

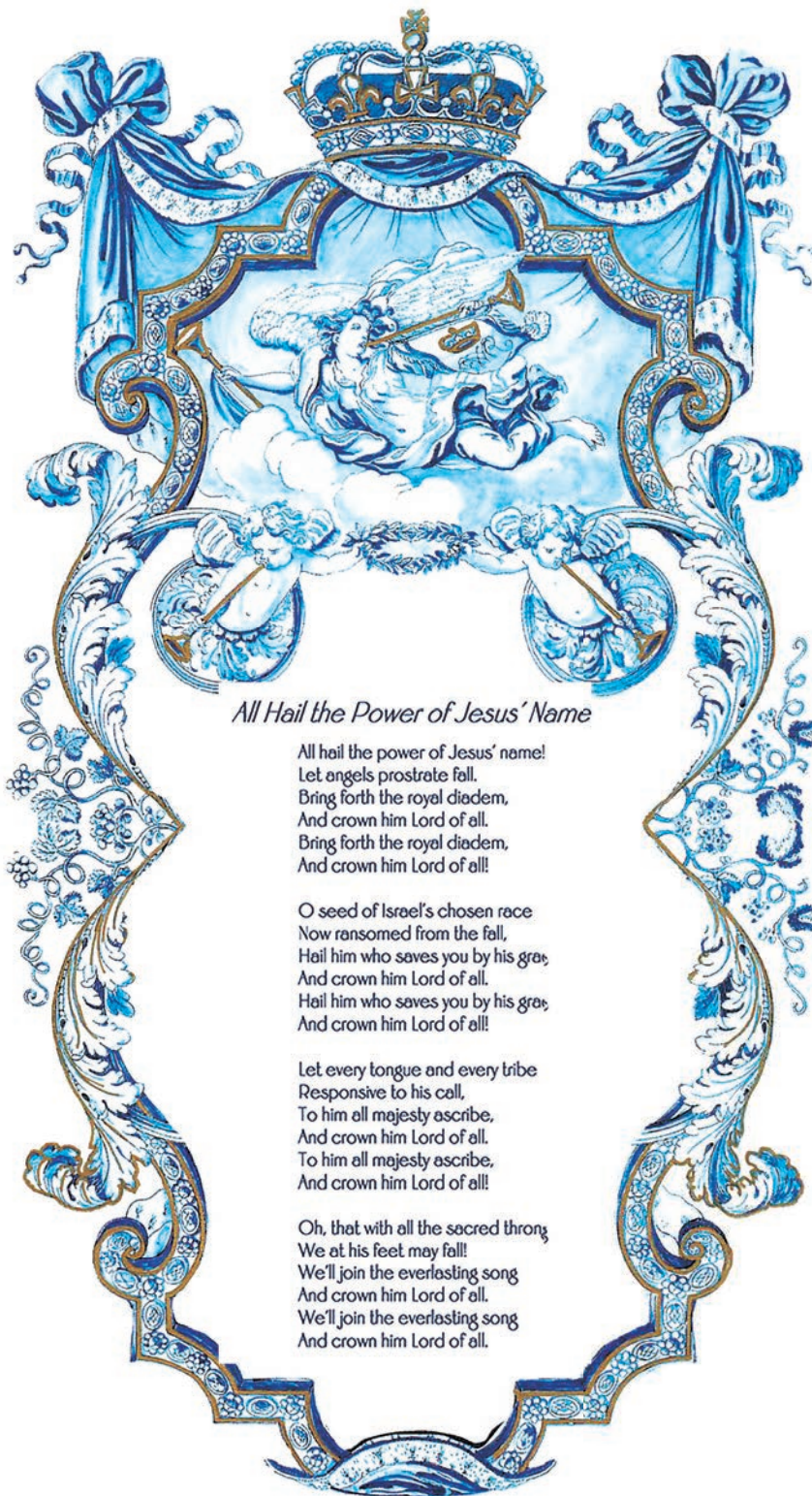


# The Cross of Languedoc

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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.”



## *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

All hail the power of Jesus' name!  
Let angels prostrate fall,  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
And crown him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
And crown him Lord of all!

O seed of Israel's chosen race  
Now ransomed from the fall,  
Hail him who saves you by his grace,  
And crown him Lord of all.  
Hail him who saves you by his grace,  
And crown him Lord of all!

Let every tongue and every tribe  
Responsive to his call,  
To him all majesty ascribe,  
And crown him Lord of all.  
To him all majesty ascribe,  
And crown him Lord of all!

Oh, that with all the sacred throng  
We at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song  
And crown him Lord of all.  
We'll join the everlasting song  
And crown him Lord of all.

# “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

by Huguenot Descendant Edward Perronnet

At a time when our beloved National Huguenot Society is contemplating expanding its membership to include non-Protestants, it is important to remember how much all Christians have in common, regardless of sect. The hymn “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” has been dubbed by some hymnologists the “National Anthem of Christendom,” which suggests that it might be an appropriate universal hymn of Christian faiths. It was written by a Huguenot descendant named Edward Perronnet. Perronnet was the son of an Anglican minister who served as the vicar of Shreham, Kent, in Sundridge, Kent, England. Edward’s grandparents had emigrated from France in the late 1600s, after a stopover in Switzerland, due to religious persecution. He was educated at home by a tutor and was raised in the Church of England. He was ordained as a minister within the Anglican church, yet was dissatisfied with some of the practices of the Anglican church and was close to the Wesley brothers, who founded Methodism. He traveled throughout England as an independent Anglican minister, however, and eventually served as pastor at a Congregational church in Canterbury.

Some hymnologists say that this hymn “touched the entire world, even the most dangerous territories.” Perronnet was inspired by the life of a Christian missionary to India, Reverend E. P. Scott, who “used his voice and a violin to bring glory to God, no matter the cost.” [both quotes from [Rightnowmedia.org](http://Rightnowmedia.org)] The powerful third stanza by Perronnet arguably represents a call for universal recognition that we all worship the same Lord. “Let every tongue and every tribe to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.” Perronnet effectively calls for us all to worship our savior, and join with the choir of the saints who will be recognized and gathered in heaven, per the Bible’s teachings. The way to heaven is through calling upon the name of the Lord.

The lyrics to “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” have undergone various additions and revisions since it first was published in the Gospel Magazine in 1779. The first three stanzas are those written by Edward Perronnet, and the last stanza is by John Rippon, a Calvinistic Baptist minister. In my view, Rippon’s stanza beautifully reinforces and concludes the theme of a universal Lord introduced and developed by Perronnet.

Edward Perronnet died in 1792 in Canterbury, Kent, England, and is buried in Canterbury Cathedral, where many Huguenot emigrants worshipped back in the day. He wrote many hymns and poetry, with “All Hail the Power” being his most prominent legacy to the world. It is universal; it is timeless; and it continues to be sung in churches around the world more than 200 years after his death.

## *SOURCES:*

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT GENERAL



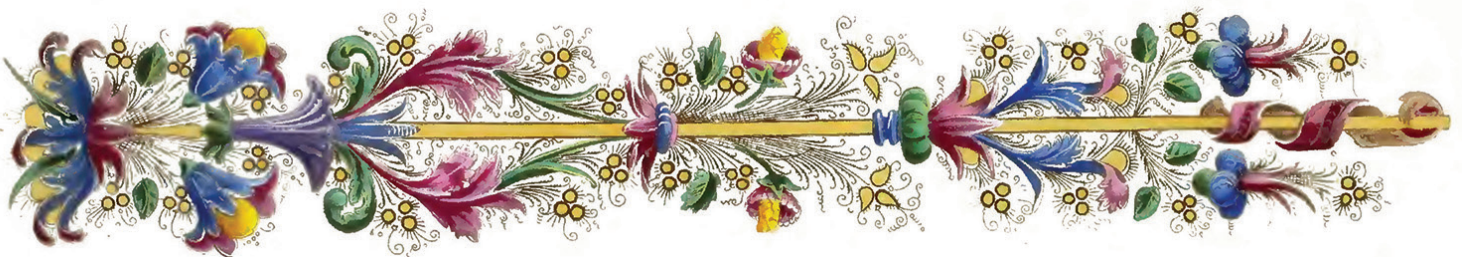
This officer has overseen the affairs of the Society over the last 8 months, including preparing for and presiding at the 87th Congress in Huntsville, Alabama, writing monthly email messages, encouraging the Nominating Committee to do their work, and various communications with State Societies, officers and committee chairs. She has tried to welcome every new member with an email containing warm greetings and pertinent information.

Also, this officer has become increasingly concerned about our membership numbers since the deaths and dropped members surpass any gains. Ideas for reversing this trend will be discussed at General Council.

It remains an honor and privilege to lead this great Society.

***Janet B. Walker***

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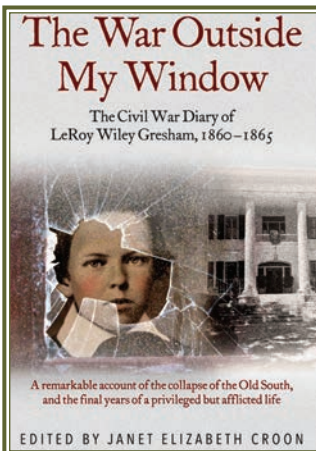
## COME TO THE 88TH CONGRESS OF THE NATIONAL HUGUENOT SOCIETY

**19-21 October, 2023 Macon, Georgia**

*Where Soul Lives and the South Rocks!*



Our events begin on **Thursday**, when everyone may want to visit Macon's genealogy library.

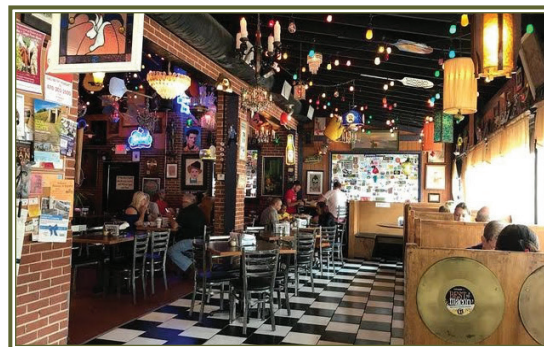


**Thursday evening**, there will be a dinner with a program.



**Friday morning**, there will be a bus tour to Hay House and to The Cannonball House.





**Friday evening**, we will gather at the Idle Hour Club.

**Saturday morning**, Congress will be held at North Macon Presbyterian Church.

**Saturday Night**: Ingleside Pizza



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### THE ROLE OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL Under the Bylaws of The National Huguenot Society, Inc.

The General Council of the National Huguenot Society, Inc., includes the General Officers of the National Society—of which our Honorary Presidents General are a part, the Presidents of the State Member Societies, and the Chairmen of Standing Committees of the National Society. It is an open meeting, so individual members and guests are welcome to attend.

The General Council is to act as a “Creative Forum” to assist in determining solutions to problems experienced by State Member Societies and to recommend successful programs and activities that have worked for other Member Societies.

Another function of the General Council is to develop long-range plans and to recommend their adoption to the Board of General Officers. If approved by the Board, the Board would then report them to the Annual Congress for consideration and possible implementation.

