report – Cathy Paunov reported on a problem with the society's tax exemption, which is a result of action by an officer of the Texas Society. Tax exemption status must be legally reinstated.

MOTION: Sandra Staley moved to appoint a committee to study and handle the tax exempt status problem, with Finance Chair Joel Strauch as adviser. The motion was seconded. ADOPTED.

President General Walker appointed a committee of Sandra Staley, Christine Crossan, Cathy Paunov, Counsel, Nancy Brennan, and Finance Chair Joel Strauch as adviser, to study and act upon the Texas tax exempt status problem.

### Standing Committee Reports

Finance Committee: Joel Strauch, Chair, presented his report, attached. Mr. Strauch presented the Budget for 2021-2022, attached.

MOTION: Joel Strauch presented a Motion from the Finance Committee to accept the Budget. ADOPTED.

Insignia Committee: Jo Lee Potts, Chair, presented the following Motion from the Insignia Committee, to be presented to the Congress upon adoption:

MOTION: To move forward with making the *Chapter Officer* and *Chapter Chair* pins. Tooling charges have been underwritten by donating members. Thus, there will be no expense incurred for the National Huguenot Society. ADOPTED.

### New Business

Nominating Committee: Sandra Staley, Chair, presented the Nominating Committee Report. The following Slate of Officers for 2021-2023 was presented:

President General – Janet B. Walker, GA  
First Vice President General – Jo Lee Potts, FL  
Second Vice President General – Mary Frisch, MO  
Third Vice President General – Marjorie Wilson, GA  
Chaplain – Rev. Joel Strauch, VA  
Recording Secretary General – Robin R. Towns, GA  
Corresponding Secretary General – Nancy Schultz, IL  
Organizing Secretary General – Joyce B. Patton, GA  
Treasurer General – Brenda Winter- AL  
Registrar General – William Buell, TX  
Historian General – Sumner Hunnewell, MO  
Genealogist General – Nancy Brennan, TX  
Counselor General – Cathy Paunov, FL

Sandra Staley, Chair, thanked the Nominating Committee of Sumner Hunnewell, Joyce Patton, Jo Lee Potts, and Ann Mueller.

MOTION: Sandra Staley made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded. ADOPTED.

President General Walker adjourned the Board meeting at 10:18 am.

Robin R. Towns, Assistant Recording Secretary General



NATIONAL HUGUENOT SOCIETY  
LIBERTY FAITH

## MINUTES OF THE NATIONAL HUGUENOT SOCIETY 86<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS 5 October 2021

The Eighty-sixth Congress of the National Huguenot Society was called to order by President General Janet Butler Walker at 10:05 am on October 5, 2021.

President General Walker appointed Counselor General Cathy Paunov as Parliamentarian, and Lydia Freeman and Peggy Stottmann were appointed to read and approve the minutes of the 86<sup>th</sup> Congress.

The Invocation was presented by Chaplain General Joel Strauch.

The Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Honorary President General Sandra Staley.

The Huguenot Pledge to the US Flag was led by Treasurer General Christine Crossan.

The Salute to the Huguenot Flag was led by Historian General Ann Whitt.

The Ritual was led by First Vice President General Mary Margaret Buck.

The Objectives of the Society were presented by President General Janet Walker.

President General Walker welcomed attendees to the Eighty-sixth Congress, and introduced the National Officers and

Honorary Presidents General. She welcomed distinguished leaders of other National Societies present.

The Program and Standing Rules for the 86<sup>th</sup> Congress were presented by First Vice President General Mary Margaret Buck. A Motion was made by Joyce Patton.

MOTION: To adopt the Program and Standing Rules as presented. The motion was seconded. **ADOPTED**.

The Credentials Report was presented by Third Vice President General Marjorie Wilson, Credentials Chair, attached.

MOTION: Mrs. Wilson moved to accept the Credentials Report. **ADOPTED**.

Mrs. Wilson thanked the members of the Credentials Committee: Jo Lee Potts and Sumner Hunnewell.

A quorum was established. President General Walker declared that the 86<sup>th</sup> Congress of the National Huguenot Society is assembled.

Minutes of the April 14, 2021 Meeting were approved by committee and printed in the Fall 2021 issue of *The Cross of Languedoc*.

President General Walker requested that Assistant Recording Secretary General Robin Towns present the Motions from the Board to the Congress for approval.

MOTION: To disband the Huguenot Society of New Hampshire on October 5, 2021. **ADOPTED**.

MOTION: To reorganize the Huguenot Society of Washington, DC on October 5, 2021. **ADOPTED**.

MOTION: To move forward with making the *Chapter Officer* and *Chapter Chair* pins. Tooling charges have been underwritten by donating members. Thus, there will be no expense incurred for the National Huguenot Society.

**ADOPTED**.

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

President General Walker appointed Historian General Ann Whitt as Timekeeper for Officer and Committee Chair Reports.

First Vice President General Mary Margaret Buck assumed the Chair.

President General Janet Walker delivered her Annual Report. Attached.

### **Officer Reports**

First Vice President General Mary Margaret Buck delivered her report. Attached.

Second Vice President General – no report

Third Vice President General – Marjorie Wilson filed her report. Attached.

Chaplain – Rev. Joel Strauch presented his report, attached. In favor of time, he will present the Memorial Service during the Congress Luncheon.

Assistant Recording Secretary General – Robin R. Towns, presented her report. Attached.

Corresponding Secretary General – Susan G. Meer presented her report via *Zoom*. Attached.

Organizing Secretary General – Nancy Schultz presented her report. Attached.

Treasurer General – Christine Crossan presented her report. The report was accepted and filed for audit. Attached.

Registrar General – William Buell presented his report. Attached.

Historian General – Martha Ann Whitt presented her report. Attached.

Genealogist General – Nancy Brennan presented her report. Attached.

Counselor General - Cathy Paunov presented her report. Attached.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

Scholarship: Report read by Assistant Recording Secretary Robin Towns. Attached.

Finance: Joel Strauch, Chair presented the Finance Committee Report. Attached.

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Bylaws: Janice Lorenz, Bylaws Committee member, presented the proposed Bylaws amendments, as follows.

### **ARTICLE XIII - COLORS, SEAL, INSIGNIA, FLAG, LOGO**

#### **SECTION D.**

*As currently written:*

##### **Section D. National General Officer Insignia**

The Sunburst Insignia, with neck ribbon and Officer Bar properly engraved, may be worn by the General Officers of the National Society, current Presidents of State Member Societies, and Past National Officers.

*Proposed amended wording:*

##### **Section D. National General Officer Insignia**

The 2” Sunburst Insignia, with neck ribbon and Officer Bar properly engraved, may be worn by the current and past General Officers of the National Society, current and past Presidents of State Member Societies, and Past National Officers. The 3” Sunburst may be worn by the current and past President Generals with neck ribbon and Officer Bar or on the appropriate 3” President General’s sash.

*Rationale:*

Clarification on Sunburst types and uses. Replacement of prior language after extensive discussion at the 2020 Congress about current State society practices. Acknowledgement of the vote at the 2020 Congress for the 3” sash for the current President General. **ADOPTED.**

#### **SECTION F.**

*As currently written:*

##### **Section F. National Society Flag**

The flag of the National Society may be square or rectangular in shape and shall have a light field upon which shall appear a white square cross, the arms of which shall extend across a light field.

*Proposed amended wording:*

##### **Section F. National Society Flag**

The official flag of the National Society may be square or rectangular in shape and shall have a light field upon which shall appear a white square Huguenot Cross, the arms of which shall extend across a light field. No other adornment shall be placed on the official flag of the National Society.

State Member Societies and Chapters may design and adopt their own flag or banner on which they may display the National Society Insignia, National Logo, or replica of the official flag of the National Society, and may display decorations containing miniature official National Society flags, as well as flags containing the National Society Insignia and Logo.

*Rationale:* Clarification to avoid inappropriate use or adornment of the official National Society flag. Address the use of banners, table decorations, etc., relative to the official National Society Flag, National Society Insignia, and the National Logo. **ADOPTED.**

#### **Section G.**

*As currently written:*

##### **Section G. Logo**

*Proposed amended wording:*

##### **Section G. National Society Logo**

*Rationale:* Insert “National Society” in title of Section G for consistency. **ADOPTED.**

### **Article XII, Section A, Scholarship Funds**

*As presently written:*

#### 1. The Jacqueline Wells Dickey Scholarship Fund

- a. The Jacqueline Wells Dickey bequest of \$260,000.00 left to the National Huguenot Society is restricted to use as Scholarships.
- b. The recipient must be a member of The National Huguenot Society, Inc. (meeting all requirements for that membership).

- c. The recipient must be a student at an accredited college or graduate school who has had at least two semesters of history which include, in part, history of religion.
- d. The recipient must have completed at least two years of college, maintaining a 3.0 average.
- e. Scholarships are limited to \$5,000.00 per student.
- f. Need is not necessarily a factor.
- g. Scholarship checks will be issued directly to the educational institutions.

## 2. General Scholarship Fund

- a. The General Scholarship Fund of The National Huguenot Society, Inc. is a repository for funds and contributions designated for scholarships that are received from individuals and State Member Societies and was established because such funds cannot be commingled with other existing scholarship funds that are closed to further contributions such as the Jacqueline Wells Dickey Scholarship Fund.
- b. Funds deposited in the General Scholarship Fund will be disbursed for Scholarships according to criteria and at a time and frequency developed by the Scholarship Awards Committee, subject to the approval of the Board of General Officers.

### *Proposed Amendment:*

Delete Section A, paragraph 2, b.

Insert the following new paragraphs:

- b. The recipient of the General Scholarship award must be a Regular Member of the National Huguenot Society, Inc., meeting all requirements for that membership, or the lineal descendant of a member of the National Huguenot Society, Inc.
- c. The recipient must be matriculating as an entering freshman or enrolled as a returning sophomore at an accredited college or university.
- d. At the time of the award receipt, the recipient must have graduated high school with a minimum 3.0 grade point average.
- e. Scholarships are limited to \$1,000 per student.
- f. Need is not necessarily a factor.
- g. Scholarship checks will be issued directly to the educational institutions.
- h. Winning the National Huguenot Society General Scholarship Fund award does not preclude the winner from subsequently applying for The Jacqueline Wells Dickey Scholarship Fund award.

### *Rationale:*

To stipulate the criteria for General Scholarship awards. **MOTION DEFEATED.**

## **Article XI, Section B.**

10. Committee on Scholarships.

### *As presently written:*

The Committee on Scholarship shall

- a. Develop recommended criteria, application forms, and guidelines for the process of administering the General Scholarship Fund and shall report its recommendations to the Board of General Officers for final approval.
- b. Determine amounts and timing of General Scholarship awards in collaboration with the Board of General Officers, and
- c. Select qualified recipients for General Scholarship awards, subject to approval of the Board of General Officers...
- d. The Jacqueline Wells Dickey Scholarship Fund shall be administered in accordance with criteria specified in Article XII, Section A., 1.

### *Proposed amendment:*

Add subparagraph e:

- e. The General Scholarship Fund shall be administered in accordance with criteria specified in Article XII, Section A.2

### *Rationale:*

The new Scholarship Committee appointed by the President General has complied with the requirements of subparagraphs a. through c. of Article XI, Section B. above. Upon approval of the amendment to Article XII, Section 2. this amendment is presented for continuity. **MOTION DEFEATED.**

**NEW: ARTICLE XI - Electronic Meetings**

Meetings of the National Huguenot Society, Inc., including the Annual Congress, the Board of General Officers and its Executive Committee, and the General Council are customarily held in person; however, when circumstances prevent in-person meetings, the President General and Board of General Officers are empowered to call such meetings to be held utilizing telephone conference call and electronic internet meeting service providers.