For that reason, the General Council usually meets before the Board of General Officers meeting. This affords the opportunity for recommendations from the General Council to be presented to the Board members present.





## MINUTES

### NHS General Council Meeting

#### *12 APRIL 2023*

The General Council Meeting of the National Huguenot Society was called to order by President General Janet Butler Walker at 10:06 AM on April 12, 2023, at the Washington Room of the Army and Navy Club, Washington, DC. The Invocation was presented by Chaplain General Joel Strauch. The Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mary Frisch, Second Vice President General. The Huguenot Salute to the Flag of the United States was led by First Vice President General Jo Lee Potts.

The Ritual was led by President General Janet Walker.

The President General noted Twenty-nine (29) members in attendance, plus eight (8) attending via ZOOM. No quorum present for the transaction of business.

President General Walker asked those members who are the presiding officers of other hereditary societies to introduce themselves, and thanked them for their service.

Minutes of the April 16, 2022 meetings were approved by committee and published in The Cross of Languedoc. President General Walker appointed a committee of Mary Frisch and Nancy Schultz to read and approve the Minutes of the April 12, 2023 meeting.

Reports of National Officers, Committee Chairs, and State Society Presidents – Reports will be filed and published in The Cross of Languedoc.

Janet Walker, President General presented her report.

First Vice President General - Jo Lee Potts presented her report.

Second Vice President General - Mary Frisch presented her report.

Third Vice President General - Marjorie Wilson – report filed.

Treasurer General - Brenda Winter Presented the Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's Report was accepted and filed for audit.

Chaplain General – Reverend Joel Strauch requested that reports of member deaths should be sent to him in a timely manner. Member deaths are published in The Cross of Languedoc.

Registrar General - Bill Buell reported via ZOOM. The current membership count stands at one thousand three hundred sixty-seven (1367).

Corresponding Secretary General - Nancy Schultz presented her report.

Organizing Secretary General - Joyce B. Patton – no report.

Historian General - Sumner G. Hunnewell presented his report.

Genealogist General - Nancy Brennan - report filed.

Counselor General - Cathy Paunov presented her report and emphasized that State Societies must file an IRS 990N form, or if the case that they are holding large assets and funds, they must file a 990. All State Societies must register with their Secretary of State as a corporation and pay the corporation fee annually. Counselor General Paunov further encouraged states to review their bylaws after the extensive changes to the NHS bylaws over the last two years.

### **Standing Committee Reports:**

Scholarships Committee - Mary Long, Chair, presented her report.

On behalf of the Scholarship Committee, Mrs. Long moved to approve the recommended winner of the *Jacqueline Wells Dickey Scholarship with a \$5000 monetary award*, Caroline “Kate” DuBois-Webber.

Motion adopted.

On behalf of the Scholarship Committee, Mrs. Long moved to approve the recommended winners of the *Lois Lefler Walker Scholarships* with the monetary award of \$450 each, to: Jackson Barr; Paul-Christian DuBois-Webber; David Crossan; and Natalie Franks. Motion adopted.

Finance Committee - Report were presented by Joel Strauch, Finance Chair, of which a copies are attached. Financial Report was distributed and discussed. The 2023-2024 Budget was distributed and discussed. A Motion was presented from the Finance Committee to adopt the Budget. Motion Adopted.

Scholarly Works – Janice Lorenz, Chair, presented her report.

Bylaws – Barbara McManus – no report

Genealogy – Nancy Brennan – report filed.

Membership – Mary Frisch & Joyce Patton - no report.

Programs & Arrangements – Jo Lee Potts - no report.

### **Special Committee Reports**

Insignia – Jo Lee Potts, Chair, reported.

### **Reports of State Society Presidents:**

Alabama Society - report filed.

California – Penny Adams O’Neill reported.

Florida Society – Jo Lee Potts, President, reported.

Georgia Society – Robin Towns, President, presented her report.

Illinois Society – Nancy Schultz, President, presented her report.

Kansas Society – Mary Frisch reported.

Kentucky Society – report filed.

Mississippi Society – Member Toby Winston reported.

Pennsylvania Society – Lydia Freeman, President, presented her report.

Tennessee Society – report filed.

Virginia Society – Joel Strauch reported.

Washington Society – David Raese reported.

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## Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

## New Business

Janet Walker, President

General reported on possible Bylaw changes in regards to Membership requirements (must be Protestant).

## Announcements:

The National Huguenot Society Congress will be held in Macon, Georgia on October 19-22, 2023. Deadline to register is September 1, 2023.

The Benediction was given by Reverend Joel Strauch.

President General Janet Walker adjourned the meeting at 1:23 pm.

***Robin R. Towns, Recording Secretary General***

*Notes: General Council Meeting was followed by the Luncheon. The blessing was given by Joel Strauch, Chaplain General.*

*Following the luncheon, Joel Strauch, Chaplain General, conducted the Memorial Service to honor deceased members.*



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## Christmas Bells

I heard the bells on Christmas day  
Their old familiar carols play,  
And wild and sweet  
The words repeat  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

And thought how, as the day had come,  
The belfries of all Christendom  
Had rolled along  
The unbroken song  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

Till, ringing, singing on its way,  
The world revolved from night to day,  
A voice, a chime,  
A chant sublime  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

Then from each black accursed mouth  
The cannon thundered in the South,  
And with the sound  
The carols drowned  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

It was as if an earthquake rent  
The hearthstones of a continent,  
And made forlorn  
The households born  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

And in despair I bowed my head;  
"There is no peace on earth," I said;  
"For hate is strong  
And mocks the song  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:  
"God is not dead; nor doth He sleep!  
The Wrong shall fail,  
The Right prevail,  
With peace on earth, good-will to men!"

*Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*



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## MINUTES

### NHS Board of General Officers

*12 April 2023*

The meeting of the Board of the National Huguenot Society was called to order by President General Janet Butler Walker at 1:10 pm on April 12, 2023, in the Washington Room of the Army and Navy Club, Washington, DC. The Invocation was presented by Chaplain General Joel Strauch.

Recording Secretary General Robin Towns presented the Roll Call. All General Officers were present with the exception of Marjorie Wilson, Third Vice President General; Joyce Patton, Organizing Secretary General; and Sumner Hunnewell, Historian General. General Officers attending via *ZOOM* were Bill Buell, Registrar General; Nancy Brennan, Genealogist General; and Shirley Vanderbeck, PRP, National Parliamentarian. Honorary Presidents General Sandra Staley and Janice Lorenz were in attendance.

Minutes of the October 8, 2022 meeting was approved by committee and published in *The Cross of Languedoc*, Spring Issue 2023. The minutes were adopted and filed. President General Walker appointed a committee of Mary Frisch and Nancy Schultz to read and approve the Minutes of the April 12, 2023 Board Meeting.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Brenda Winter, Treasurer General. The report was filed for audit.

#### **Reports of General Officers:**

Reports were filed with Recording Secretary General Robin Towns and Editor of *The Cross of Languedoc*, Janice Lorenz.

#### **Standing Committee Chair Reports:**

Janice Lorenz, Chair, Scholarly Works Committee, reported. Mrs. Lorenz moved to award the 2022 Scholarly Works Award and \$1000 prize to winner Janet Joanou Weiner, for her book *"Though Darkness Descend" The Huguenot Resistance, Book 1*. The motion was seconded. Discussion followed. The motion was adopted

Mary Long, Chair, Scholarship Committee, reported that the recipients were announced and confirmed during the General Council Meeting.

Joel Strauch, Chair, Finance Committee, presented the Finance Committee Report. The report was filed.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

Janet Walker, President General reported that although the awarding of two Gold Distinguished Service medals has been approved, only one medal remains in the society's stock. Mrs. Potts moved to have additional *Gold Distinguished Service Medals* made. Once the price has been established, the Executive Board will be approved to vote electronically to approve the purchase. Motion was adopted.

#### **New Business:**

A motion was made by Robin Towns to authorize the Bylaws Committee to study, draft, and propose a Bylaws Amendment to expand the society's membership requirements to include members of all Judeo-Christian faiths. The motion was seconded. Discussion followed. The motion was adopted. (Bylaws Committee: Barbara McManus, Chair; Sandra Staley; Shirley Vanderbeck PRP; Janice Lorenz; and Nancy Brennan.)

#### **Announcements:**

The next Board Meeting will be held on Friday, October 20, 2023 at 3:15 pm in Macon, Georgia.

The Benediction was given by Reverend Joel Strauch.

President General Janet Walker adjourned the meeting at 2:01 pm.

*Robin R. Towns, Recording Secretary General*

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## FIRST PRESIDENT GENERAL

Janet Walker and I completed the arrangements for the Mid-Year Spring Gathering in Washington, D.C. The gathering was held at the Army and Navy Club at April 12, 2023. The event started at 9:30 am.

I am working with Janet and her team on the arrangements for the fall Congress in Macon, GA for October 18, 19, & 21, 2023.

The eBook “Everything You Needed to Know About Hosting a Congress” is getting its second draft run through this year. It will post to the National website in September for the next Congress. More items have been added about the importance of “breakfast” selections and “free parking” for people who drive.

Work on updating the Walloon coin and stamp has stopped. We started too late in the process to meet the government deadlines. The Walloon coin project was mentioned in the prior communication. Coins need a Senator’s approval as a sponsor and there was no time to make such arrangements to meet a 2024 deadline. We should have started in 2019.

I am updating the Huguenot State President’s Guide. The Guide which was last updated in 2017 and needs to be brought in line with the 2020 and 2021 Bylaw revisions.

It is an honor and privilege to serve the Society.

In Huguenot Friendship,  
*Jo Lee Potts*

## SECOND VICE PRESIDENT GENERAL

This officer attended the Huguenot meeting in Huntsville, Alabama in October.

She attended the Texas State Society meeting in San Antonio and gave a presentation at the kind invitation of Ann Oppenheimer.

This officer offered assistance to State Societies experiencing membership issues. She assisted with transfers and new member applications.

Along with Kim Kincaid, this officer is working to increase membership in the Kansas Society. A membership information ad has been placed in the Kansas State DAR conference Program to promote interest in joining the Kansas Huguenot Society.

She represented the Board on the Nominating Committee.

It is an honor to serve the national society in the position of second vice president.

*Mary Bannister Frisch*



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## TREASURER GENERAL

Since 1 January, 14 New Member Applications have been approved, as well as 5 Transfers. 6 Members have been reported deceased, and 10 Members have been dropped.

The current Member Count stands at 1367.

2 new Ancestors have been added and 2 Ancestors have been revised.

9 Insignia Orders were approved; 28 Address changes were made; and 91 Queries were responded to.

The Registrar General collected and deposited Dues, Fees, Store Sales, and Recovered Funds totaling: \$2,682.42.

10 Store items, listed below, have been sold, packaged, and mailed:

1-2012 Register of Qualified Huguenot Ancestors, 5th Edition;

4-2020 Update to the Register of Qualified Huguenot Ancestors.

1 Charm; 1 Rosette; 1 Necktie; 1 Tote Bag and 1 St. Bartholomew's Pin.

In January, the Nevada Society disbanded, under the provisions of Art IV, Sec J of the Bylaws, and 4 of their members have transferred to Member at Large.

*William Collins Buell V*

## TREASURER GENERAL

Our checking account reports a balance of \$58,783.02 as of March 31, 2023. Assets can be found within the Finance Committee's report. The proposed Budget for 2023 has been reviewed and approved by the Finance Committee.

Joshua Lerch of tax accountant firm *Baum, Smith & Clemens, LLP*, Harleysville, PA, is working on **IRS Form 990** for the National Huguenot Society whereby 2023 will be electronically filed by our accountant. (Note: Accountant cost in 2022 for preparing 2021 taxes was \$1315.00).

This officer has kept account of the finances of the National Society, with all bills paid promptly, using free online Intuit Mint to download and categorize transactions from Wells Fargo Bank. This is compiled into reports using Excel and reviewed quarterly by the Finance Committee. These financial statements are a complete compilation of the Society's resources.

All PayPal orders and Member-at-Large dues payments at the new member rate of \$25 per year are promptly forwarded to the Registrar General for order fulfillment, and to the 3rd Vice-President General for MAL dues accounting. I forwarded all orders received to Mr. William Buell who immediately mailed the sales items.

Treasurer Documents are organized with current year's working receipts, invoices, statements, and reports in notebooks and will be electronically backed-up.

This year we received Scholarship Donations from Washington DC \$500, Texas \$245.00, Florida \$165.00 and Endowment Fund from Washington DC \$10.00

I especially offer many thanks to Joel Strauch, our Chaplain General and Finance Chair, and also to Christine Crossan, whose steps I had to follow. I appreciate their expert help and advice.

*Brenda Winter*

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## CHAPLAIN GENERAL

We are glad to continue to serve as Chaplain General of the National Huguenot Society and to keep our fellow officers informed of our activities. 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 the Huntsville in our Annual Congress in October 2022. 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, below.

We thank state and local chapter officers who notify us of their deceased members and stand by to support state society and local chapter chaplains in carrying out their responsibilities.

We continue to support the work of the National Huguenot Society committees and state societies, working closely with our Treasurer General and chairing the Finance Committee. We have supported the activities of the Scholarship Committee and the Awards for Scholarly Works committee.

We completed our term as President of the Huguenot Society of Virginia with a luncheon featuring an engaging presentation on the early Huguenot settlements in colonial Virginia by Janice Lorenz, who has widely researched the Huguenots in her home state.

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

I am honored to serve as an officer of the Society. I attended the annual meeting in October 2022 in Huntsville, Alabama at which I was able to report on the legal status of our constituent state Societies. During the year to date, I have responded to the National Society's officers as well as a number of State Societies on legal issues, including non-profit status, contracts, incorporation status, fraudulent Worker Compensations Claims, Internal Revenue Service Form 990, and the need to maintain or revive 501(c)(3) status. Several state societies are not incorporated at all, let alone as a not-for-profit or have failed to file required annual reports. The latter may result in revocation of corporate status. With the advice of local counsel, I urge all state societies to be an active, not-for-profit corporation in their home state. This status is typically a requisite for opening bank accounts, for example.

I have responded to enquiries from committees and have served as an ex officio member of the Finance Committee. I attended the State Bar of Texas annual Non-Profit Governance course in October. Much of the material presented has application to our Society, a "foreign" corporation in Texas, as we are incorporated in Maryland. I also receive updates from the Maryland Secretary of State to ensure compliance in both states.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the National Society.

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

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## CORRESPONDING SECRETARY GENERAL

This officer continues to serve the National Society with timely communications from the President General as directed and approved for distributions to National Officers, Honorary Presidents General, Committee Chairs and State Society Presidents.

This Corresponding Secretary General has responsibility for editing and distributing the monthly NHS Newsletter which features timely directives, opportunities, feature items of seasonal interest and all forms of reminders and updates.

This officer has asked that all State Society Presidents distribute the Monthly Newsletter to their membership roster. This is a change in an effort to keep the cost of distribution of said newsletter to a reasonable level, free.

It is an honor to serve the National Huguenot Society.

*Nancy Schultz*

### Reading Roll of the Dearly Departed:

Arizona

**John H. Lyle, Jr.**

Florida

**Edwin Ferree**

**Scott Schroeder Morris**

Illinois

**Darlene Woodford Weybright**

**Mary Lou Delahunt**

**Rev. Dr. Travis DuPriest, Honorary President General**

Kansas

**Wade Deep Greenwood**

**Michele Kats**

Mississippi

**Doris Dolly Newcomb McMurchy**

Missouri

**Alva Jane Cunningham**

North Carolina

**Betty Landon Ray McCain**

Tennessee

**Patricia Halle**

Texas

**Juanita Helmer**

**Judith Jane Moody Oehler**



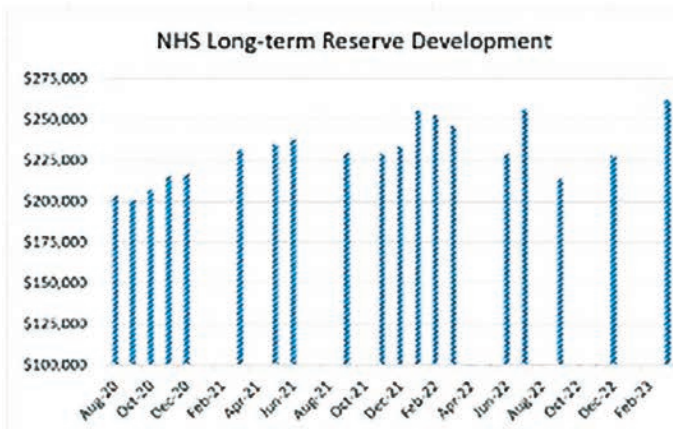
## FINANCE COMMITTEE 31 MARCH 2023

Financial markets closed out the first quarter of 2023 with positive results, however the impact on the National Huguenot Society was significant for the trailing twelve months. The Finance Committee is committed to working with the Treasurer General to prepare financials every quarter, reporting year to date results. We are glad to highlight major developments for the past twelve months.

Year over year, the overall resources of the Society decreased 1.4% to \$595,821, comprised of a decrease in our Scholarship reserve by 7.4% to \$ 276,432, a decrease of our General Purpose endowed reserves by 5.3% to \$35,136 and an increase of 6.4% of our unencumbered reserves to \$262,022.

NHS Balance Sheet 3/31/2023					
-----03/31/2023-----					
Assets	Restricted <sup>3</sup>	Unrestricted	Total		Reserves <sup>2</sup>
For Scholarships:				Scholarship Reserve	\$ 276,431.98
Dickey Fund	\$ 216,821.19	\$	\$ 216,821.19		
LLW Scholarship Assist Fund <sup>4</sup>		\$ 36,666.54	\$ 36,666.54		
General Scholarship Fund		22,944.25	22,944.25		
For General Purposes				General Purposes Res	\$ 35,136.00
Endowment Fund		\$ 10,478.28	\$ 10,478.28		
Dr. Farrar Scholarly Works Fund	4,446.48		4,446.48		
Lewis Fund	20,000.00	211.24	20,211.24		
Operating funds				Other Reserves	
Investment fund		\$ 216,860.47	\$ 216,860.47	Dissolved State Socie	\$ 22,231.12
Liquidity fund <sup>1</sup>		67,392.44	67,392.44	Long-term Reserves	262,021.79
Total assets			\$ 595,820.89		\$ 595,820.89

<sup>1</sup>Vanguard Liquidity of \$7,848.93 + Wells Fargo Balance  
<sup>2</sup>Fund balances  
<sup>3</sup>Designated as Permanently Restricted  
<sup>4</sup>Lois Leffler 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.



The operating results of the Society reflect continued sound treasury management of our Treasurer General, supporting the ongoing operations of the Society. Income items are generally in line with our initial budget for 2023, though state dues appear short due in part to early payment of 2023 dues in 2022. Expense items appear to be in line with our budget. The collection of dues in the first quarter of the year generated net operating income of \$23,999, with the investment income providing an overall year to date results of \$48,427, including the significant appreciation of our investments of \$19,778.



NATIONAL HUGUENOT SOCIETY 2023 OPERATING BUDGET AND MARCH 31, 2023 INCOME STATEMENT					
01/01/2023 to 03/31/2023, Brenda Winter, Treasurer General					
(Wells Fargo Account)					
OPERATING INCOME		Actual 2022	Budget 2023	Income Actual 01/01/2023 to 03/31/2023	Receipts Actual 01/01/2023 to 03/31/2023
Dues	State Dues	\$ 36,220	\$ 37,325	\$ 24,550	\$ 24,550
	MAL Dues	2,271	-	873	873
Fees	Fees Income	2,764	3,000	930	930
Sales	Book Sales	1,323	1,500	159	159
	Store Sales	2,886	3,000	144	144
	Lightning Source	785	800	33	33
Donations	Donation income	470	1,000	675	675
	Pin donation	874	500	24	24
Events	Board Mtg In	1,485	1,500	1,650	1,650
	Congress Income	-	9,500	-	-
	Investment Income				4,651
	Reclaimed Property				\$ -
	Transfer In				\$ 33
	<b>TOTAL OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 49,078</b>	<b>\$ 58,125</b>	<b>\$ 29,037</b>	<b>\$ 33,721</b>
OPERATING EXPENSES		Actual 2022	Budget 2023	Expenses Actual 01/01/2023 to 03/31/2023	Expenditures Actual 01/01/2023 to 03/31/2023
Overhead	Office Rent	\$ 8,336	\$ 8,484	\$ 2,106	\$ 2,106
	Office Supplies	534	800	271	271
	Shipping	1,047	2,000	330	330
	Liability Insurance	362	365	365	365
	D&O Insurance	1,539	1,570	-	-
	Bank Fee	\$ -	\$ -	-	-
	Website	\$ 325	350	60	60
	Tax Accountant	\$ 1,315	1,400	-	-
Awards	Youth Contest	\$ 900	900	850	850
	Scholarly Works	\$ 1,000	1,000	-	-
	Scholarship Award	\$ 5,000	5,000	-	-
	Lois Lefler Walker Assist Scholarship	\$ 500	1,800	-	-
Publications	Printing	\$ 14,546	15,821	-	-
	Cross Postage	\$ 1,639	2,800	1,000	1,000
Store	Store Inventory	\$ -	1,500	-	-
Events	Board Mtg Exp	\$ 2,311	1,500	-	-
	Congress Expense	\$ 1,431	10,500	-	-
	Speaker fees	\$ -	400	-	-
	Donation Expense	\$ 1,115	435	-	-
Travel Allowance	President	\$ -	1,000	-	-
	Registrar	\$ 241	500	57	57
	Transfer Out	-			\$ 410
	Reorganized Society				\$ -
	<b>TOTAL OPER EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 42,141</b>	<b>\$ 58,125</b>	<b>\$ 5,039</b>	<b>\$ 5,449</b>
	<b>NET INCOME/(LOSS)</b>	<b>\$ 6,937</b>	<b>\$ (0)</b>	<b>\$ 23,999</b>	<b>\$ 28,273</b>
1/01/2023 to 3/3/2023		Investment Account (Vanguard)			
Consolidate Accounts					
Income returns		\$4,650.52			
Net unrealized gain/losses		\$19,777.88			
Consolidated Vanguard total		\$24,428.40			
Comprehensive net income (Wells and Vanguard accounts)		\$48,427.26			

**The current asset allocation of the financial resources is:**

Equity	\$262,969.23	44.14%
Fixed Income	238,859.52	40.09%
<u>Short term</u>	<u>93,991.86</u>	15.78%
Total	\$595,820.61	

The account generated 2.7% in dividend and interest and .7% in capital gain distributions over the past twelve months.