Procedures for holding Electronic Meetings:

1. Login information: The President General or Corresponding Secretary General shall send by e-mail to every member eligible to attend such meeting, at least thirty (30) days before such meetings, the date and time of the meeting, the phone number, and the unique access code the member needs to connect to the telephone conference and URLs with login information for the online meeting service provider. A copy of or link to these rules shall also be provided.
2. Call-in time: The President General, Recording Secretary General, or individual(s) designated to host the meeting shall schedule the unique meeting access information to begin fifteen (15) minutes prior to the start of the meeting
3. Technical requirements: The electronic meeting service must be capable of supporting anonymous surveys, file-hosting, file sharing and electronic ballot voting. Members shall maintain internet access during the meeting.
4. Arrival announcement: The meeting host will admit attendees to the meeting, and the attendees shall announce themselves at the first opportunity after joining the meeting, but may not interrupt a speaker to do so.
5. Departure announcement: Attendees who leave the meeting before adjournment shall announce their departure but may not interrupt a speaker to do so.
6. Quorum calls: The presence of a quorum shall be established by roll call at the beginning of the meeting and on the demand of any member. Such a demand may be made following the departure of any member or following the taking of any vote for which the announced totals add to less than a quorum.
7. Obtaining the floor: To seek recognition by the chair, a member shall address the chair and state his or her own name.
8. Motions submitted in writing: Members may submit motions to the chair in writing by uploading them to the file hosting service and notifying the chair of the URL or download link needed to access the file.
9. Voting: All votes shall be taken by roll call, unless required under the rules or ordered by the chair to be taken by ballot. When a vote is taken by roll call, only the number of votes in the affirmative, the number of votes in the negative, and the number of members present but not voting shall be entered in the minutes unless a full roll-call vote is ordered. Ballot votes shall be taken electronically as follows:  
The Recording Secretary shall post the question using the online survey tool, and the chair shall then alert the members that the polls are open, providing any additional information the members need to cast their ballots. The polls shall be closed not less than two (2) minutes after they have been opened by the chair. Business may also be conducted by unanimous consent.
10. Technical malfunctions: Each member is responsible for his or her connection to the telephone or internet; no action shall be invalidated on the grounds that the loss of, or poor quality of, a member's individual connection prevented participation in the meeting.
11. Forced disconnections: The chair may order the Recording Secretary General or meeting host to disconnect or mute a member's connection if it is causing undue interference with the telephone or internet connection. The chair's decision to do so, which is subject to an undebatable appeal that can be made by any member, shall be announced during the meeting, and recorded in the minutes.

*Rationale:*

To establish official policy and procedure for electronic meetings.

Renumber succeeding Articles.

NOTE: Article and paragraph numbers will be adjusted as needed to accommodate additions and changes to the Bylaws.

**ADOPTED.**

**Special Committee Reports** None.

**State Society Reports**

State Societies reported, including CA, FL, GA, IL, MS. Reports attached. All state societies' reports will be published in the Spring Issue of *The Cross of Languedoc*.

## New Business

Report of the Nominating Committee: Sandra Staley, Chair, presented the Nominating Committee Report. The following Slate of Officers for 2021-2023 was presented:

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Counselor General – Cathy Paunov, FL

Sandra Staley, Chair, thanked the Nominating Committee of Sumner Hunnewell, Joyce Patton, Jo Lee Potts, and Ann Mueller.

President General Walker instructed the assembly on the procedure for voting. She then proceeded with the voting by announcing each candidate's name and asking for nominations from the floor. There were no nominations made from the floor for any office. Each Officer was elected by an individual *viva voce*.

Newly-elected Officers were applauded by the assembly. President General Walker announced that the Installation of National Officers would take place during the Congress Banquet.

## Special Presentations

Resolution: A resolution was read into the minutes and was presented to Mary Margaret Buck for exemplary service to the National Huguenot Society. Attached.

Resolution: A resolution was read into the minutes and was presented to Christine Crossan for exemplary service to the National Huguenot Society. Attached.

A Certificate of Appreciation was awarded to Peter Ely of the former CT Society for informing the society of Scholarship monies on deposit at Franklin Templeton that should be returned to the NHS.

Certificates of Appreciation were given to Jo Lee Potts and Sumner Hunnewell for administering the hybrid in-person meeting and the *Zoom* option.

Resolution: A resolution was read into the minutes, honoring the Virginia Society and Joel Strauch, President, for their exemplary preparation and execution of the 86<sup>th</sup> Congress. Attached.

## Announcements

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at the Army and Navy Club, in Washington, DC.

The National Huguenot Society's 87<sup>th</sup> Congress will be held in Huntsville, AL October 3-4, 2022.

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

The Benediction was given by Reverend Joel Strauch.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dick Wright. The motion was seconded. **ADOPTED**.

President General Janet Walker adjourned the meeting at 12:50 pm.

Robin R. Towns, Recording Secretary General

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## OFFICER REPORTS

### First Vice President General (October 2021)(Outgoing)

Madame President General,

It has been a privilege to serve the National Huguenot Society these past two years as First Vice President General. The projects to which I have been assigned have been completed.

Learning more about our Huguenot Heritage is important and I feel that it has made me a better member. During the last few years I have read NHS Scholarly Award entries, including *THE GLOBAL REFUGE*, the 2020 winner. I continue to read about Christian History, particularly the Reformation and our Huguenot ancestors' beliefs. These persecuted ancestors risked their lives for their Faith in the Almighty God and sought refuge in order to worship. Many came to what was then The New World and brought with them positive attributes such as character, integrity, and hope. We truly have a goodly heritage!!

Again, it has been an honor to serve the National Huguenot Society.

In Huguenot Faith,  
Mary Margaret Buck, Outgoing First Vice President General Report  
October 2021

### Second Vice President General & Membership Committee Chairman (December 2021)

It is an honor to serve this Administration as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President General. In my capacity as 2<sup>nd</sup> VP General, I serve as the Chair of the Membership Committee. In 2020, the first phase of the updated National Trifold Huguenot Brochure featuring the new logo was completed.

Membership is everyone's business. Membership is vital to maintain a vibrant, active and relevant society. We must strive to increase our membership by adding new members to our rolls and retain current members. How do we do this? Communication and outreach! Regular and meaningful communication with our current members is essential at all levels. Remind our current members that they matter. They are important. Have interesting programs! The Society has developed programs and made them available to use either virtual or in person.

Outreach is critical to gaining new members. Spread the word!

- Place the new brochure in your local library and historical society
- Host a genealogy workshop
- Post and advertise information about the time and place of your next meeting
- Print business cards and hand them out to your other genealogy groups
- Host a booth at a local event
- March in a Parade
- Contact me if you have questions or concerns regarding the application process.

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### Second Vice President General (October 2021)(Outgoing)

As Second VP General my primary focus is Membership. COVID 19 has made it difficult to have some of the traditional outreach method, so we needed to get creative.

I am a member of the new society Descendant of American Farmer Workers. Our Society Partnered with DCAMF and others to create a new organization called Sharing Our Societies. It is a Facebook Group.

23 Societies, old and new were invited in July and 23, some of the same and some different were invited again in September to give a 2 minute "elevator pitch" about their society to anyone who signed up for the Zoom meeting and attended. There were 300+ people registered for the July event and we had 225+ people attend. There were 250+ people registered for the September event and we had 147 people attend. At this time we are aware of no less than 12 individual working on applications with 2 approval, from the events.

Going forward, membership will have a new face, and social media will continue to play a role. I still have two PowerPoints to complete and upload to the new library. They will be completed before the April meeting for States and Chapters to share

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as we work on the meeting repository.

Things have slowed, but they have not stopped. We will be a part of the new Sharing-Our-Societies which is tentatively scheduled for mid-January 2022.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve the Society.

In Huguenot Friendship – Jo Lee Potts 2<sup>nd</sup> VP General

### Third Vice President General

In connection with the annual dues collection from our Members at Large, I have contacted each Member at Large by email or by mail (for those who do not use email). We have received 2022 dues from many of them. I have sent 4 reminder notices, which included a Christmas greeting.

Marjorie N. Wilson, Third Vice President General

### Chaplain General (October 2021)

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. As reported to our Annual Council and in *The Cross*, 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 have prepared our Memorial Service for our Dearly Departed Members, including all those of whom we have been notified since our last memorial service in Orlando in October 2019. We include the following members in our service and can include others if they are called to our attention before the beginning of the service:

#### Roll of the Dearly Departed

<b>Arkansas</b>	<b>Georgia</b>	<b>Missouri</b>	<b>Virginia</b>
Jean Sanders Pollard	Glenn Buren Harkins, Jr.	Elizabeth Weisenborn	Katherine Williams Clifton
Flave Peters	<b>Illinois</b>	Fleming	Lavalon Kernon Collie Wall
<b>Arizona</b>	Allison Bean Rakestraw	Joyce Williams Knight	Virginia Brown
Kathy Foley Machmer	Carol Wendell	Patricia Larkin Horton	<b>Members at Large</b>
<b>California</b>	Wandschneider	<b>New Hampshire</b>	Betsy Warren-Davis
James Blauer	Eva Mae Lomerson Collins	Susan Tukey	Billie Jean Clark Walsh
<b>Delaware</b>	Frances Allison Bean	<b>North Carolina</b>	Elizabeth Theroux (Betty)
John Robert Denny	Rakestraw	Charlotte Jolliffe Fetterman	Frederick Feicht
Leucia Venable	Gail Virginia Valley Meyer	Randall Hayden Hathaway	Gloria Leigh Bailey Jackson
William Brown, Jr.	Joyce Bockemuehl,	Madry	John Cortelyou Duryea
<b>Florida</b>	Honorary	<b>Pennsylvania</b>	Maurice Theodore Molmer
Alice Hornback	President General	Alvan Markle, III	<b>Canada</b>
Charles Garrison	Mary Katherine Redmann	Jean Brown	René Emilien Samuel Péron
Cynthia Van Buren	Mary Lee Birmingham	Lois Miller	<b>Family Members</b>
Edward Delano Sullivan	Rev. Travis DuPriest,	<b>Tennessee</b>	<b>of Our Members</b>
Imogene Weisner	Honorary	George Cooper	Laura Jane Renfrow
Jeanne Fehrenbaker	President General	Maymee Miller Cantrell	Simpson
Johnny Brown	<b>Indiana</b>	Terry Irene Downs Nelson	Raymond Patton
Josephine Rhodes Bahn	Ralph E. Baumheckel	Theresa Ann Swafford	Lois Coleman Murphy
Mary Mixon	<b>Kentucky</b>	<b>Texas</b>	Bowman
Mary S. May	Duane Franklin Cornell	Al' Louise Ramp	Charles Abner Coleman, Jr.
Novella "Joyce" Howerton	<b>Mississippi</b>	Floy Kroeplin	
Sylvia McAuliffe	Thomas Wayne Hallum	Mary Ann Webber	
Virginia Chase		Nancy Dee Watson	

We thank state societies and local officers who 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.

We continue to provide oversight of the finances of the Society, as Chair of the Finance Committee and support activities of other Committees, including importantly the Scholarship Committee.

Finally, we continue to read relevant books on Huguenot and colonial history, including *The Global Refuge* by Owen Stanwood and *William Penn: A Life* by Andrew Murphy.

We thank our fellow officers and members for the opportunity to serve our community of Huguenots and to continue to focus on the faith tradition of the Huguenots.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Joel E. Strauch, Chaplain General

### **Counselor General**

October 5, 2021

Madam President General:

I am honored to serve as the Counselor General of the Society during the Janet Butler Walker administration. I attended the virtual annual meeting in October 2020 as well as the April mid-year meeting. During the 2020-21 year, I have responded to the National Society's officers and committees, and state societies on legal issues, including non-profit status, incorporation in various states, Internal Revenue Service Form 990, and the need to maintain or revive 501(c)(3) status. I maintain a database of both current and former state societies that include their corporate and IRS status. I have also served as an ex officio member of the Finance Committee.