Our investments conform to the NHS investment policy ranges. We have increased our exposure to inflation protected securities with 5% allocated to TIPS securities. Cash and short term is above the policy target as are equities. Much of our cash reserves are held in our banking account, reflecting the recent collection of annual dues.

We expect the investment environment to reflect the underlying economic developments with continued challenges over the course of the year, as policymakers deal with the threat of credit disruptions, as they finish raising interest rates to tame inflation. We will continue to seek to move our fixed income allocations back to the policy target as long-term investments have become more attractive.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Joel E. Strauch, CFA®, Chair*

## INSIGNIA COMMITTEE

The National Insignia Committee is chaired by Jo Lee Potts, and is comprised of the following members: Peter Adams, Robin Towns, Joyce Patton, Sumner Hunnewell, and Janet Walker.

Hamilton Jewelers has issued State pins with the incorrect blue on the pins. Hamilton has switched to a royal / navy blue instead of the lighter Huguenot Blue. If you have such a pin, you can return the pin to Hamilton and have them recolor it with the correct blue.

The Chapter officer and committee chair pins are still not listed on the City Pride website. You can call City Pride and order them. These are available for members who live in the states with chapters: Florida, Pennsylvania, and Texas. Phone number is 1-888-679-8888.

Hamilton Jewelers admitted to the error with the 2" Sunbursts and corrected their website.

There have been several requests, because the 2" Sunburst is so expensive, for a Past State President's Pin. The Insignia Committee is getting pricing on two different designs. Both will require NHS to purchase a minimum of one die board. Assume \$300 for the die board on the high side. Assume the cost of the pin to come in at between \$90 and \$150. Designs were shown at the Spring Gathering in Washington D.C. Nothing is final and more information and formal costs will be presented in October.

There have been several requests for a pin to add to the insignia ribbon when a member brings in a new member. A design was shown at the Spring Gathering in Washington D.C. of a descending dove. It can have a tie tack back or a loop back for a branch bar type setting. Assume the cost of this pin will come in at \$20.

The Insignia Committee continues working on an Insignia Guidebook. The book will list all the pins and pin locations to help avoid future issues. We have a draft of the book now. Please stay tuned.

All National Officer Sashes were fully approved at the April 2022 meeting. They have since been distributed to the National Officers. You will start to see them at the meetings. If you would like a State President's sash, they are \$20 for a current State President and \$40 for a Past State President since it is a double ribbon. Contact Robin Towns to plan for your state president's needs.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Jo Lee Potts, Chair*

## SCHOLARLY WORKS AWARD COMMITTEE

We are pleased to announce that we have a winner for the 2022 Scholarly Works Award. After considering a number of publications, listed below, the winning publication for 2022 is *Though Darkness Descend*, the Huguenot Resistance Series Book 1 by Janet Joanou Weiner. An American who, with her husband, has devoted her life to Christian ministry around the world, Janet has settled down in France and has taken up writing historical fiction, while living at the ancient Chateau de Planque, in the town which, in 1683, was known as St. Hippolyte de la Planquette. In her winning historical fiction novel, she wove the chateau into her tale about Huguenot faith and life in 1683. What better base of operations for a novel about Huguenots than a genuine chateau located in the Cevennes Mountains, southwest of Anduze, and north of Montpellier? Moreover, I highly recommend that you visit her website, [janetjoanouweiner.com](http://janetjoanouweiner.com), which features lovely photographs, and her fascinating Fig & Vine Blog with tales of life today in southwest France.

For 2022, we also considered *The Huguenot and The Heathen II: The Prodigal Returns*, by D.C. Force (historical fiction 2022), a nice one containing many interesting historical tidbits.

We started to consider several other worthy publications for 2022, but these turned out to be ineligible for that publication year due to their earlier first publication, namely:

*Europe Divided: Huguenot Refugee Art & Culture* by Tessa Murdoch, published by V&A Publishing 2021 (a gorgeous picture book with valuable information about Huguenot artists and their culture).

*The Religious Culture of the Huguenots, 1660-1750* by Anne Dunan-Page, which was first published in 2017.

*Huguenots at the Cape*, by Philippa van Aardt. Although the kindle version came out in 2022, it was first published earlier.

The committee has not yet started to consider a 2023 winner. As this seemed to be a good point at which to pass along the gavel as committee chairman to someone to be appointed by the President General, I will step down from this committee in order to turn my attention back to my other pressing committee assignments, the Publications Committee, and the Bylaws Committee. The Scholarly Works Committee is great fun and should prove enjoyable to the next appointee.

In Huguenot Faith from the Heart,  
*Janice Murphy Lorenz, Chairman*



## SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE

It is our honor to have completed our second cycle of NHS Scholarships selection as co-chairs of the NHS Scholarship Committee. We are grateful that Alice Sweeney (VA) and Bernie Hugus (IL) continued their thoughtful and informed service on this committee through this year's process, and we wish Alice well on her retirement from this committee.

The Committee's choices for 2023 winners of the Jacqueline Wells Dickey and the Lois Lefler Walker Scholarship Assist awards will be presented to the Board of General Officers on April 12. The Jacqueline Wells Dickey Scholarship is a \$5,000 award; the Finance Committee's recommendation to the Board of General Officers as to this year's amounts for Lois Lefler Walker winners will be considered on April 12.

All NHS Scholarship winners will be profiled in the *Fall 2023 Cross of Languedoc*.

The deadline for both applications to be submitted to the Scholarship Committee is February 1. State Presidents, please advertise these merit-based scholarship opportunities to your state membership. Applications for both scholarships are available on the NHS website.

Because our scholarships are such a significant component of the Society's non-profit service work, we continue raising awareness with a short message in the NHS monthly newsletter as well as with a feature-length article in *The Cross of Languedoc* focused on past winners. The Jacqueline Wells Dickey Scholarship has been awarded since 2002. Honorary President General and current Cross editor Janice Lorenz has included a regular column in *The Cross*, a "Where Are They Now?" program interviewing our outstanding scholars about their lives and careers since they became scholarship winners. Our first three interviewees were (spring 2022) Dr. Joel Wuthnow (ancestor: Jean Bertrand), 2003 winner and a distinguished China scholar at the National Defense College in Washington, DC, (fall 2022) Robert Brewton Ryals (ancestor: Francis Fontaine), and (Spring 2023) 2004 winner and well-known public historian in NC and SC, and Carrie Chew, (ancestor: Samuel Mortimer Damourvel / Damourville / DeMourvelle / Damourvell), 2005 winner and an attorney practicing with Covington and Burling, LLP in Washington, DC.

Thank you,  
*Mary Long and Sarah Long, Co-Chairs*

### *Correction from the Editor About Patricia Mullins*

In the Cross Spring 2023, we featured Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, on information that his Huguenot ancestor was Patricia Mullins. Turns out, that assertion is disputed today by genealogists. Your editor was unaware of that. Many apologies, and we thank those who brought the issue to our attention.

## ***The 2023 Lois Leffler Walker Scholarship Assist Fund Award Resolution***

As the National Huguenot Society Scholarship Committee has selected Mr. Jackson P. Barr, Mr. Paul-Christian Dubois-Weber, Mr. David Crossan and Ms. Madeline Harris from among all applicants as its 2023 winners of the Lois Leffler Walker Scholarship Assist awards, and...

As Mr. Barr is currently a junior at Texas State University majoring in Philosophy and Psychology with a 3.81 GPA, Mr. Dubois-Weber is currently a sophomore at the University of Florida majoring in Computer Engineering with a GPA of 3.35, Mr. Crossan is a freshman at Liberty University majoring in Accounting with a 4.0 GPA, and Ms. Franks is a senior at Colorado State University majoring in Interior Architecture and Design with a 3.692 GPA, and...

As Mr. Barr was a leading contender for the Jacqueline Wells Dickey Scholarship, and...

As Mr. Barr is a member of the National Huguenot Society in Illinois, Ancestor Caspar Elias Diller/Dillier, and...

Mr. DuBois-Weber is a member of the National Huguenot Society in Florida, Ancestor Louis DuBois, and...

Mr. Crossan and Ms. Franks are both lineal descendants of members of the National Huguenot Society (Huguenot Ancestors Nicholas Gaylard and Jacques Vereen, respectively),

Therefore be it resolved that the National Huguenot Society's Board of Elected Officers awards to Mr. Jackson P. Barr, Mr. Paul-Christian DuBois-Weber, Mr. David Crossan, and Ms. Natalie Franks its 2023 Lois Leffler Walker Scholarship Assist awards in the amount of \$450 each, funded through the general scholarship funds, which is generated by both income from Lois Leffler Walker Scholarship Assist Fund and the National Huguenot Society General Scholarship Fund.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the NHS Scholarship Committee

***Mary R. Long, Co-Chair***

***Sarah R. Long, Co-Chair***

***Bernard Hugus***

***Alice J. Sweeney***



NHS Board members, l-r: Honorary President General Sandra Staley (TX), Counselor General Catherine Paunov (FL), Treasurer General Brenda Winter (AL), Corresponding Secretary General Nancy Schultz (IL), Second Vice President General Mary Frisch (KS), First Vice President General Jo Lee Potts (FL), Chaplain General Rev. Joel Strauch (VA), Recording Secretary General Robin Towns (GA), and Honorary President General/Cross Editor Janice Lorenz (VA)



NHS Recording Secretary General Robin Towns (GA) is awarded honorary membership by the Hereditary Society Community of the United States of America at its gala in April 2023 in Washington, DC

HSC Plaque



President General Janet Walker (GA) with Chaplain General/ Finance Committee Chairman Joel Strauch



Treasurer General Brenda Winter (AL)





First Vice President General Jo Lee Potts (FL) with Mississippi members and Leslie Reynolds (IL)



Historian General Sumner Hunnewell (MO) chats with other members



Honorary President General Sandra Staley (TX)



One of several tables of members and guests



Mixture of officers and members attending remotely, showing also our Zoom managers members in DC

## ***The 2023 Jacqueline Wells Dickey Scholarship Winner Resolution***

As the National Huguenot Society Scholarship Committee has selected Ms. Caroline Kate DuBois-Weber from among all applicants as its 2023 winner of the Jacqueline Wells Dickey Scholarship, and...

As Ms. DuBois-Weber is currently a senior at the University of Texas at Austin majoring in Behavioral Neuroscience and Classical Civilization, and...

As of the fall 2022 semester, her GPA was 3.42, and...

As she is a member of the National Huguenot Society of Florida, a descendant of Louis DuBois, and...

As she is intrigued with her studies of Latin and Greek languages in addition to history and neuroscience, and she is a member of the UT Women's Lacrosse Team and the UT Sailing Team, and...

As her career goals are focused on sports medicine, and she will be continuing her studies at the graduate level, and...

As she has found great satisfaction in her clinical experiences to date, and she is "especially concerned and interested in the issue of concussions and the long-term effects they can have on an individual's health,"

Therefore, be it resolved that the National Huguenot Society's Board of Elected Officers awards to Ms. Caroline Kate DuBois-Weber its 2023 Jacqueline Wells Dickey Scholarship in the amount of \$5,000, funded through the general scholarship funds, which is generated by both income from the Jacqueline Wells Dickey Fund and the National Huguenot Society General Scholarship Fund.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the NHS Scholarship Committee

***Mary R. Long, Co-Chair  
Sarah R. Long, Co-Chair  
Bernard Hugus  
Alice J. Sweeney***



## ANNOUNCING THE 2023 NHS SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The National Huguenot Society annually awards merit scholarships for post-secondary study. Details for qualifying, and application forms, for the scholarships are found on the National Huguenot Society's website. The Scholarship Committee is pleased to have awarded 5 very promising students these scholarships as approved by the Board at its April 12, 2023 meeting. The following informational notes about our winners are current as of the time of their selection.



Caroline DuBois-Weber, NHS  
Jacqueline Wells Dickey  
Scholarship Winner

### Jacqueline Wells Dickey Scholarship Winner

The National Huguenot Society Scholarship Committee selected Ms. Caroline Kate DuBois-Weber as its 2023 winner of the \$5,000 Jacqueline Wells Dickey Scholarship. Last year, Ms. DuBois-Weber was one of the recipients of the Lois Leffler Walker Scholarship Assist awards.

Ms. DuBois-Weber, a descendant of Louis DuBois and a member of the Huguenot Society of Florida, is a senior at the University of Texas at Austin majoring in Behavioral Neuroscience and Classical Civilization. She is intrigued with her studies of Latin and Greek languages in addition to history and neuroscience, and she is a member of the UT Women's Lacrosse Team and the UT Sailing Team. Her career goals are focused on sports medicine; she will be continuing her studies at the graduate level. She has found great satisfaction in her clinical experiences to date, and she is "especially concerned and interested in the issue of concussions and the long-term effects they can have on an individual's health."

### Lois Leffler Walker Scholarship Assist Award Winners



Mr. Jackson P. Barr



Mr. Paul-Christian Dubois-Weber



Mr. David Crossan



Ms. Natalie Franks

The National Huguenot Society Scholarship Committee selected Mr. Jackson P. Barr, Mr. Paul-Christian Dubois-Weber, Mr. David Crossan and Ms. Natalie Franks as its 2023 winners of Lois Leffler Walker Scholarship Assist awards.

Mr. Barr is a member of the National Huguenot Society in Illinois, Ancestor Caspar Elias Diller/Dillier, and is a junior at Texas State University majoring in Philosophy and Psychology.

Mr. DuBois-Weber is a member of the National Huguenot Society in Florida, Ancestor Louis DuBois, and is a sophomore at the University of Florida majoring in Computer Engineering.



Mr. Crossan is a lineal descendant of a National Huguenot Society member, Ancestor Nicholas Gaylard, and is a freshman at Liberty University majoring in Accounting.

Ms. Franks is a lineal descendant of a National Huguenot Society member, Ancestor Jacques Vereen, is a senior at Colorado State University majoring in Interior Architecture and Design.

The Scholarship Committee would like to thank retiring member Alice Johnson Sweeney for her many years of service on this committee.

Submitted by Mary Long and Sarah Long  
*Co-Chairs, National Huguenot Society Scholarship Committee*

## MEMBER STATE SOCIETY REPORTS

### Alabama

The Huguenot Society of Alabama meets on the 4th Thursday in March and September of each year. We were so excited to return to South Highlands Presbyterian Church for our biennial Huguenot church service. The lovely service was conducted by the church senior minister, Rev. Dr. Ed Hurley. A soloist sang the lovely French hymn, En Priere. The scripture Psalm 27 was read in French by the minister's wife. Much of the program followed that used in early Huguenot worship. Following the service, members and their guests were treated to a lovely time of fellowship, refreshments, and a short business meeting.

The Alabama Society is blessed to have hard-working officers and supportive members. We continue to add new members and hope to have more applications completed in the coming year.

We look forward to our joint meeting with the Alabama Founders of Manakin in the Colony of Virginia Society on September 28, 2023, at Birmingham County Club. New officers for 2023-2025 will be elected and installed.

The Huguenot Society of Alabama is proud to be part of the National Huguenot Society.  
*Alice Ball Jones, President*

### California

The Huguenot Society of California elected new officers for the 2023-2025 term at its February meeting. President Penny-Adams-O'Neill and Registrar Shirley Arendt had the pleasure of representing the State Society at the National Semi-Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. in April.

The first meeting of the new Administration was held on May 2nd. via electronic means.

Chairmen have been appointed for the Society's two college scholarship programs and members have begun sending mail call cards and birthday cards to veterans who are age ninety and above.

*Penny Adams-O'Neill, President*



## Florida

The Huguenot Society of Florida met with a hybrid meeting for its 70th Annual Meeting March 11th, 2023 at the historic Pier 22 Restaurant in Bradenton, FL. The State has five chapters, but one chapter, the Ernst d'Erlach Chapter filed the first step in the process to disband at our meeting. The initial first request was filed through Judi Adams, the President of the Fort Caroline Chapter, where the members would like to merge.



During the year of 2022, the State of Florida Society gained 1 new member. Unfortunately, the State Society lost 10 members who died, resigned, or were dropped. We ended the year with 121 regular members including 2 junior members and 2 dual members.

We had co-Chapters of the Year winners for 2022 with our recurring chapter, Jean Calvin and a chapter we have not hear from in a while, Louis DuBois. Louis DuBois is located on the east coast in West Palm Beach, FL.

A new slate of officers was elected for the 2023-2025 season. Judith J. Adams is President & Continuing Corresponding Secretary; Peggy Ann Stottmann is Vice President; Margaret (Peggy) D. Christy is Chaplain; J. Courtney Osborne is continuing Treasure; Catherine (Cathy) Paunov is Recording Secretary; Mary Morgan is Counselor and Katherine (Penny) Sapp is Continuing Historian/Librarian

Financially, the State is sound. There was a net gain of \$2,204 in 2022 in our general funds account in 2022. Actual income was a little less than what was anticipated in the proposed budget. No miscellaneous income was received. • Expenses were less than budgeted for 2022 since we skipped the in person annual state meetings and went with Zoom. • Other expenses were in line with the budget.

The scholarship savings account had less at the beginning of 2022 before the 2022 member and chapter contributions of \$1,185 and the approved closing and transferring of the \$11,461 in funds from Scholarship CD B giving a total of \$13,273 in the Allen-Parker Scholarship Fund Savings Account. \$3,000 was transferred to checking and used to fund scholarships to three deserving recipients of \$1,000 each. \$1,000 is the maximum amount awarded to each recipient. We need the members to contribute to both the Chapter and State scholarship funds.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Jo Lee Potts, Outgoing Florida President*





## Illinois

*A report submitted by the IL Society Nominating Committee: James F. Barr, C. Stone-Greenstein, D. Domain*

The Nominating Committee of the Huguenot Society of Illinois has slated the following to serve in the 2023-2025 term:

<i>President:</i> Jane Schleinzer	<i>Vice President:</i> Ann Wilkerson	<i>Recording Secretary:</i> Dennis Bradley
<i>Treasurer:</i> James F. Barr	<i>Registrar:</i> Leslie Fowler	<i>Chaplain:</i> Sonja Hayes
<i>Historian:</i> Nancy Schultz	<i>Board Members:</i> Glenn Bower, Cathy Carey, Stephen Gerth, Robyn Turpin	

Our Illinois Society has excellent attendance at meetings! The current membership is 103 and one junior member. In April, Illinois members attended the April 12, 2023 semi-annual meeting at the Army and Navy Club in Washington.

The May meeting was held at Jilly's French Cafe in Evanston. The warmth of friendship is always felt. Two Prospective Members, David Printable and Ridgely Hunt were invited by Treasurer Jim Barr to join us. The Illinois State Society mourns the loss of members Darlene Woodford Weybright (Mrs. Richard); Mary Lou Delahunt (Mrs. Charles)

The installation of new officers was officiated by past registrar Linda Wingstrom. Pictured are Linda Wingstrom, Honorary President Nancy Schultz, President Jane Schleinzer, Treasurer James Barr, Recording Secretary R. Dennis Bradley, Chaplain Sonja Hayes.



This President has enjoyed serving the Huguenot Society of Illinois. During her tenure, the membership has seen very positive interest and commitment. The President's Project focused on support of the Pennsylvania Society work at the Washington Memorial Chapel with the Huguenot Flag Collection and their plans to develop an ongoing display on the Huguenot influence depicted there to inform the many visitors that visit annually. She will continue to serve on the State and National Huguenot boards. This outgoing President wishes to thank newly elected President Jane Schleinzer and the membership for bestowing upon me the title of Honorary President. A champagne toast was raised by the President to salute the National Huguenot Society and the Illinois Society.

Merci mes amis,  
*Nancy Schultz, Honorary President*



## Kansas

The Kansas Society is working to increase membership. We had two transfers in 2022. We have four prospective members. Sadly, we had two deaths and one resignation.

While we did not have a meeting in 2022, we are planning to have a workshop and meeting in late Spring or early fall. Mary Frisch attended the National Huguenot Society meetings in Washington, DC. and Huntsville, Alabama. She also served on the NHS Nominating committee.

*Mary Bannister Frisch*

Acting President, and NHS Second Vice President General

## Mississippi

The Huguenot Society of Mississippi is proud of Duncan Henderson McClure Sharpe, the grandson of our president Mary Margaret Buck, for being one of the winners of the Youth contest, level one.

The membership in the Mississippi Society consists of 25 members who live as far south as the Gulf Coast and north into Tennessee, west into Texas and east into Georgia.

Two of our members, Toby and Jane Winston, attended the Spring NHS meeting at the Army and Navy Club in Washington, D.C. where Toby gave the Mississippi report. President Mary Margaret Buck attended on Zoom.

Currently we are planning our next meeting.

*Mary Margaret Buck, President*

## North Carolina

The Huguenot Society of North Carolina held its annual meeting on April 22, 2023, at the Chapel Hill Country Club. It turned out to be a stormy, rainy day; however, we had a good turnout of members and guests from across the state.