As I have done for the last four years, I attended the State Bar of Texas annual Non-Profit Governance course in August. Again this year, the program was presented via Zoom, rather than a visit to Austin. Much of the material presented has application to our Society, a "foreign" corporation in Texas, as we are incorporated in Maryland. It also covered more general issues such as the IRS 990 Form. I also receive almost daily updates from the Maryland Secretary of State to ensure compliance in both states.

Although most are already incorporated, I urge other State societies to become a not-for-profit corporation. Advice of local counsel is highly recommended.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the National Society.

Submitted,  
Catherine A. Paunov, Esq., *Member, State Bar of Texas*

### **Organizing Secretary General, October 5, 2021 (Outgoing)**

This Organizing Secretary General 2017-2021, inherited two State Society disbandments early on. The two State Societies were subsequently reorganized being west coast-California (reported on in 2020) and currently (to be approved at this 86th Congress) Huguenot Society of Washington DC.

Through this process inactive members were reinstated and local members of proximity to the DC area were transferred largely back to their original Society. One of the members from the past Wisconsin Society agreed to reinstate for the DC Society as this officer knew her to have moved the Washington DC metropolitan area of late.

Encouragement for members-at-large in states with active State Societies has been of prime concern to this officer. The equalization of national dues has made this choice of membership more appealing.

Heartfelt thanks go out to Reorganizing President Lorraine Sims for her steadfast work to secure the fifteen members required for reorganization. Ms Sims herself completed new applications for verification during this process. She asked Bonnie Henn to assist as Registrar and what a team they made! Registrar General William Buell then made the process "seem seamless" as he promptly processed the paperwork and collected all of the proper fees and dues at the proper time. Of course President General Janet Walker was kept apprised of progress.

Lastly, this officer regretted to have learned that the Huguenot Society of New Hampshire was disbanding. This procedure was coordinated by President Marsha Stewart and the President General Walker. The treasury balance was forwarded to Treasurer General Christine Crossan. (See the Treasurer General Report for the 86th Congress). Every effort was made to place members by Marsha Stewart, this officer and Bill Buell.

It has been very rewarding to serve the National Huguenot Society.

Merci beaucoup,  
Nancy R. Schultz

## Registrar General

In 2021, 54 New Regular Member Applications and 16 reinstatements were approved. 21 members have been reported deceased and 26 members have been reported as dropped or resigned. In addition, 12 New Hampshire members were lost when the Chapter disbanded.

The Current Master List Member Count stands at 1,489.

11 Supplemental Applications were approved.

3 New Huguenot Ancestors were added, and 13 revised.

Over 332 queries were responded to, and 31 Insignia orders were approved.

The disbanded Washington D.C. Society reorganized, and the New Hampshire and Society disbanded.

Registrar General collected Dues, Fees, Store Sales, and Recovered Funds totaled: \$12,979.85.

293 Store items were sold, packaged and mailed in 2021:

- 22 2012 Register of Qualified Huguenot Ancestors
- 37 2016 Consolidated Updates to the RQHA
- 96 2020 Updates to the RQHA
- 29 Membership Directory, Fall 2020
- 7 Guidelines for Celebrating Traditions
- 6 Huguenot Historic Sites and Burials
- 1 Louise Moillon: 17th Century Still-life Artist
- 18 Scarves
- 28 Ship Pins
- 6 CDs, Huguenot France
- 5 Edict of Nantes
- 8 Neckties
- 3 Huguenot Lineage Research
- 15 Oval Stickers
- 5 Note Card Sets
- 3 Tote Bag
- 7 Charms

William Collins Buell V, Registrar General

## Honorary President General

It was an honor to serve as Honorary President General to represent the National Huguenot Society in a fundraising video on behalf of the Washington Memorial Chapel at Valley Forge, about what France and the historic Washington Memorial Chapel at Valley Forge mean to Huguenots. Preparing the address was a joy, given the many threads of common interests which exist between America, France, Huguenots in America, and the Washington Memorial Chapel. Located in Valley Forge—a beautiful, hilly destination in Pennsylvania—the Chapel is situated on National Park Service-protected historic grounds, which are revered by all Huguenots and Americans who love their country and appreciate the sacrifices made by our troops there during the Revolutionary War. Our dear fellow Huguenot Peter M. Adams, Past President of the Huguenot Society of Pennsylvania and former Washington Memorial Chapel Board member, was a key organizer of the video project for the Chapel and NHS's role in it, and Lydia Freeman, President of the Huguenot Society of Pennsylvania, also delivered a video address on behalf of the Pennsylvania Society, enumerating the rich history of mutual interaction that has existed for the past 100 years or so between her family, the PA Society and the Chapel. We expect the video to be completed some time in 2022.

On a sad note, we lost a beloved Huguenot friend and my faithful correspondent, René Péron, a Canadian Member at Large, on 12 August 2021, age 100. He loved Huguenot history and researching Huguenot ancestry for his Péron family and for his fellow Canadians. He assisted me as Editor of *The Cross of Languedoc* and on other publishing endeavors. His wife, Dorothy, who predeceased him, was also a Member at Large. They will both be greatly missed.

In Huguenot Faith from the Heart,  
Janice Murphy Lorenz

## STATE SOCIETY REPORTS

*[NOTE FROM THE EDITOR: As we enter 2022, representing year three of the Covid-19 restrictions, we understand that most state societies have been consistently unable to meet since 2019, before the pandemic began. For all the state societies who did not report out to us this time, we wish you well and look forward to hearing from you next time.]*

### Alabama

Our Huguenot meetings in Alabama are scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday in March and September of each year. Our March meeting was a zoom meeting with our guest speaker Mary Vann from Knoxville, TN, who was the President of the John Sevier Chapter, Founders of Manakin in the Colony of Virginia. Mary presented a power point program showing the different events in France that caused the Huguenots to flee France and go to other countries.

Our September Meeting was held at the Birmingham Country Club with our guest speaker Alice Jones presenting a program on the St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre. Alice was the Alabama President of the Huguenot Society Founders of Manakin in the Colony of Virginia.

This officer attended the 86<sup>th</sup> Congress of The National Huguenot Society in Charlottesville, Virginia this past October. We had a wonderful time and the food, rooms, and meetings at the Farmington Country Club were all outstanding. We thank the Virginia members for making this Congress possible.

Our Alabama Huguenots attended the New Veterans Museum in Athens, Alabama in May and joined other Lineage Societies with a table displaying information about our Huguenot Society. This officer also presented two programs in Knoxville, TN to the members of the Huguenot Society Founders of Manakin in the Colony of Virginia. The fall meeting program was the St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre and the Christmas program was a Christmas Trivia about Colonial Christmases and how our Christmas traditions were influenced by other countries.

It has been an honor to serve the Alabama Society for two terms and serve the National Society as Historian under the Janet Walker administration.

In Huguenot Faith,  
Martha Ann Whitt, President

**Arizona** No report.

**Arkansas** No report.

### California (October 2021)

The Huguenot Society of California continues to hold meetings via Zoom since venues remain closed. Our most recent meeting was held on September 21, 2021. There were 18 members and two prospective members in attendance.

Our one year anniversary is tomorrow. Since our reorganization we have accepted 4 new members; Lisa Oakley, Christy Ortzow, Christopher Mercado and Oliver Worrell. Oliver was 20 days old when he became a member of NHS. These four new members bring our total membership count to forty. State Registrar, Shirley Arendt, reports there are 18 prospective members.

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

- Our endowment balance at Golden Gate University is \$150,123. We award scholarships between \$900 and \$3,000 annually.
- Our endowment balance at California Baptist University is \$25,000. This year we awarded a \$1700 scholarship at CBU.

The California Huguenot Society is blessed to have hard-working officers and supportive members. The next meeting of the California Society will be held on February 1, 2022.

The California Huguenot Society is proud to be part of the National Huguenot Society.

Shari Kelley Worrell, President

## Delaware

The Liberty and Independence Colony, National Society New England Women, met for a combined meeting with the Delaware Huguenot Society at Lyceum Hall, New Garden Township Park, 8938 Newport Gap Pike, Landenberg, PA 19350.



Delaware Huguenot Society members attending were President Kim Burdick, Registrar Kai Lassen, Treasurer Christine Crossan, and John Crossan. In response to the coming increase in dues to the National Society to \$25 for the year 2022, it was moved, seconded, and passed to raise the dues of the Delaware Huguenot Society to \$40 per year beginning October, 2021. Proposed By-laws written by Kai Lassen, Esq., are in process and will be sent to all members for discussion and approval at our next business meeting.

31 members, Youth Registrants, and guests of the Delaware and Pennsylvania Huguenot Societies and Liberty & Independence Colony, New England Women attended. The Lyceum building was offered for our use by Brian Roberts, a prospective Huguenot Society member. His work through the Rotary Club had the historic building moved to its current location within the New Garden Township Park. Lyceum Hall dates back to sometime around 1850, and served as a community center, a school, and a station on the Underground Railroad during its history. The building was stabilized and refurbished and moved from its location along Route 41 to the park in 2012.

Members and friends were welcomed and introduced by Christine Crossan; Brian Roberts spoke briefly about the building. Refreshments of assorted cheeses and crackers, grapes, cookies and New England Women Punch were available throughout the meeting. Donations were suggested and \$140 was collected.



Robin Crossan, husband of Christine Crossan, gave an overview of the Huguenots, their origin, history, and diaspora, with a particular emphasis on their arrival and resultant genesis of wine culture by them in South Africa. This was followed with several movies of the Crossan's 2017 trip to Africa, which included Cape Town, Franschoek (French corner), and Kirstenbosch Gardens, sister garden to nearby Chanticleer Gardens in Wayne, PA.

This was followed by a lively offering of five different wines from South Africa, conducted and led by member John Crossan. Tasting notes were distributed. Those participating were poured, sniffed, and tasted the following delicious wines:

- 2019 The Game Reserve Sauvignon Blanc – Rooiberg Winery (3 bottles)
- 2019 Petit Chenin Blanc – Ken Forrester (4 bottles)
- 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon Rose – Mulderbosch (2 bottles)
- 2018 Kadette Cape Blend – Kanonkop (2 bottles)
- 2020 Pinotage – Barista (2 bottles)

The Chenin Blanc and Pinotage are particular to South Africa and judging from the consumption noted for each, the Petit Chenin Blanc was the most popular, a good choice for everyday enjoyment.

Everyone had a wonderful time of fellowship, learning, and drinking our heritage! The event concluded about 4 pm with no further business conducted. Total cost for the event was \$272.93.

*[Note from the Editor: We anticipate that many of us will be begging Kim Burdick and John and Christine Crossan to be invited to attend the next DE Society meeting! Please see more information about the South African wines introduced by John Crossan, next in this issue of The Cross of Languedoc.]*

***2019 The Game Reserve Sauvignon Blanc – Rooiberg Winery***

**TASTING NOTES:** This seductive Sauvignon Blanc oozes gooseberry and passion fruit, with notes of ripe figs, lemongrass and capsicum. Following through is a delicious concentration of tropical fruit, nettles and cut grass flavours on the palate. A versatile wine with crisp, lively acidity and a dusty pebble finish.

***2019 Petit Chenin Blanc – Ken Forrester***

**TASTING NOTES:** Perfect everyday drinking wine. A youthful fresh wine with quince and pear drop flavours. Earlier picked freshness shows on palate with crunchy green apple and grapefruit flavours. Good mouthfeel and appetizingly tangy finish.

***2020 Cabernet Sauvignon Rose – Mulderbosch***

**TASTING NOTES:** The color is inviting, reminiscent of ripe, freshly sliced watermelon. The nose is bright, revealing immediate notes of juicy strawberries, and delicate rose petal aromatics with a nuance of earthy Cabernet Sauvignon savouriness. This beautifully balanced rosé has layers of flavors which contribute to its distinct, complex palate. Fresh acidity and a low alcohol provide the savoury core of this wine, yet the abundance of Cabernet Sauvignon fruit flavours such as fresh strawberries, ripe cherries and subtle notes of white peach provide the immediate joy of a basket of inviting summer fruits.

***2018 Kadette Cape Blend – Kanonkop***

**TASTING NOTES:** The bright ruby colour of this wine is complimented on the nose by attractive aromas of red currants, cherries, spice and a touch of mocha. The palate is lively and fresh, with succulent raspberry flavours. The fruit is supported by a firm, yet silky tannin structure. Savoury notes persist on the lengthy finish.

***2020 Pinotage – Barista***

**TASTING NOTES:** The Barista Pinotage has a burst of intense, rich coffee and chocolate aromas with ripe nuances of mulberry, plum and Maraschino cherries. All the aromas follow through onto the palate and are enhanced by sweet aromas of vanilla and butterscotch.

## Florida

As of 4 Oct 2021, the State of Florida had 5 Chapters and 149 members. Since April the State Society has gained 9 new members and lost 1 member.

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, however they have only gained 1 new member and Jean Calvin has gained 6 so it is looking doubtful that Coligny will keep the title a third year.

State \$1,000 Allen Parker Scholarships were awarded to:

- Douglas Poole—a second-year renewal—is attending Florida Polytechnic University in Lakeland, Florida in Mechanical Engineering;
- Hunter Reilly—a scholarship second-year renewal recipient—is attending Florida State College at Jacksonville in Pre-Engineering;
- Olga Godwin-Intriago—a scholarship fourth-year renewal recipient—is attending the University of Central Florida in Fine Arts and Dance.

With interest rates low, our state goal is to raise money to rebuild our depleted scholarship funds across the state in 2021 & 2022. The State and each of the Chapters are on solid financial footing with tight oversight, but the scholarships will suffer in 2022 if we do not make funding adjustments now.

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

Respectfully Submitted – 4 Oct 2021 –  
Jo Lee Potts, President (outgoing)

**Georgia** No report.

## Illinois Society



*Illinois members visiting the Swedenborgian Kenilworth Union Church. Photograph courtesy Sharon Zingery.*



*NHS President General Janet Butler Walker speaking at historic Lang House, with IL Society President/ NHS Corresponding Secretary General Nancy Schultz to the left. Photograph courtesy Sharon Zingery.*

The Illinois State Society currently has 104 members. Illinois greatly appreciates the excellent turn-around time for verification both at the chapter level and by the Registrar General. Welcome to Rebecca Von Wormer, William Erbes, William Henry Burnham, Richard Dennis Bradley, Caroline Heintzelman. Our current Prospective Members include Bridget Castle, Jennifer Martin and Beulah Bauman.

Our Council Officers 2021-2023 are Nancy Schultz, President; Darcy Juraska, Vice President; Ann Wilkerson, Recording Secretary; Jenny Warner, Registrar; James Barr, Treasurer; Deborah Domain, Chaplain; Historian/Librarian Cary Stone-Greenstein.

This officer is honored to represent the Illinois State Society on the National level and will continue to assist applicants in any way possible. Past officer Mary Engstrom served as Yearbook/Directory Chair as well as updating membership excel spread sheets. With rosters up-to-date, January filings with the Registrar General and the Treasurer General are facilitated. These contributions are so appreciated and vital to the continuation and strengthening of our State Society.

President General Janet Butler Walker had been invited to visit the Huguenot Society of Illinois in 2019. It was not until November 5, 2021 that this we were able host this event due to national restrictions on in-person meetings and travel constraints of 2020. Deborah Domain, Chaplain and the State Society President picked up Janet at O'Hare Airport, had luncheon and proceeded to the Lang House, our accommodations in Rogers Park neighborhood of Chicago, immediately south of Evanston. After an informal reception, dinner followed at Jilly's for French haute cuisine in Evanston. The morning activity for November 6 involved a tour of the Stained Glass windows of the community church, Swendenborgia, now known as Kenilworth Union Church. The presentations by the head librarian of the Swedenborg Library in the Chicago Temple Building, the church pastor and the director of the Kenilworth Historical Society were arranged by James F. Barr, Treasurer, Past President. Regular Sunday service was attended.

President General Janet Walker spoke with us at the meeting held at the Lang House which was so appreciated and inspiring. There was a short program on architectural history of this National Landmark and immaculately restored example of the Chicago Prairie Style home. The following lovely meal—featuring cakes decorated with an Eiffel Tower—was provided by the Patisserie Coralie of Evanston.

Nancy Schultz, President

## Indiana

The Indiana Society held their first meeting since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic on October 16, 2021 in Indianapolis, IN. Our presenter was Wade T. Tharp, Archeologist with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR). He holds an M. A. in Historical Archeology. His research interests include critical theory in historical archeology, archeology of internal colonization, and French Vernacular architecture.

The Indiana Society is very sad to announce that we lost a life member, Carolyn Whitcomb Jeffries, in December. Her obituary noted that some of her greatest joys in life were ones shared in Huguenot culture: particularly her love of educating and her love of her Maple Avenue United Methodist Church, where attending there made her feel as though she were “coming home.”

Sarah LaVorgna, President

## Maine

[The Editor, a longtime supporter of the Maine Society, provides this information for you.]

The treasurer for the Maine Society, our faithful Clyde Ross, has advised that the Maine Society is limited in its ability to continue paying national/NHS dues at the higher rate imposed for 2022, due to the fact that 9 of its 15 members are Life Members who only paid \$100 to join many years ago. The 6 members who are not Life Members are reportedly unlikely to be able to indefinitely sustain dues payments for the Maine Society going forward, and have inquired whether an adjustment of some sort might be made so that the state member society can stay on as an active member of The National Huguenot Society.

Our NHS leadership is aware of the problem and is working with the Maine Society to reach a mutual resolution.

## Mississippi

Since its March 2021 Zoom Meeting the Huguenot Society of Mississippi has presented both the 2016 and 2020 Updates to the *Register of Qualified Huguenot Ancestors, Fifth Edition 2012* to the Tennessee Genealogical Library, which serves the Midsouth. President Mary Margaret Buck, along with members Carla Maitland and Olivia Chandler, presented the books 29 May 2021 to Librarian Tina Sansone. We plan to donate NHS books to libraries in several Mississippi libraries.



Mississippi Society presenting Registers of Qualified Huguenot Ancestors to the Tennessee Genealogical Library.

We welcome Dual Member Lisa Namie to the Huguenot Society of Mississippi. Prospective members are working on their applications.

Members of the Mississippi Society are hoping to have an in person meeting but are thankful for Zoom. The nominating committee is working on a slate of officers.

Olivia and Randall Chandler were delegates to the NHS 86<sup>th</sup> Congress in Charlottesville last October of 2021.

The Huguenot Society of Mississippi plans to meet 26 March 2022.

Mary Margaret Buck, President

**Missouri** No report.

**Nebraska** No report.

**Nevada** No report.

**New Mexico** No report.

## North Carolina

A delegation from North Carolina attended the National Huguenot Society's 86th Annual Congress in Charlottesville, VA in October, both in person and via Zoom.

We are grateful to Christine Crossan, Treasurer General for identifying funds from the Rhode Island Society to be transferred to other state's societies, including ours.

Our membership remains at 107, despite recent deaths of long-time members Polly Jarrett and Wanda Griffin. They will be memorialized at our state's next annual meeting in the spring, which will hopefully be in person. We have had one new member and one transfer since our last report.

Finally we are privileged to report that our National Society President General, Janet Walker has donated a copy of the *French Heritage of North Carolina* to the Washington Memorial Library in Macon, GA, in honor of the Huguenot Society of North Carolina.

Ann Mueller, President

**Oklahoma** No report.

# *Memories of the 86th Congress of The National Huguenot Society*



NATIONAL HUGUENOT SOCIETY  
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*Note from the Editor: Charlottesville, Virginia was a beautiful venue for our 86<sup>th</sup> Congress! Many thanks to President General Janet Walker, Mary Margaret Buck, and others who submitted photographs from the events they attended. Due to space constraints, we were unable to include photos of those of us who attended by Zoom. But make no mistake, your attendance was noted and very much appreciated!*

## Pennsylvania

I pray that all is well in your States. Our world has been going thru so many changes, from weather, health, and so many others. I can only honor my Huguenot Faith by praying that God will be with those who need his guidance, comfort, grace, peace, and Love. The PA State Huguenot Society is overall doing well.

I was honored to be interviewed over the summer at the Washington Memorial Chapel for the French Alliance Day video. I received an email in November, notifying our PA State Society that the Film is still in production and the film crew hopes to have it completed in the Spring. I'm looking forward to seeing the video.

It was my pleasure to be able to attend in person the 86th Annual Congress at the Farmington Country Club in Charlottesville, VA. It was wonderful to revisit Monticello with a guided tour. I had very fond memories from when I last visited as a child. The pictures in this report, our the group that visited Monticello and myself with the Jefferson actor.

This year's Reformation Sunday Service was in person at the St. Paul's United Church of Christ, in Schaefferstown, PA. We had fair turn-out of about 12 people, followed by a luncheon at the Franklin House Tavern.

We have received communications from several people who became interested in joining our PA State Society from our advertisement. I look forward to contacting them and assisting them in becoming members. We have had several applicants become new members. I'm hoping to learn more about researching Huguenot ancestors to help other perspective applicants become members.

In May 2022 we are looking forward to investigating having our Annual meeting as a picnic in Gettysburg, PA.

Blessings in Huguenot Faith, Lydia R. Freeman



## Tennessee

We have not been able to meet as a group since November 2019. Thank you for participating in the unusual form of election we were forced to hold this year due to the virus. Our new state officers for the 2021-2023 term are:

President Ginger Bish  
 Vice President Kathleen "Kitty" Cress  
 Chaplain Janice "Jan" Bynum  
 Recording Secretary Carolyn "Lyn" Marvil  
 Corresponding Secretary Alice Holtin  
 Treasurer Josephine "Jo" Hill  
 Registrar Nancy R. Carr  
 Historian Dr. Mary James  
 Genealogist Mary Ann Claxton

Congratulations to our new Tennessee officers. Please contact Ginger, our new state president, to welcome her as our new leader for Tennessee.

Thank you for the last wonderful two years,

God bless you and your families,  
 Noella Mae Oberlin, Outgoing President

**Texas** No report.

## Virginia

The Huguenot Society of Virginia has been engaged in hosting the Annual Congress of the Society at Farmington Country Club from October 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>. Among the events were a wine tasting of the wines from Huguenot areas of France and dinner, tours of the historic Farmington Club House, Board of Officers and Congress meetings, luncheon and memorial service, tour of Monticello, an educational presentation on *Jefferson: Francophile* by Susan Stein from Monticello, and our gala dinner in the Jefferson Room at Farmington.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Joel E. Strauch, President

### The Illinois & Former Wisconsin Societies' Winter Hereditary Luncheon

On Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> the combined Illinois Huguenot Society and the now-disbanded Wisconsin Huguenot Society attended a Joint Hereditary Luncheon for 47 attendees at The Wisconsin Club in Milwaukee. Presiding were Past OFPA Gov Gen Thomas Pelham Curtis (Wisconsin) with Illinois OFPA and Wisconsin SCW Gov James F. Barr. The Hon. William T. Erbes, DDS and Martin Starr, Esq., Duane Galles and Michael Swisher also attended. Huguenot Secretary General Nancy Renfrow Schultz was the only current other National Officer in attendance from an hereditary group.