Ann Mueller, state president (2019-2023), welcomed everyone at 11:45 a.m. Vice President Mary Ann Hepler led the Pledge of Allegiance to the USA Flag and a Salute to the Huguenot Flag. After a delicious lunch, we listened to speaker Dr. Patrick Burrows



as he gave us a program on "A Faith of Crisis." All were spellbound. During our business meeting, officers' reports were given. A Memorial Service was held for Betty McCain and Rev. George Salley, Jr. Our bylaws and standing rules were amended to allow for Zoom meetings; be more specific with officer duties; adhere to NHS bylaws. Installation of officers for 2023-2025 were nominated, elected and installed: President/Treasurer, Elaine Baldasare; Vice President, Karen Powers; Chaplain, Elizabeth Chenault; Registrar, Brenda Dorsett; Secretary, Anne Wilce and Historian, Suzanne Sauter. Ann Mueller was recognized with a certificate and Huguenot pendant made by Chuck Norton for her leadership of HSNC for four years. Member Bob Boykin, instrumental in spreading the word of our society at other society meetings, was recognized with a certificate as "ambassador of HSNC" and a Chuck Norton Huguenot pin.

During 2022, we lost several members (deaths, resignations, dropped for non-payment) and saw our membership drop below 100. Since the 2023 meeting, we added one new member and Brenda Dorsett, our newly-installed registrar, is working on a transfer for an NHS member who now lives in NC. Four prospective members attended the meeting and Brenda is working with them on their applications. We are off to a great start in 2023.

Brenda Dorsett attended the April meeting and luncheon in Washington, DC. Sarah Long (co-chair of the NHS Scholarship Committee) was awarded the 2023 HSNC Scholarship. A student at Carnegie-Mellon University, her mom, Mary Long (co-chair of the NHS Scholarship Committee) accepted the certificate of recognition on Sarah's behalf.

Plans are being made to hold our 2024 annual meeting on April 20.

Thanks to the members of HSNC for giving me another opportunity to serve in a leadership role. HSNC sends a huge THANKS to the National Officers for their service.

*Elaine Baldasare, President*

## Pennsylvania

Greetings Fellow Huguenots,

Our PA State Society is doing well. We had a good in person turn out at our 2022 Reformation Sunday Service. We were glad to see a member who hasn't been in several years join us for the service and the luncheon. The Annual Meeting held most recently on May 6th, 2023, had a lovely turn out and a great lunch. We especially enjoyed our speaker from the Historical Society of Montgomery County PA. She talked about basic level genealogy, like primary sources, where to find them, how to piece together your family tree, and getting around some "brick walls". She also recommended some free tools in the form of family/ancestry charts that help in organizing your family information. The presentation was very helpful for those members that have never done their own Huguenot application and may be interested in getting a family member to join or looking into finding a different line of a disqualified Ancestor to becoming a member of our State Society.

Before the speaker we had a brief meeting to discuss and inform those in attendance what had transpired at the National Board meeting in Washington DC, which I attended. It was also discussed that we are in the process of getting pricing from the "Backstage Library Company" for digitizing our State records from 2001 to 2017. In addition, our Councilor has drafted a loan agreement document and inventory for the Washington Memorial Chapel, in regard to our "Huguenot State Society French Flags." Finally, we are recognizing deceased members that had been active in our State society by looking into grave markers to honor their service.

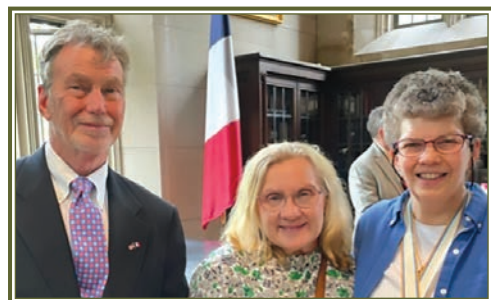
I had the pleasure of attending the "French Alliance Day Service" at the Washington Memorial Chapel, on May 7th, 2023.

While there, I inquired about the "French Alliance Day" video and found out that the video has been completed and the Washington Memorial Chapel Foundation is planning a reception sometime in the last three weeks of June 2023. I will let members and National know when they set a date for the reception.

Blessings in Huguenot Faith,  
*Lydia Freeman, President*



Lydia R. Freeman, President, Huguenot Society of Pennsylvania, and Marine Havel, Honorary Consul of France in Philadelphia



Joe and Mrs. Beyer and PA President Lydia R. Freeman



## Tennessee

The Huguenot Society of Tennessee met on 1 April 2023 at *The Local Goat and Tavern* for its Spring Assembly, with ten members present.

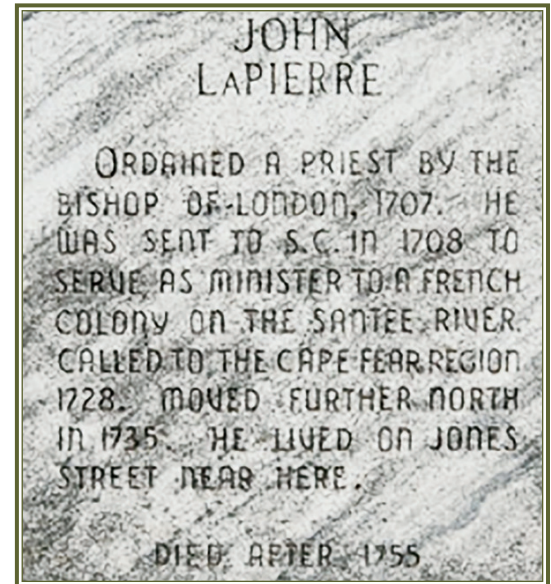
Jo Hill provided a very interesting presentation on her ancestor, Reverend John La Pierre, that was used to gain membership to the National Huguenot Society. He was born Jean de la Pierre in LaSalle, Cévenne, France in about 1680. He was educated at Trinity College in Dublin Ireland, where he married and was authorized to practice as a schoolmaster. He relocated to England where he was ordained minister at the Bishop of London's Fulham Palace in 1707. He was sent to South Carolina and preached at the French parish of St. Denis in the Orange Quarter and the Santee Church (to administer to the French speaking peoples) for approximately twenty years. He relocated to Cape Fear in North Carolina and died in New Bern, North Carolina after 1755. This is just one example of how our ancestors moved around. Many may not know he was a Huguenot, except for his grave marking.

Jo found this while researching another ancestor.

Newly elected officers for the term April 2023-April 2025 were installed by our one of our past presidents, Dr. Hall Reynolds, and are shown below.

We are sad to report the passing of Mrs. Patricia Halle on February 4, 2023. In her memory, a generous donation was provided to the Huguenot Society of Tennessee by her son.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2023 (location to be determined).



Jean de la Pierre



From left to right: President Carolyn Marvil, First VP Janie Bitner, Recording Secretary Wanda Taylor, Corresponding Secretary Debra Wilson, Treasurer Jo Hill, Registrar Nancy Carr, and Historian Mary James. (Not shown is Chaplain Jan Bynum Phillips).

## Texas

The Languedoc Chapter hosted The Huguenot Society of Texas annual meeting in San Antonio on Feb 4, 2023. In addition to Honorary President General Barbara MacManus, Registrar General Bill Buell and Genealogist General Nancy Brennan, we were thrilled to have members from Houston and Dallas joining us.

We were honored to welcome NHS 2nd Vice President General Mary Bannister Frisch (KS), who presented our program and installed the newly elected officers of Languedoc Chapter.

Honorary President General Barbara MacManus (TX)







Mary Fritsch inducts 2023-2025 TX officers

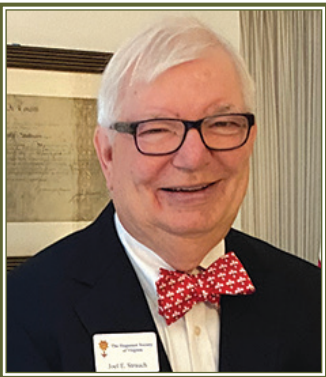


2021-2023 outgoing TX officers, L to R: Jerry Chenault, Pres; Katherine Totten, Treasurer; Mary Fritsch, 2nd VP General; Ann Oppenheimer, VP; and Ron Powell, Registrar.

The La Rochelle and Languedoc Chapters are working to reinvigorate and grow our memberships after Covid. We now have 121 members.

***Katherine Pace Totten,***  
Treasurer, The Huguenot Society of Texas, President, Languedoc Chapter

## Virginia



Joel Strauch, 2021-2023  
President, Huguenot Society  
of Virginia

I am honored to serve as President of the Huguenot Society of Virginia and thankful for the support of our officers and members, who share our mission to perpetuate the memory, the spirit, and the deeds of the men and women called Huguenots, to give expression to Huguenot tenets of faith and liberty, and to promote understanding for the good and welfare of the United States.

We are grateful for the guidance of our predecessor leaders who have maintained the quality and enthusiasm for our Society, as we have weathered the challenging period of the corona virus pandemic. We also recognize our members who have contributed their time and to numerous National committees, including Scholarship, Scholarly Works and Finance.

Over the past year we have organized programs on Huguenot history and culture, which were of particular interest to our members, including a presentation on the life of Francis Fauquier, who served as Governor of Virginia from 1758 to 1768 and a guided tour of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts with special emphasis on their 17th and 18th centuries French paintings and the collections of their outstanding Faberge and Tiffany works of art.

Our current meeting features a presentation on the early Huguenot settlements in Colonial Virginia, led by Janice Lorenz, the past President General of the National Huguenot Society and the producer of The Cross of Languedoc.

Our officers encourage our current initiative to celebrate the contributions of Huguenot descendants to the development of colonial and revolutionary Virginia.

***Joel E. Strauch, President, 2021-2023***

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

### A continuing interview series for The Cross of Languedoc

*A Conversation with Dr. Simone Oppen,  
2009 winner of the National Huguenot Society's  
Jacqueline Wells Dickey Scholarship*

*Interviewed by Mary Long, Co-Chair, NHS Scholarship Committee*



Dr. Simone Oppen, Jacqueline Wells Dickey Scholarship Winner 2023.

Dr. Simone Oppen holds a PhD, a MPhil, and a MA in Classics, all from Columbia University, and a BA in Classical Languages and Comparative Literature (a double major), with a minor in Dance and Performance Studies, from the University of California, Berkeley. Her linguistic expertise covers a broad range, from ancient Greek and Latin to modern Italian, German and French. Dr. Oppen specializes in Greek drama and historiography; she currently teaches beginning through advanced courses in classical Greek, Greek Prose, Greek Poetry, and Greek & Roman Mythology, all at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities.

During our conversation, she was delighted to learn that the 2023 winner of the NHS Jacqueline Wells Dickey Scholarship, Caroline DuBois-Weber, is double majoring in Classics and Neuroscience.



Nina Oppen, also a Huguenot descendant, and Adorable Future Classics Scholar.

As we spoke, Dr. Oppen specifically expressed her gratitude for having received this scholarship, funded by Mrs. Dickey's very generous bequest, during her undergraduate study. "Many people don't have the opportunity to spend a lot of time studying ancient languages that this scholarship helped to provide me. Donors might not get to know who benefits. What vision and generosity – it's just incredible."

ML: How do you intersect with archaeology and history in your language studies, and how do you think professionally about original texts vs. translations?