The program on Constitutional Law consisted of a presentation by Lucas Webber, Esq., Deputy Counsel of the Wisconsin Institute for Law and Liberty. The joint sponsoring SAR M-K Chapter color guard provided enhancement to the Afternoon. Other Societies present and jointly sponsoring were the Wisconsin Society of Colonial Wars, the Wisconsin Society OFPA and the Wisconsin Society, War of 1812. The combined Illinois/Wisconsin Huguenot Society was also represented.

James F. Barr, Past President, Huguenot Society of Illinois



*Past IL Society President James F. Barr speaking at the beautiful Joint Hereditary Luncheon at The Wisconsin Club.*



*The Huguenot Table at the Joint Hereditary Luncheon.*

## Washington

We haven't met since February 2020. We're hoping to meet in the spring of 2022 for elections.

Marissa Goldenman, President

## Washington DC

*[NOTE FROM THE EDITOR: We are delighted to note that the Washington DC Society has been reinvigorated and is now back in business as of our 86<sup>th</sup> Congress in Charlottesville last October. No report this time, but we know we will be hearing from them next time.]*

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Finance Committee 2021 Year End Report

31 December 2021

NHS Balance Sheet				
12/31/2021				
Assets	12/31/2021			Liability <sup>2</sup>
	Restricted <sup>3</sup>	Unrestricted	Total	
For Scholarships:				Scholarship Reserve
Dickey Fund	\$ 262,060.72		\$ 262,060.72	\$ 315,893.44
LLW Scholarship Assist Fund <sup>4</sup>		\$ 41,412.93	\$ 41,412.93	
General Scholarship Fund		\$ 12,419.79	\$ 12,419.79	
For General Purposes				General Purposes Reserve
Endowment Fund		\$10,400.44	\$10,400.44	\$32,954.84
Lewis Fund	20,000.00	2,554.40	\$22,554.40	
Operating funds				Other Reserves and Capital
Investment fund		\$ 221,210.97	\$ 221,210.97	Dissolved State Society
Liquidity fund <sup>1</sup>		34,709.23	34,709.23	11,568.73
				244,351.47
				Capital and Surplus
				\$ 604,768.48
<b>Total assets</b>			<b>\$ 604,768.48</b>	

<sup>1</sup>Vanguard liquidity of \$11,788.92+ Wells Fargo Balance  
<sup>2</sup>Fund balances  
<sup>3</sup>Designated as Permanently Restricted  
<sup>4</sup>Lois Lefler Walker Scholarship Assist Fund from Huguenot Society of Connecticut, initially for college text books.  
 Restricted funds are defined by the legal granting documents, whether from a foundation or individual donor.

Financially, 2021 was a successful year for the National Huguenot Society. Working with the Treasurer General, the Finance Committee is glad to highlight major accomplishments.

The overall resources of the Society increased by 10% to \$650,000, comprised of an increase in our Scholarship reserve by 31% to \$315,000; a depletion of our General Purpose endowed reserves by 3% to \$33,000; and an increase of 1% of our unencumbered resources to \$244,000.

The operating results of the Society reflect the sound treasury management of our Treasurer General for 2021, supporting the ongoing operations of the Society. Both income and expense items were above our initial budget for 2021, with the investment income providing an overall profit for the year of \$18,000, before considering the appreciation of our investments of \$40,000.

Among the new areas of financial activities in 2021 are: the incorporation of the Lois Lefler Walker Scholarship Assist fund (\$40,000); the recovery of unclaimed property of disbanded State Society (\$4,800); and the return of reserves to re-constituted State Societies (\$15,000 Huguenot Society of California and \$47,000 to the Huguenot Society of the District of Columbia).

Respectfully submitted,  
 Joel E. Strauch, CFA®, Finance Committee, Chair

### Unclaimed Property of State Societies Reclaimed

**Christine B. Crossan,  
 Treasurer General (Outgoing)**

During a visit to The Big E (Eastern States Exposition) this past September, 2021, in Springfield, MA, your former Treasurer General inquired at the Massachusetts State Treasurer's booth for Unclaimed Funds about any that might belong to The National Huguenot Society, knowing that the Massachusetts Society had been disbanded in recent years. Having discovered such funds, she then searched online for all the states in which there had formerly been subordinate State Societies. She discovered several unclaimed funds and initiated claims for all that were found. Happily, numerous claimed funds have been recovered or are in the final stages of approval. Even the active North Carolina Society had a small claim, which their treasurer, Elaine Baldasare, filed for and received.

NATIONAL HUGUENOT SOCIETY 2022 OPERATING BUDGET AND DECEMBER 31, 2021 INCOME STATEMENT				
01/01/2021 to 12/31/2021, Christine B. Crossan, Treasurer General				
(Wells Fargo Account)				
OPERATING INCOME		Budget 2021	Proposed Budget 2022	Income Actual 01/01/2021-12/31/2021
Dues	State Dues	\$ 27,120	\$ 37,325	\$ 23,700
	MAL Dues	\$ 2,265	\$ -	\$ 2,275
Fees	Fees Income	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,000	\$ 5,124
Sales	Book Sales	\$ 1,200	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,787
	Store Sales	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,500	\$ 3,685
	Lightning Source	\$ 400	\$ 1,100	\$ 805
Donations	Donation income	\$ 100	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,655
	Pin donation	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 496
Events	Board Mtg In	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -
	Congress Income	\$ 4,000	\$ 9,628	\$ 13,736
	Investment income	\$ 5,000		\$ 18,084
	Reclaimed Property			
	Transfer In			
	<b>TOTAL OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 48,285</b>	<b>\$ 59,053</b>	<b>\$ 74,297</b>
OPERATING EXPENSES		Budget 2021	Proposed Budget 2022	Expenses Actual 01/01/2021-12/31/2021
Overhead	Office Rent	\$ 7,896	\$ 8,136	\$ 7,458
	Office Supplies	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 748
	Shipping	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,116
	Liability Insurance	\$ 325	\$ 327	\$ 327
	D&O Insurance	\$ 1,540	\$ 1,540	\$ 1,539
	Bank Fee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Website	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 516
	Tax Accountant		\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250
Awards	Youth Contest	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 850
	Scholarly Works Award	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
	Scholarship Award	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -
	Lois Lefler Walker Assist Scholarship		\$ 2,000	\$ -
Publications	Printing	\$ 11,500	\$ 17,000	\$ 16,600
	Cross Postage	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,800	\$ 2,827
Store	Store Inventory	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 4,023
Events	Board Mtg Exp	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -
	Congress Expense	\$ 5,000	\$ 10,700	\$ 12,394
	Speaker fees	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ -
	Donation Expense	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 2,350
Travel Allowanc	President	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,331
	Registrar	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 705
	Transfer bet Banks			
	Reorganized Society			
	<b>TOTAL OPER EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 48,061.00</b>	<b>\$ 59,053.00</b>	<b>\$ 55,033.35</b>
	<b>NET INCOME/(LOSS)</b>	<b>\$ 224.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 19,263.47</b>
	<b>12/31/2020 to 12/31/2021</b>	<b>Investment Accou</b>	<b>Investment Account (Vanguard)</b>	
	Consolidate Accounts			
	Income returns			\$18,033.72
	Net unrealized gains			\$39,887.87
			Consolidated Vanguard total	\$57,921.59
			<b>Comprehensive net income (Wells and Vanguard accounts)</b>	<b>\$59,151.34</b>

All funds received so far have been deposited into the National Society's operating accounts and noted as disbanded state society reserves in our financial reports. As per our By-laws Article IV, Section J.3, they '...shall be assigned to the custody of the National Society for safekeeping, with a view to their being available if at any time in the future a new State Member Society shall be activated in that area.' The Treasurer General and the Finance Committee maintain a ledger, which includes the reserve for each disbanded State Society.

- Massachusetts: \$3,848.22 (\$3,520.02, plus any applicable interest, deposited 11/9/2021)
- Rhode Island: \$976.63 (deposited 12/16/2021)
- Wisconsin: \$51.12 and \$53.12
- Michigan: \$50, awaiting final approval
- Connecticut: \$10,623.61, in the final stages of approval on 12/20/2021.
- North Carolina: \$50 (not disbanded, but recovered to that state society)

Christine B. Crossan, Past Treasurer General

### **Insignia Committee**

At the 2021 Fall General Officers Board Meeting the Insignia Committee [myself as chair, Sumner Honeywell, Robin Towns, Janet Walker, Cheryl DeVine-Holick, and Peter Adams] received approval for the designs for Chapter Officer pins and Chapter Committee pins. This currently impacts three states, Florida, Pennsylvania, and Texas. There is discussion that other states may have chapters in the future. There was an issue with who would pay for the tooling charges for the pins to be made at CityPride since Hamilton Jewelers has been less than cooperative. CityPride has a tooling charge. Hamilton does not. An offer has been made to cover the tooling charge and needs Board approval to proceed and Congress approval to proceed on the designs. If approved, pins could be ready in early 2022.

A request has been made for a rosette. The Huguenot Society of Pennsylvania already has a rosette. It was created in 1918 when their society was first founded as the originating member. If approved, it is the intention to make the Huguenot Society of Pennsylvania rosette the official rosette of the National Huguenot Society.

Plans have been placed on hold for other officer sashes. The President General Sash was approved at the 85<sup>th</sup> Congress.

Instead, the Insignia Committee has been working on the St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre pin. There are two designs. One from CityPride and one from the Pin Center. Further discussion is needed within the Insignia Committee. Designs and recommendations will be given to the General Board at the April 2022 Board Meeting, for issue and purchase by the membership on or before the 450<sup>th</sup> anniversary in August 2022. Both designs are gold circles, and 1" in diameter, with a fleur-de-lis in the center, black drapes and the date 1572.

The committee continues to work on a guide book on placements and rules.

It is a pleasure to chair this committee.

With regards,  
Jo Lee Potts – Insignia Chair

### **Scholarship Committee (30 September 2021)**

Madame President General and Delegates to the 86<sup>th</sup> Congress:

It is our honor to succeed Honorary President General Neoma O'Brien as co-chairs of the NHS Scholarship Committee. We are grateful that Alice Sweeney (VA) and Bernie Hugus (AZ) have agreed to continue their thoughtful and informed service on this committee.

Sarah, as some of you know, won the NHS Scholarship in 2015; Mary (Sarah's mom) has extensive experience with merit scholarship selection and administration, primarily at UNC-Chapel Hill. We are grateful for the extensive guidance and assistance provided to us by past and current NHS leadership, particularly Neoma O'Brien, Janet Walker, Christine Crossan, Joel Strauch, Cathy Paunov, Sumner Hunnewell, Barbara MacManus, and Susan Gillette Meer, as we take on continuing the administration of the current \$5,000 Josephine Wells Dickey Scholarship and look to add one new and one inherited program in the future. By the time the Congress agenda has progressed to this committee's report, the Treasurer General's and Finance Committee's reports will have advised you of these work-in-progress developments.

The application process for the next \$5,000 Josephine Wells Dickey Scholarship is officially open! Please consult the NHS website, the Scholarships section. A revised application form can be found there. The deadline for applications to be submitted to the Scholarship Committee is February 1.

Each State Society President has recently received a notice about the application process and the deadline in Word format. Presidents, if you haven't already, please distribute this notice to your state membership as soon as possible.

Because scholarships are such a significant component of the Society's non-profit service work, we are raising awareness with a new feature in the Cross of Languedoc focused on past winners. The Josephine Wells Dickey Scholarship has been awarded since 2002.