SO: I try to teach the original texts in their archaeological and historical contexts. My education gives me the privilege of being able to read the original languages. My students learn that if they put in the effort, they too can have that experience. There is a long tradition of teaching Greek poetry in particular in a somewhat decontextualized, art-for-art's-sake, way. This is a great start (I would hate to stop anyone from just loving the poetry of Homer or Sappho for its own sake). However, I think you can get much deeper with it if you think about archaeological and historical contexts. That's what I try to do, for example, in my work on Greek drama (e.g. thinking about Aeschylus' play *Persians* first produced in 472 BCE in Athens in view of ruins made by the historical events the play depicts, albeit from the Persian perspective). The farther you go, the more you learn by studying deeply, thus doing justice to these fabulous artifacts of the past.

ML: Please compare that contextual perspective to using Greek as a basis for understanding our own language and especially the language of important texts like the Bible, parts of which were originally written in Greek. Religious wars have been fought over different understandings based on translations; indeed, different understandings led to our Huguenot ancestors' life-endangering choices.

SO: I cannot say that I have much to offer on the Bible (not being a specialist scholar of it), but the Attic dialect of Greek I teach in intro ancient Greek is excellent preparation for reading the *koinē* dialect of the New Testament, and a motivation for many of my students to learn this demanding language. Something I've really enjoyed sharing with them are stories from the childhood of Jesus written in *koinē* dialect but not included in the New Testament because they are regarded as apocryphal (for example stories in *The Infancy Gospel of Thomas*, such as the one about Jesus making birds from clay and then bringing them to life that also shows up in the Qur'an).

On a more mundane note, there are cognates that always surprise me in English, particularly in technical language, e.g. asphalt from the Greek adjective meaning "steadfast" *asphalēs* (ἀσφαλής)!

ML: Your undergraduate minor was Dance and Performance Studies. How has that informed your teaching style?

SO: I would say that showing up for physical training 1.5 hours a day 5 days a week is something I firmly believe has also prepared me for diligent language study and difficult projects of many sorts. Consistent, disciplined dance and performance practice, with an established process and sustainable engagement, has a direct mental analogue in academic pursuits, including writing a dissertation (*Comparative perspectives on Persian interactions with Greek sanctuaries during the Greco-Persian Wars*)! Nothing great is easy, and most great things cannot be done in a day, but it's crucial to develop a method you can commit to for working daily towards long-term goals and projects. Dance gave me that, and I try to impart the value of having such a practice to my students, particularly those who learn Latin and Greek with me. Performance studies gave me a way of breathing vitality into ancient texts that was audible and communal (as opposed to silent and solitary). This springing into life off of the page is something I try to bring to my teaching style always, but in particular in courses in translation like Greek drama or classical myth.

Thinking more broadly about my performance studies in undergrad, they gave me a bridge of sorts, from ancient texts studied in a solitary manner, to something that became loud and engaging to my various cohorts and broader community. Bringing texts to life in a performance space engages the creativity of students in a totally different way, while simultaneously making the concepts and stories expressed in those texts accessible to those who are not able to study them directly. Such presentations, in turn, shows why what we do matters. Humanities professors of all sorts need to do that all the time, even daily in their classrooms.

ML: How do your students find your classes in the course offerings, what motivates them to engage in the study, and how do you share your enthusiasm for the subject while also reinforcing the relevance of the study?

SO: Paths to classics are often oblique and surprising. Some students will have brand recognition (e.g. if they were super into Greek myth as a child or took Latin in high school), but I find it a special challenge to capture the energy and enthusiasm of students who took Greek or Latin or Classical Myth on a whim without previous background in such subjects. The languages are excellent training for "learning how to learn," not just languages but other material and modes of thinking too (e.g. the highest scoring LSAT takers are those who majored in something like classical languages, tied with the philosophy majors). For me at least, taking Latin and Greek in college was the portal to a whole new way of studying language (I'd never been taught my native language, English, in a grammatically explicit way). I think it's crucial

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to stress that the study is relevant for these reasons but also on its own behalf, not because everyone needs to become a professional classicist, but because these cultures belong to everyone who studies them rather than just people from one geographic region or background. The reception of classics is also incredible, everyone from Racine (in e.g. *Phèdre*) to Toni Morrison (in e.g. *Beloved*) and I especially strive to connect with the next generation of verbal and visual artists in my classes.

Classics also offers an excellent complementary study for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) students. I often see pre-Med students enrolled in my classes; they recognize that the language study and history are useful. In particular, because many medical terms (pericardium, etc.) have their linguistic origins in classical languages.

ML: The limitations of high school instruction during the covid pandemic have created unique challenges for college professors as new freshman students matriculate. How do you perceive those from your perspective?

SO: It's been hard. Those students who were self-starters did okay online, but those who needed daily interaction and handholding sometimes, metaphorically, fell off a cliff. Higher education is still suffering. We are seeing new freshmen who had no real accountability in their last years of high school, because they stopped actively engaging in person at age 16, and now they are being asked to re-engage academically at a more adult level without the preparation that freshmen typically have had. As a classroom professor, my goal is to continue creating the magic of in-person instruction because there is nothing like it, as the last three years have made all too clear.

ML: You are a prolific publisher and presenter with an amazing C.V. How do you assess the balance between research and teaching in your field? What is the right balance for you to stay energized for the hard work of teaching vs. the long-range research discipline/trajectory?

SO: Thank you! It's always a struggle and I'm at an institution that values research above all (as much as it's the teaching in my humble opinion on which the future of the field depends). In my institutional world there are actually three pillars on which my tenure dossier will be evaluated. The first two are research and teaching, and the third is service to the field in general. This last element might include volunteering on a departmental curriculum committee, engaging with a national professional society, mentoring advanced students seeking to enter the field professionally; each of these is deeply important work though not as valued as other components of a tenure dossier. I seek to reflect my institution's values, but it's too easy to spend all your time preparing for classes and mentoring students because of the high daily accountability and tangible human benefits of such social interaction. However, I know that at the end of the day it is publish or perish, and my tenure dossier will be evaluated primarily on research. I am trying to practice what I preach to my students in working every single day towards my publications.

One particularly engaging research effort that has meant a lot to me and absorbed a lot of time of late is working on publishing unpublished texts, rather than coming up with new interpretations of texts that folks have been reading, in some cases, for 2,500 years (though I do some of that too). This is the core of my present work at Corinth, in which I'm focusing on publishing vase inscriptions, incredibly scrappy inscriptions that nonetheless offer invaluable snapshots of non-elite writing in the Greek city and later Roman colony.

ML: What do you want to be known for on campus? Among your professional colleagues in the field?

SO: On campus, I'd love to be known for this primary text publication (particularly for doing so in a collaborative way as I did at my previous employer Dartmouth College); I'd also love to be known for staging ancient Greek and Roman dramas (or rather being the faculty supervisor for students who direct their own staging with my support).

Among professional colleagues in the field, I aspire to be known for my contextualizing readings of Greek drama in particular. Hopefully I will get some published soon!

ML: If you had an unlimited grant for academic research in your field, what topic would you pursue, and who would be the audience for this work that you would most like to reach and/or influence/educate their thinking about that topic?

SO: I would work more in depth on the Greek chorus and, indeed, my second book project will likely look at the afterlives of the Greek dramatic chorus in the Hellenistic era, going outside of texts and Alexandria (the perceived academic center of the Hellenistic world in much scholarship) and into texts from other Hellenistic kingdoms, particularly those written on stone. The chorus is not, of course, a concept and institution exclusive to Greek drama. Though Greek choruses are what I know best, I would love to look at other cultures that have similar features in their arts and literature and work comparatively to some extent, hopefully with a book plus workshop and public engagement components. My concept is very amorphous at present, but my overarching desire is to begin articulating the legacy of these 2,000 plus year-old materials as they are applicable in 2023 (and hopefully beyond). If we can't demonstrate its relevance today, the future of this study area is limited. This sort of demonstration is not something I was trained for in grad school, but I am becoming every day more aware that it is a crucial challenge!

ML: The trope on classics is that it focuses on old dead guys and what they wrote. You're a young, vivacious academic researcher and professor. What drew you to the classics, and what energizes you to keep it fresh?

SO: Thanks for calling me young! Fundamentally, I wanted to understand the past in context. I was first drawn to classics because of wanting understand Italian, a language I had the privilege of learning at my public high school in northern California, in deeper historical context. This led to Latin, which then led to ancient Greek and things snowballed from there. Now, my students energize me to keep my instruction relevant. They are sources of some of my deepest inspiration in thinking about why bothering to engage with the past still matters so much. Classics, I think, becomes stronger as a field by being asked to justify its existence in new ways, to new audiences, and my students help me to do so.

ML: What misconceptions do non-Classicists have that you could dispel in this conversation?

SO: At least two, to start! First, modern write-ups of Greek mythology, such as D'Aulaires' with its cheery illustrations, or Bulfinch's Mythology, are neither as tragic nor as traumatic as the original writings often are. Those compilations are generally fine for reading as children's bedtime stories for just that reason. Second, classical literature actually retains incredible audiences; so many culturally popular modern works owe a tremendous debt to writers 25 centuries in the past. For example, in modern literature, Madeline Miller and other talented authors have created bestsellers, in her case, *The Song of Achilles*, *Circe*, and *Galatea*, creating plausible back stories and fleshing out characters straight out of Greek and Roman myths.

ML: If you were speaking to a current college student not majoring in classics or even liberal arts at all, but seeking enrichment that the classics bring, would you recommend they study Greek or Latin directly, or would you suggest they tackle the history aspect?

SO: I started with the languages and came to the history later, but for many the history is most compelling, giving them the big picture to stay motivated.

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ML: How would you advise a college student who might be a budding classicist? Or perhaps your younger self?

SO: I'd ask them to focus on whatever they think they'd enjoy most. I'd suggest learning the languages if they have access, but also not worrying too much if they cannot fit in tons, as thankfully programs are recognizing this can gatekeep those who diversify the field in important ways and accordingly are offering scholarships to learn Latin and Greek to a sufficient level before graduate school. I'd also suggest that they hold on to their own culture and family in the process rather than undervaluing it in the light of these ancient texts and thinking the two cannot possibly be connected. Some of the best work I did (staging Greek plays in the original and the scholarship it inspired) created the moments when my family finally understood what I was studying. In sum, there are connections, but you have to be alert to them as they are often surprising and different, in any case, from what you might have come into it thinking.

To my younger self, I think the fundamental thing I keep coming back to is my desire to understand the past in context. This means looking at texts in the original language and considering the historical time period, plus the archaeological remains. Knowing this, my younger self might have been better served by doing all three at once. But what I did was studying languages primarily at the beginning, then adding more history and archaeology in grad school, making me primarily a textual scholar at the end of the day. Also, I would tell my younger self to be more understanding of my family! Those not tied to the world of classics often need to be shown, not told, of its relevance. In the case of those closest to me, real awareness of what I was trying to do first came through attending my performances of Greek drama and seeing productions accessible to non-classicists, despite being in the original ancient Greek, because of supertitles, staging choices, and the poetic beauty of the language. They understand now why I'm on this fascinating, amazing path, and I feel really fortunate both to be on it and to enjoy their support.