Honorary President General and current *Cross* editor Janice Lorenz has worked with us to launch a regular column in the Cross going forward, a "Where Are They Now?" program interviewing our outstanding scholars about their lives and careers since they became scholarship winners. Our first interviewee is Dr. Joel Wuthnow, 2003 winner and a distinguished China scholar at the National Defense College in Washington, DC. Please look for and enjoy for his profile in the Spring edition of *The Cross of Languedoc*!

Thank you.

Mary Long and Sarah Long, Co-Chairs

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:scholarship@nationalhuguenotsociety.org).



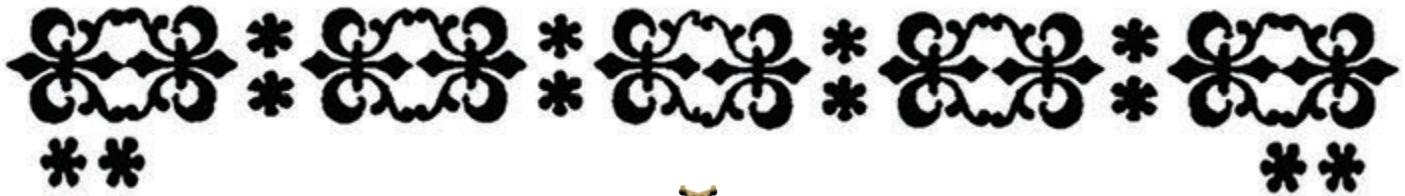
## REPORTS OF APPOINTED OFFICERS

### Parliamentarian

I have been appointed by President General Walker to serve as her Parliamentarian. She has asked me to review and update the organization's bylaws and standing rules.

If any member has an amendment they wish considered by the Parliamentarian, for implementation in either the bylaws or the standing rules, please send them to me by January 25, 2022. I will review each one received and report my findings as to whether or not the suggestion is appropriate. My email address is [legalrabb@aol.com](mailto:legalrabb@aol.com).

Shirley B. Vanderback  
CL§, PLS-PP, CLA-CP, CCM, PRP, DCTJ  
Parliamentarian



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**Dr. Gresham T. Farrar, Jr., Scholarly Works Fund  
7 January 2022**

**The Family of Dr. Gresham T. Farrar, Jr. and The National Huguenot Society, Inc. are proud to announce the formation of the Dr. Gresham T. Farrar, Jr., Scholarly Works Fund to provide a permanent endowment for the funding of the Scholarly Works Award program of The National Huguenot Society.**

The Dr. Gresham T. Farrar, Jr., Scholarly Works Fund will be used to award creators of books, articles and other media about Huguenot history, customs, and culture. The awards will be administered by the Awards Committee of The National Huguenot Society, whose Board of General Officers will make the final decision of the periodic awards. The awards are expected to be made each year for up to one thousand dollars.

The Dr. Gresham T. Farrar, Jr., Scholarly Works Fund will be open to additional contributions from Society members, family members and other donors who wish to support our Scholarly Works Award program. Those who wish to support the scholarly works program are encouraged to donate to The National Huguenot Society, designating the gift for The Dr. Gresham T. Farrar, Jr., Scholarly Works Fund. Huguenot state member societies and their chapters and other heritage societies of which Dr. Farrar was a member may wish to consider honoring his legacy through a donation to the program.

The National Huguenot Society expresses its heartfelt thanks to the Farrar Family and their wish to honor Dr. Farrar and his passion for history and lineage research.

Inquiries: Rev. Joel E. Strauch, Chaplain General, National Huguenot Society, [jestrauch@msn.com](mailto:jestrauch@msn.com).



## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

~A Conversation with Dr. Joel R. Wuthnow~

### Our 2003 NHS Scholarship Winner

Written by Mary Long, co-chair, NHS Scholarship Committee



Dr. Joel R. Wuthnow, the 2003 recipient of the National Huguenot Society's Josephine Wells Dickey Scholarship, is a Senior Research Fellow in the Center for the Study of Chinese Military Affairs within the Institute for National Strategic Studies at the National Defense University and also an adjunct professor at Georgetown University's Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service. Dr. Wuthnow holds degrees from Princeton University, Oxford University, and Columbia University. Our entertaining and wide-ranging discussion is edited for clarity and space constraints.

ML: Please tell us how you became engaged with the study of China, and what keeps you intrigued, engaged, teaching and publishing as your career advances?

JRW: I went to China originally in 1993 in middle school. It was the heyday of American engagement with China. China then was not quite modern, but very different, somewhat ancient, and it captured my imagination. On some streets, I felt like I had stepped back a century in time, a stark contrast to the New Jersey suburb where I lived. In college, I became interested in security studies and foreign affairs. Professors encouraged me to study, travel, and ponder. Then in grad school, I went more in depth into Chinese studies. I lived in China for one and a half years, immersed in society, language, and culture, seeking to understand "man on the street" point of view.

I subsequently held a series of great jobs in DC, first with a China analytic organization, and my trajectory led me to my current position. What keeps me engaged is that China is evolving at a rapid-fire pace. This field never gets boring; I always have something new to think about. It keeps me excited, but also concerned and worried. It can be cryptic and difficult enough to understand.

ML: China has changed so much during your professional career. What do you see as the key drivers of its progress?

JRW: Once, China manifested the tension between traditionalists and those who wanted to "get stuff done." The 1980's decade was a high point of political liberalization, which explored themes of democracy and making society better. Now, Chinese leadership is much more monolithic and centralized; after Xi Jinping's rise to the pinnacle of power in 2012, debate has vanished, at least on the internet. It seems more like a cultural revolution, without rioting, but the Chinese can't openly express any viewpoint other than the official party positions.

China has in many ways reverted to its authoritarian past. The party directs large portions of the economy. The earlier movement toward privatization has been reined in. Because of the centralized party apparatus and lengthy leadership terms, China can marshal its material and financial resources strategically, without concern for voter opinion or a long-run rate of return, in ways we cannot because of our 4-year terms and annual budget negotiations. For example, the Chinese political leadership embraces its targeted Belt and Road investment initiative, and it is expected to invest trillions (dollar -value equivalents) into foreign infrastructure projects in places of strategic importance to China.

ML: How does China view us? How does that impact their strategies?

JRW: China has a long list of resentments, both historical and recent. They perceive a US strategy to keep China

weak. The Communist party leadership remembers our CIA in 1950's rallying insurgents against Communists; they accuse us now of fomenting revolution in Hong Kong. China has no real alliances, and it generates friction with its neighbors. They see that our networks of alliances and our values are our advantages. The rest of world still looks to us for leadership. They see us using our dominant position to manufacture problems for them in their own territories and the region.

They think that US is more inclined to use force provocatively. Their point of view is that we are a threat, willing to use force to keep them off base and weak. Thus, the only way for them to get a better outcome is to become as strong as possible, in a variety of ways. During the Cold War, US and USSR competed symmetrically, primarily with weapon systems. Competition with China is like playing multiple chess boards at the same time, each with different games. The nature of espionage is completely different; military vs. economic and tech. Both our government and corporate America are still lacking in fully understanding the cyberthreat from China.

China is moving toward self-sufficiency. Unfortunately, we have really enabled their military and technical mobilization. In addition to contractual "required" technology transfer, they hack weapons and capabilities. One problem with cyber-pilfering and their culture centered around copying is that it keeps them behind the curve. The flip side is that knowing our systems allows them to take advantage of perceived weaknesses in our infrastructure. In turn, our side has been building up muscle in our cyber community; that said, we need to do much more to protect, harden, and create deterrents.

Ultimately, their strategy vs. the US and the world boils down to a series of small chess-like moves. When they push or push back, they are propagating their vision of where they want to go, advancing outwards, but not in ways that might start a war, not one big move that can invite resistance. The party stays in power by appearing to show the US that China won't be cowed into submission, all the while steadily making progress without getting a snap-back military reaction.

For example, look at their activities in the South China Sea, with land reclamation and creating new islands. Is US going to stop them? No. The administration said we don't like it but won't stop it, so they saw it as a green light.

ML: You are a China scholar and an educator. How would you advise a current student seeking to make an impact with foreign-focused interactions, economically and policy-wise?

JRW: Twenty years ago, China was the next great economic frontier. The best thing you could do was learn Chinese. Now, the relative focus on commerce has waned, replaced by a heightened interest in foreign affairs and security. It is becoming much harder for our young people to do things in China. You don't want to be personally vulnerable; you can't succeed as a Westerner in those conditions. Go to Taiwan if you are interested in Chinese culture.

Students now can and should cast a much wider net. Economic opportunity abounds in Africa, with its burgeoning middle class. There is so much dynamism. In Southeast Asia, look toward Vietnam. Those language skills are very scarce. In terms of a security focus, Russia, North Korea, and Iran are still playing their games. I recommend that students find a niche of interest and invest. Consider South Asia also, perhaps Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.

Go with whatever foot you can get in the door. Study abroad. This may seem to be a luxury but in terms of competitiveness, it can make you much more marketable! Hard skills, combined with cultural versatility, will go a long way. Look at gap year experiences. I am sad to see declining interest and/or flexibility in STEM/tech programs and sequential curricula which limit this optionality. Diplomats are not the only professionals who need foreign exposure! I am surprised by how many masters' candidates whom I teach who have never travelled abroad. In long run, immersive foreign experiences can help position a current student for success in both academic and commercial marketplaces.

**“PARIS IS WELL WORTH A MASS”**  
**PATRIOT OR TRAITOR?**  
**FIRST HUGUENOT KING OF FRANCE**  
**(KING HENRI IV)**

By Jack Cowan

*Taken from “Cowan’s Lectured of Forgotten History” – Amazon*

There are two symbols in front of you. The robe is that of the Knights Templar, the other is the Huguenot cross and dove. Both evolved from the early Christian Church and both experienced the extreme and inhuman treachery of the kings of France.

King Philippe, with consent of Pope Clement massacred the Templars from 1307 – 1314 and burned the Grand Master of the Templars at the stake. As the flames licked at the cheeks of the Templar Jacques de Molay, he called out a curse to the Pope and the King and the prosperity of France. He condemned both the Pope and King to meet agonizing death with in 40 days which, indeed occurred and France suffered war, plagues, and civil unrest for the next several centuries. No French King would ever enjoy a truly peaceful France again.

In August of 1572 another massacre took place in Paris, one that was every bit of not more treacherous than that of the Templar’s – The Saint Bartholomew’s Day Massacre. Huguenots were lured into the walled city to witness the wedding of the Huguenot King of Navarre to Princess Margot, the daughter of the Regent Mother Queen Catherine de Medici ruling for her eldest of three sons, King Charles.

Let’s go back in time to that period and maybe gain a slightly different perspective of the Huguenot struggle in France. It was at the height of the renaissance when people began to seek knowledge of their world and themselves. They realized the Earth, and planets revolved around the Sun and not around the Earth and were able to calculate the declination of the stars, Moon and Sun which enabled them to establish lines of longitude and thus conquer navigation of the world. Leonardo de Vinci had established his treatise on painting perspectives; painting as if, “on as glass through which the objectives are seen”.

The Renaissance brought the printing press and the Bible became open for all to read. This, of course, affected the way people looked at religion and began to search for answers. Knowing what they had been told about their world was wrong; they began to question their church as well. They slowly began to realize that Jesus’ words to love one another as yourself professed equality among men and broke the yoke of servitude to the Pope and the Catholic Church. This, of course did not sit well with the Church as it viewed this breakaway as a treat to its power and control.

While many events in history can be used to illustrate this Protestant / Catholic struggle, France suits us better as a theater than any other country or more accurately “Kingdome”. It helps to view Europe as a collection of family kingdoms rather than countries. Kingdoms governing subfamily kingdoms, kept together under the umbrella of protection from other kingdoms, which were a constant threat.

Of all the family kingdoms in Europe, perhaps France was the most volatile, having the ultra Catholic Spain on its southern boarder, the Pope and Roman Empire to its East, England across the channel (who truly believed the French Kingdome belonged to her family), and the Netherlands to the North (more or less up for grabs but claimed by Spain, England, and France as well.

France was besieged with civil unrest due to a corrupt family of Nobles known as the Guise who, claiming to be ultra catholic, used it as a means of control rather than conversion to the faith and was constantly scheming to take over the crown. The King was a spoiled child who never grew up and the rule was invested in the Italian Queen Mother left with three boys, two girls and a family budget spinning totally out of control due to wars, greed, and just wastefulness. To say the Queen Catherine was challenged with extreme multi tasking may be a bit conservative.

Catherine was the daughter of Lorenzo II de Medici, Duke of Urbino, ruling house of Florence, which had become one of the wealthiest families in Europe. Their wealth coming from financing the silk weaving industry of Italy, the rice production, and metal smelting industry – in short the Renaissance movement of Europe. To help the Queen control her court, she employed her “flying squadron” of beautiful ladies that did her spying, and court manipulating.

Outside her court, the Protestants were making big gains in French territory spurred on in no small part by the civil unrest against the corruption of the government and the church itself. The so called “religious wars” of France were in fact as much civil as religious. And the Queen used the Huguenot threat to keep the Guise family in check, fearing that to eliminate the Huguenots with all out war would open the door for the Guise family to take the crown.

This “pacification” of the Huguenots drew the extreme ill will of the Spanish King who let it be known that he wanted to bring the entire world under Catholic rule. The feeling was shared, of course by the Pope and eventually the Queen had to make a move. What went on in her mind can only be imagined, but at the heart of it was to devise a scheme that would rid her of the Guise family and the Huguenots at the same time while gaining the respect and peaceful coexistence with her Catholic neighbors.

Key to this scheme was Admiral Gaspard de Coligny, head of the Huguenots. He had enjoyed being part of her court at more peaceful times and had become an influence on her sons (which didn’t go unnoticed by her enemies). The Guise family had even tried to kidnap the oldest son fearing he would adopt the Protestant belief. But these were not peaceful times and Coligny was away fighting for the Huguenots and was fearful at returning to Paris which was a very pro-catholic stronghold. To lure him within assignation range would be difficult and would have to include other leaders of the Huguenot army. If she could somehow bring them to Paris and blame their assignation on the Guise family, she would not have to worry about retaliation against her from the outraged Huguenots or the Guise family. Having both the Guise and the Huguenots out of her life and the Kingdom at the same time would be a masterstroke.

She would employ another truce and enter negotiations with Coligny for a marriage between her daughter Margot and the 19 year old Huguenot Henry of Bourbon, King of Navarre. This was a somewhat logical step as the young king was next in line as King of France after her three sons (none of which would have an heir). If she had little regard for the feelings of her reluctant daughter, it was probably due to the “loose” reputation of the young Princess who had brought scandal on the Kings family as if such was possible. The French Kings and court were known for their lack of morals and Paris thus carried the name of “Sodom and Gomorra”. The wedding was sure to draw all the Huguenots Nobles and local Protestants to the Paris wedding and set the stage for her diabolical scheme. Her hired assassin would kill Coligny and the outraged Huguenots would take revenge believe it to be the work of the Guise family and the rest would take a natural course of a Catholic mob joining the fray.

The wedding did take place, only after the Queen lied, saying she had received a dispensation from the Pope allowing the marriage to a non-catholic. After the King physically nodded the Princess’ head yes during the vows, and after a three day celebration, the attack on Coligny took place. But at the appointed place and time, Coligny bent over to adjust his shoe and the assassin only succeeded in wounding Coligny in the arm. Coligny, urging calm heads to rule prevented the anticipated violence. Several Huguenots saw the assassin flee and gave chase recognizing him to be one of the Queens men. This was quickly revealed to the Queen and she knew she would soon be exposed. She went to her son, the King and explaining what she and her second had done, pleaded for him to instruct his soldiers to finish the murder of Coligny and kill all the Huguenots in the city. The young King acquiesced and the mass murder of thousands of innocent men, women and children were dragged into the streets and brutally axed and torn apart. The violence spread over three days and many killed were debt holders or other citizens who for one reason or another were disliked by one of their neighbors.

The 19 year old King of Navarre was held prisoner to ensure Catherine own safety from Huguenot revenge for four years before he was able to escape with the help of the youngest of the Queen’s sons, Alencon and reaffirm his Protestant faith.

In 1574, King Charles (the oldest son) died an agonizing death and the middle son, Henri III became King. Henri was different to say the least and in modern terms would be called “gay”. He also has a squadron but of dandy young men known as his mignons”. If Margot had been an embarrassment to the crown, Henri made her look like a Sunday school teacher. Like his brother before him, he left the running of the Kingdom up to his mother Queen while he indulged himself in more pleasurable pursuits. The runt of the litter, Alencon was ever envious of his brothers and sought to gain the crown by joining the Navarre and the Huguenot struggle and together they were successful in negotiating the Peace of Beaulieu in 1576.

The Guise took full advantage of this outrage and threatened a coupe. The Queen intervened and brought the two brothers back together in defense of the crown and Alancon dumped the Huguenots and soon found Huguenot blood on his hands as well. His death in 1584 was no less agonizing than King Charles’ as he slowly bleed to death from a diseased body, possibly tuberculosis, possibly poison.

Over the next several years, the wars continued with periodic truces until the Guise families again threaten the crown. Their sinister plot was discovered and King Henri struck first, assonating the Duke of Guise. The Catholic League, under control of the Guise family rose up and forced the King to leave Paris for fear of retaliation. About this time, the Spanish who were in full support of the Guise, lost their famous sea battle with England which diminished the Guise’ power a great deal. Taking advantage of this weakness, King Henri sought help from none other than the King of Navarre and together fought to return Paris and the Crown to its rightful “blood heirs”.

In August 1589, an assassin dressed as a monk, named Jacques Clement gained an audience with King Henri and mortally stabbed the king. On his death bed, he named King of Navarre the King of France who became King Henri IV. But the new King would have to fight for his Kingdom and as he gathered his army, he called out, “I rule with my arse in the saddle and my gun in my fist – Rally to my white plume”.

Fighting the Guise wasn’t his only problem. He needed the Pope’s approval and he needed an heir. Both of these required a divorce from his wife Margaret who had produce no heir. He was able to have that marriage annulled in 1599 as it was done without the consent of the bride, having been forced by her mother and the King. Entering Paris and becoming King of France was a different matter. His mistresses Gabrielle d’Estrées, is said to have interceded for him with the Pope and continually urged him to adopt the Catholic faith as it would not only bring him to be recognized as the King of France but peace to France as well.

Having claimed the crown and subdued most of France he could not, however, defeat the walled Catholic city of Paris. The Guise, now in control, recruited the Spanish to help in breaking the siege of Paris but the King of Navarre continued the siege for over a year. During this time the Pope had died and was followed by a more liberal Pope named, ironically another Clement, Clement VIII. The people had grown weary of the long starving siege which drove some to cannibalism and other desperate acts. It was time for King Henry to play his trump card. He negotiated a truce with the Pope and announced he would convert to Catholicism. The people of Paris were ecstatic. Celebrations broke out all over France and the new King entered Paris while thousands of people cheered and set of fireworks. It was at this time that King Henri IV of France was heard to say, “*Paris is well worth a mass*”.

But his mistress Gabrielle would not share the crown for in the deal with the Pope, King Henri agreed to marry another of the Medici family, named Marie de’ Medici, the niece of Ferdinando I de’ Medici, Grand Duke of Tuscany, and the daughter of the previous duke, Francesco I de’ Medici. Enormously wealthy, he is said to have called her, “his fat banker”. Gabrielle was destroyed and despondent at the news and while giving birth to a stillborn child, she died at five in the morning on 10 April 1599.

The rebuilding of France and Paris now consumed Henri's full attention and he soon negotiated peace with all his European neighbors. For the first time in several hundred years, France enjoyed peace both within and without its borders. His "fat banker" gave him a boy heir, Louis XIII and a daughter named Henrietta Marie who became the wife of King Charles I of England.

With the Edict of Nantes 1598, he established political rights and a measure of religious freedom for the Huguenots. Aided by baron de Rosny and duc de Sully who were both Protestants, Henry restored some measure of financial order, encouraged agriculture, founded new industries, built roads and canals, expanded foreign trade through commercial treaties with Spain, England, and the Ottoman Empire, and encouraged colonization of Canada. Anxious to see prosperity reach all classes, he is reputed to have said, "There should be a chicken in every peasant's pot every Sunday."

But the Catholic hardcore gave King Henri little peace and one day while riding in his carriage to oppose the Spanish and Austrian Hapsburgs, he came to a blockage in the road and a fanatical Catholic, François Ravailac jumped on the carriage and stabbed the King. He died a short time later leaving Marie de' Medici as regent of their son Louis XIII much as Queen Catherine had done many years before.

Most historians give credit to King Henri IV as being the greatest King France ever had and allowing that his love life was truly that of a Frenchman, he was in fact the First Huguenot King of France. Whether he was a patriot or traitor to the Huguenots is up to you to decide. Did King Henri break the Templar curse? Was saving France from the Catholic Guies well worth the mass?



## MEREAU

By Ann Wilkerson (IL)

A mereau is a token used by Protestants in France at the request of John Calvin in 1561; and it was still in use well into the 19th century.

To put this 1561 date in historical context, I turned to Wikipedia to see what else was going on in European history. I should not have been surprised that 9 out of 10 events that year seemed to relate to religious events.

- King Philip II moved the capital of Spain from Valladolid to Madrid.
- Lightning struck Old Saint Paul's Church in the city of London and it was heavily damaged by fire.
- Built on orders from Ivan the Terrible, Saint Basil's Cathedral in Moscow was consecrated.
- Elizabeth I was on the throne of England. Mary Queen of Scots left France (where she was raised at court by Catherine de Medici) but was denied passage through England on her way to Scotland.
- Protestant reformer John Knox argued in Scotland during a 3-day debate about transubstantiation.
- The first Calvinists settled in England after leaving Flanders.
- Between 1561 and 1670, 3,229 alleged witches were executed in southwestern Germany.
- Catherine de Medici, noted above as the "foster mother" of Mary Queen of Scots, was now the widow of a King of France and the mother of three more, acting as Regent for her young middle son King Charles IX.
- In January 1561, the Edict of Orleans, promulgated by Catherine de Medici, suspended the persecution of Huguenots in France. Catherine failed to grasp the theological issues that drove the Protestant movement and later resorted in anger to hardline policies against the Huguenots. Historians blame Catherine for the excessive persecutions carried out under the rule of her sons and in particular, blame her for the St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre in 1572, in which thousands of Huguenots were killed in Paris and throughout France. The back and forth movements through edicts of Orleans, St Germain, Nantes, Fontainebleau of persecution and tolerance lasted from 1561 to 1685, when the mass exodus of Protestants began.
- The French Wars of Religion, from 1561-1598, caused 3 million to perish through violence, famine, and disease. Things weren't entirely settled until Louis XVI, who was soon to lose his head, issued the Edict of Tolerance in 1787.

Back to 1561 and our topic: mereau:

A mereau is a metal token that most French Protestant Churches used to control access to the Lord's Supper. The name mereau comes from Latin; it is the basis for our word "merit," and in France, it meant you were worthy. To avoid profanation of the Eucharist, the elders in their role of moral watchdogs distributed tokens to those members of the faithful who they deemed qualified by virtue of correct belief and proper conduct. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper took place 4 times/year (Easter, Pentecost, September, and Christmastide). Given the crucial position that the Lord's Supper had in the spiritual life of the congregation, the token offered admission to this shared celebration. The mereau was a secret symbol of the solidarity of the faithful and could be used to detect a Roman Catholic spy. It was a little like our Huguenot Society insignia we wear today.

Protestant men and women had to attend catechism lessons in the several weeks preceding the Lord's Supper. Assuming they were otherwise well behaved, they subsequently received the required mereau. The Church in Mougou thought the control system of mereaux tokens so helpful that it extended usage to baptism and marriage.

What did a mereau look like? We know of the strong tradition of Huguenot artisans (always Paul Revere is my example). Mereaux were made by local metalworkers. Marked with various symbols, the mereaux gave artists and craftsmen opportunities to fashion powerful religious and sacramental images.

Most mereaux were cast in lead or an alloy of lead and tin. Some were brass or copper, and most were round, although there is an example of an oval one from Nimes and of an octagonal one from Alsace. (There is a big geographical

separation of those locations, showing how widespread the practice became. Mereaux were also used at Threadneedle Street Church in London until 1692.)

Size of tokens varied too, ranging in diameter from 3/4 inch to 1 1/3 inch. (The US half dollar is 1 1/5 in and the chocolate at your place setting is 1 1/2 in.)

Some mereaux had depictions of Christ as the shepherd with his flock. This type was predominantly from the southwestern part of the Kingdom. This 17th century token from the Agenais shows a shepherd dressed in an elegant doublet and holding a staff in his right hand. He sounds a horn to call his flock, the grazing sheep. Above him is a levitating Greek cross with a banner flying in the wind. The reverse of the token shows a radiant sun and references Luke 12:32: "Do not fear, little flock" (for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom.)



*Mereaux example referred to above. Courtesy The Huguenots of Spitalfield.  
www.huguenotsofspitalfields.org/the-huguenot-mereaux.*

More common were representations of graceful communion cups with rectangular loaves of bread. On the reverse of this example, the letters AQ PDFDLB stand for the Protestant Assembly of the Faithful of La Brousse.

The 18th century token from the Church of Saint Sauvant has a small fleur-de-lis separating the beginning from the end of the inscription, suggesting the community's tacit submission to royal authority. The reverse has the letters PSLFICHTVA. One interpretation is that the letters should be divided thus: I CHT V A PSLF and could mean "Jesus Christ calls you to serve him faithfully."

Nimes designed a distinctive oval token with its municipal coat of arms on the obverse. It shows a crocodile chained to a palm tree and the inscription "Col Nem" which is a reference to the city's Roman foundation by veterans of Octavian's Egyptian campaign of 30 B.C. The reverse of the Nimes mereau shows a radiant heart pierced by two swords, and the inscription from Malachi 4:2: "Christ Sun of Righteousness."

Artisans also adorned the tokens with Scripture verses and abbreviations of their Church's name. Another mereau recognizes the Hautpoul family of Mazamet. The H & M flank the rooster that is part of the Hautpoul family coat of arms. Hautpoul = High Chicken and they were a powerful, noble clan.

In each instance, the mereau reinforced the notion of the Lord's Supper as the centerpiece of a collective religious experience to which the token bearer was now granted admittance. Like the Reformation itself, the Calvinist artistic endeavor in France was vibrant, complex, and original. Though Huguenots barred statues, stained glass and paintings from their houses of worship, they expressed enormously productive and innovative talents in the arts. Artisans set biblical inscriptions above doorways, fashioned silver communion plate, installed bells, and cast communion mereaux with symbolic images. Is this not a wonderful token of their faith, endurance, and artistry?

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## ANNUAL YOUTH CONTEST GUIDELINES

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.

### *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](http://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](mailto:jameswhitt11@msn.com) between January 1<sup>st</sup> and November 20<sup>th</sup>.

### *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; 2d Place=\$100; 3d 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.

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***Some Books About Huguenots for Young Readers:***

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, 34<sup>th</sup> 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, 18<sup>th</sup> President
- Grimké, Angela & Sarah, 19<sup>th</sup> 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
- Wittier, John Greenleaf (1807-1892) Poet
- Williams, Thomas Lanier (1911-1983) Tennessee Williams, major American playwright

## CAPTAIN ABRAHAM MARKOE

By Peter Morgan Adams (PA)

Captain Abraham Markoe was a Huguenot Descendant, a Philadelphia Gentleman and a Patriot of the American Revolution by Peter Morgan Adams, Immediate Past President of the Huguenot Society of Pennsylvania.

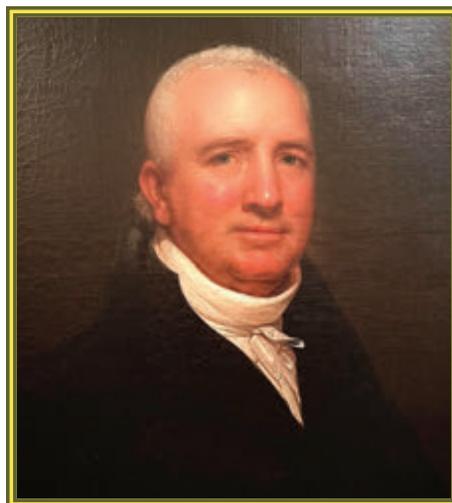
Abraham Markoe, born in 1727 and passed in 1806, is buried ten feet from Benjamin Franklin's gravesite in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The author recently visited Markoe's tombstone and grave site to say a prayer in his honor thanking Markoe and the many other Huguenot descendants who assisted in establishing America.

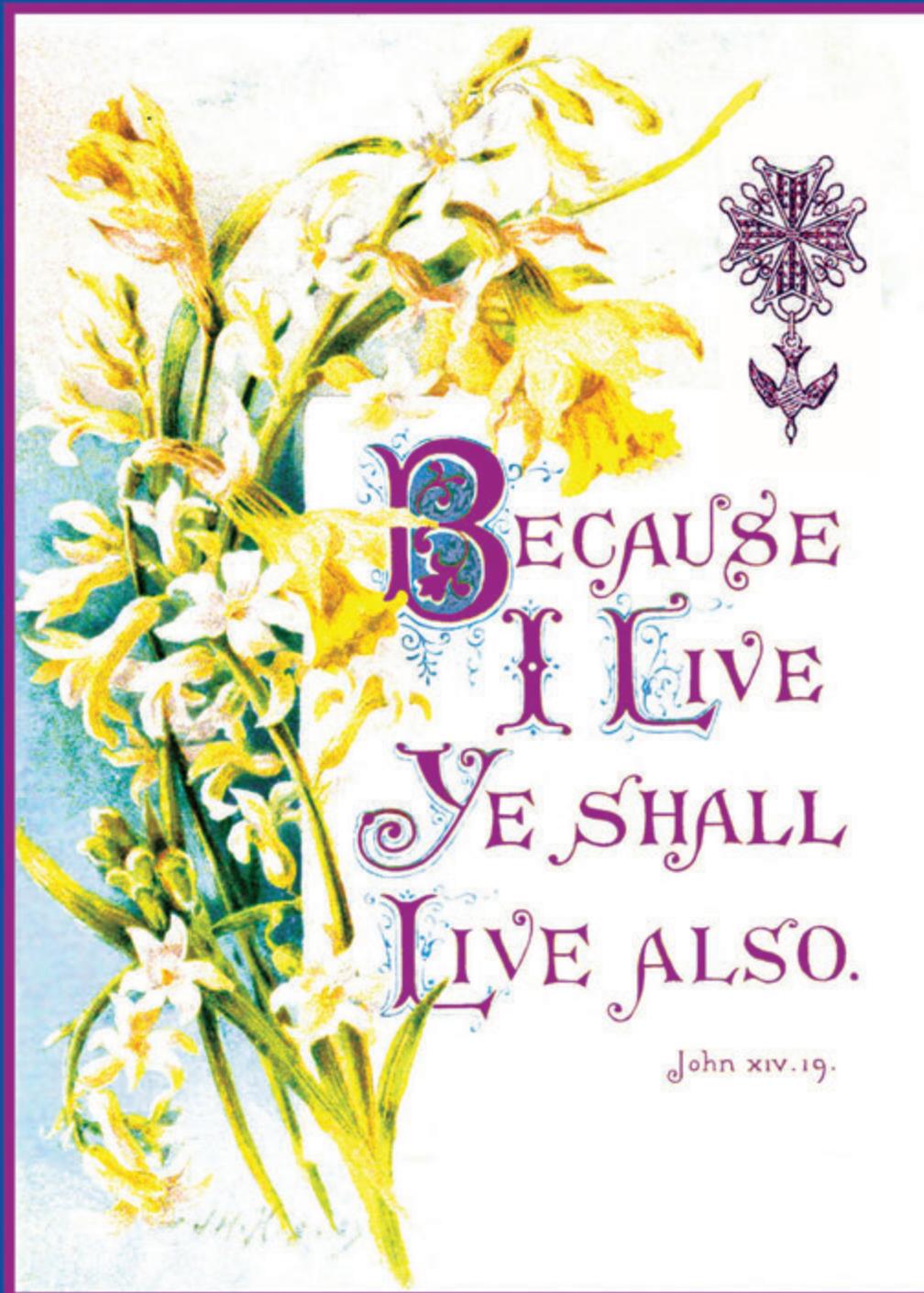
According to Major Steven D. Griffin in his 2016 publication entitled "The Effects of the Huguenot Diaspora on the American Revolution" he states that Abraham Markoe was a Huguenot Descendant and a Pennsylvania Patriot born on the Danish island of St. Croix in the Caribbean. He immigrated to Philadelphia to help sponsor and finance the Philadelphia Light Horse - one of the earliest military organization's formed before the outbreak of the declared war between the American Colonies and Great Britain.

The writer of this article recently visited the First Troop Philadelphia City Cavalry Museum which includes the history of the Philadelphia Light Horse. It is located in an Armory adjacent to the University of Pennsylvania. During the museum tour, Peter saw the original oil painting of Captain Markoe and learned he was the first Captain of this important military organization which began in 1774, two years before the signing of the Declaration of Independence. He learned the Troop equipped and uniformed itself at the members' own expense and resolved to serve Philadelphia and Congress should hostilities break out. The most memorable item in the museum is its original "Troop Standard" (flag) that is said to have been presented to the Troop by Captain Abraham Markoe in 1775. It is the earliest surviving instance of the use of 13 stripes on an American banner and one of the very few original Revolutionary battle standards to have survived to the present day.

Robert A. Johnson in his book entitled "Saint Croix, 1770 - 1776", states that meeting minutes exist of the Pennsylvania Committee of Safety showing that nearly 4,000 pounds of gunpowder was received by the American Government from Captain Markoe on July 31, 1775. This was nearly one year before the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Likely the gunpowder was shipped from St. Croix. In an effort to learn more about Abraham Markoe and better understand the many contributions made by this influential gentleman in the founding of America, the author visited Philadelphia's Historical Society of Pennsylvania. Here were read hundreds of original manuscripts and letters -- written to and from Markoe - during the period 1770 to 1780. These authentic documents clearly illustrate the leadership and character of this very important American Patriot.

The author of this article plans to continue researching the history of Captain Abraham Markoe and welcomes any members with additional information about Markoe to please send it to: Peter Morgan Adams, PO Box 296, Valley Forge, PA 19481-0296. The purpose is to compile additional information about Markoe and create a larger story featuring his many heroic and important contributions assisting in the establishment of the United States of America. The goal will be to seek publication of this wider story in a future issue of The Cross.







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