## BRANDYWINE BATTLEFIELD MARKER PROJECT

*By Peter Morgan Adams, Color Guard Historian,  
Pennsylvania Society Sons of the Revolution;  
Member, Huguenot Society of Pennsylvania*

Our own Peter Morgan Adams assisted in coordinating manufacturing and installation of 15 permanent metal signs, each 10 feet tall, containing history about the battle of Brandywine. All of the signs were strategically positioned in the Brandywine Battlefield. An informative article about his important work with a lasting impact appeared in Volume 40, No. 3 (Fall/Winter 2022) of the *The Sons Drumbeat, General Society Sons of the Revolution*.

The signs highlight what happened at each respective location on the battlefield, and serve to educate the public about the importance of this event in the founding of America. Many Huguenots participated in this battle, in which Huguenot descendant George Washington was personally involved. It was here that General La Fayette was hit by a British bullet and bled on the battlefield.

L-R Brinton 1704 House Chairman Fran Jacobs, Executive Director Magdalena Steuhrmann, and Huguenot Society of Pennsylvania member PSSR Color Guard Historian Peter Morgan Adams. Photo courtesy





# NHS MERIT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

## Information For Applicants

*Revised October 2022 and approved by President General Janet Walker 20 Nov 2022*

The National Huguenot Society currently offers two merit scholarships for undergraduate and graduate studies. The Jacqueline Wells Dickey Scholarship is available to NHS members only; the Lois Lefler Walker Scholarship Assist Fund award is available to members as well as children/grandchildren of NHS members.

**Applications for both Scholarships are available on the National Huguenot Society's website under the Membership tab.**

### 1. The Jacqueline Wells Dickey Scholarship Fund

- a. The late Jacqueline Wells Dickey's bequest has permitted the National Huguenot Society to offer scholarships since 2002.
- b. Applications, available on the NHS website, are due on February 1, prior to the commencement of the academic year for which the award is granted.
- c. The recipient must be a member of The National Huguenot Society, Inc. (meeting all requirements for that membership).
- d. 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.
- e. The recipient must have completed at least two years of college, maintaining a 3.0 average.
- f. Scholarships are limited to \$5,000 per student. Scholarships are not renewable.
- g. Need is not a factor.
- h. All applicants for the Jacqueline Wells Dickey Scholarship are also considered for the Lois Lefler Walker Scholarship Assist award. However, the winner of the Jacqueline Wells Dickey Scholarship is not eligible to receive a Lois Lefler Walker Scholarship Assist Fund award in the same grant year.

### 2. The Lois Lefler Walker Scholarship Assist Fund

- a. The Lois Lefler Walker Scholarship Assist Fund, created in 1986 by Sterling M. Lefler and originally administered by the Huguenot Society of Connecticut (currently inactive), is now administered by the national Society. The bequest was originally intended to assist "worthy Huguenot students in college who are direct descendants of a Society member with the purchase of textbooks." The terms of the bequest allow funds to be granted to children or grandchildren of current NHS members.
- b. Applications, available on the NHS website, are due on February 1, prior to the commencement of the academic year for which the award is granted.
- c. The recipient(s) must be enrolled as either a returning undergraduate or graduate student at an accredited college or university. Applications are due on February 1, prior to the commencement of the academic year for which the award is granted.
- d. The grant for each recipient of the Lois Lefler Walker Scholarship Assist fund is limited to a maximum of \$500 per year. Grants may be awarded to several recipients each year. A student may receive this award more than one year, but a new application is required for each year.
- e. Need is not a factor.
- f. Scholarship checks will be issued directly to educational institutions.
- g. Winning the National Huguenot Society's Lois Lefler Walker Scholarship Assist award does not preclude the winner(s) from subsequently applying or reapplying for the Jacqueline Wells Dickey Scholarship Fund award. All applicants for the Jacqueline Wells Dickey Scholarship are also considered for the Lois Lefler Walker Scholarship Assist award.

## 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 1st and November 20th.**

### Contest Topics and Prizes:

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

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

Prizes: 1st Place=\$100; 2d Place=\$50; 3d 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; 2d Place=\$250; 3d Place=\$100.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS - AS OF 20 MAY 2023

### Alabama

Nancy Susan Benson Royer  
Linda Lee Thomson Jones  
Jacob Reilly Gould

### Arkansas

Cheryl Ann Adams Vickers  
Katherine Beauclerk Wolard Schindler  
Junelle Marie Linke Mongno

### Arizona

Scott Todd Van Voorhis Martorano

### California

Evan Jesse Mapes

### Florida

Mona Kay Kennedy Hall  
Christopher Robert Sapp  
Valory Ellen Sapp  
Collier James Dalton  
Christopher Franklin Dalton

### Georgia

Darlyn Janell Davis  
Marquita Louise Grantham Crews  
Jinanne Bennett Parrish  
Penny Sue Bryant Crouse  
Karen Lynn Lumpkin Kivette

### Kansas

Patricia Jean Kennedy Unruh  
Members at Large  
Ruth Inez Hembree Barnett

### Missouri

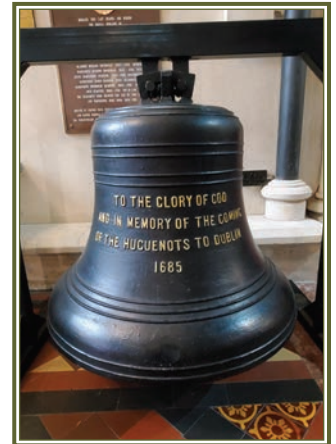
Lorilee Ann Petrich Short  
North Carolina  
William Blakeley Boykin  
Matthew Pittman Garrett

### Texas

Katherine Louise Blair

### Virginia

Laura Beth Abbott  
Washington, DC  
Lucy Karen Light Slaich  
Jeremy Robert Smith



Photograph courtesy Mary Long,  
taken on a recent visit to Dublin, Ireland

## *Dare to Care*

*An opinion piece by Janice Murphy Lorenz*

The National Huguenot Society is a nonprofit hereditary, patriotic, historical and religious organization. This means we value not just our Huguenot heritage, but we also agree when we join to honor and share the faith of our Huguenot ancestors. That requirement is not literal, as evidenced by the fact that most of us are not true Calvinists, but there is an understanding that we honor and value our Huguenot forefathers' religious beliefs. This religious component is our "brand," the one thing that distinguishes NHS from all of the other Huguenot societies in the United States. Our membership has been steadily declining over the past decade or two, but so are the memberships of many other hereditary societies, reportedly. In my humble opinion, the declining membership problem cannot be attributed to our Protestant requirement. The problem is much bigger than that, I think.

A *Wall Street Journal* poll came out in March of 2023 indicating that patriotism, family, and religious faith are among the many traditional American values whose importance to each American is steadily waning. For instance, in 1978 70% of Americans said patriotism is very important to them; in 2019, only 61% of Americans said so; and in 2023, the percentage was a dismal 38%. NHS is a patriotic society, in addition to being a hereditary and religious one. Might this cultural trend in America be indicative of why our membership is declining?

The importance of religion to American life is suffering a similar decline, according to a Pew poll published in September of 2022. In the early 1990s, 90% of Americans identified as Christians. By 2020, that number had dwindled to 64%. Instead, people are reportedly leaving their religious faith in favor of having no religion at all. Have you ever noticed how many people you talk with who are quick to "reassure" you that they have no religion, while proclaiming "I am a very "spiritual" person? One wonders if the decline in the importance of religion in American culture might contribute to our declining membership. It might also reflect the view of many of our current members.

NHS, being a religious institution, has adhered to a common Protestant faith for the past 88 or so years. Holding a common doctrinal faith, such as Protestantism, brings uniformity and even more importantly, harmony, to the congregation. Without common beliefs and practices, does the congregation really constitute a church? Would allowing people of other faiths, such as non-Protestants and even non-Christians, to worship and fellowship with us, change us? Would it create fissures of disharmony? That is the fear—in the law we call it a "slippery slope" whereby if one concession is granted, the next concession becomes almost mandatory to make, and so on, until the original concept is no longer recognizable.

Perhaps we are about to find out how much our membership cares about the religious component of our organization. Two of NHS's core foundational principles—patriotism and religion—are at stake in our current culture. We must, as a group, declare that we care enough about our currently-uniform Protestant religious faith and our adherence to Huguenot religious principles to realistically examine the impact making membership requirement changes might have upon the religious component of our organization, and from there, the long term consequences to us as a Protestant group.

Change might be exactly the right thing for NHS—but no one really knows at this point, since none of us has a crystal ball. For now, it might be wise for us to pray for guidance and pray for our members and state delegates to show up at our Congress meeting in October to give us feedback and their vote.



## CALENDAR OF DEADLINES

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

January	1	MAL dues due to Treasurer General
	1	Opening date to receive Youth Contest submissions for current year. See website for more information
	1	Youth Contest Chairman notifies President General of winners in each category for the previous year and sends essays to Editor of <i>The Cross of Languedoc</i> for publication.
	15	State Societies must pay annual per capita dues with Membership and Dues Summary Report and Roster of Members to Treasurer General.
	15	List of Officers (and term of office) of State Societies and Roster of Members to President General, Registrar General, Treasurer General, and Corresponding Secretary General.
February	1	Submission for winner of the Scholarly Works Award (usually) for the prior year) is to be sent to Awards Chairman. The work must have been completed in the year it is considered for the award; then the proposed Scholarly Works Award winner is presented at the Board meeting in April for approval. See website for more information.
	1	College & Postgraduate Scholarships Award applications due to Chairman of Scholarship Committee.
March	1	Dues not paid by the State Society to the Treasurer General by this date are not entitled to representation at Annual Congress.
	1	Members-at-Large who have not paid their dues by this date will be dropped.
	1	Semi-annual Activity and Status Reports from State Society Presidents due to President General, Recording Secretary General, and Editor of <i>The Cross of Languedoc</i> .
	1	Semi-annual Reports of Deaths from State Society Chaplains due to Chaplain General for Necrology Report and Memorial Service at Annual Council in April.
April	early to middle	Annual General Council Meeting and Annual Board Meeting in Washington, D.C. The Scholarly Works Award winner for previous year and the Scholarship Award winner(s) for current year are approved by the Board.
May	15	Per the NHS Bylaws, the deadline to submit articles and reports for publication is May 15. Email your subscriptions to <a href="mailto:editor@nationalhuguenotsociety.org">editor@nationalhuguenotsociety.org</a>
June	30	( <i>in even years</i> ) Deadline for submission to Chairman of Nominating Committee of applications by letter for consideration as nominees for national General Officer position.
July	1	State Societies must submit to the Corresponding Secretary General the names, addresses and contact information of their current officers
August	1	Any proposed Bylaw amendments must be sent to all State Societies at least 60 days before the annual Congress meeting in the fall.
	15	( <i>in even years</i> ) The report of the Nominating Committee is due to the President General and Corresponding Secretary General
	24	Anniversary of the 24 August 1572 St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre

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September	1	Nominating Committee Report is due to be sent by the Corresponding Secretary General to the Board of Officers and all State Society Presidents.
	1	Credentials Forms due from State Society Presidents to the Chairman of Credentials Committee naming Delegates and Alternates for annual Congress.
October	1	Annual membership dues for new members are owed with applications; after the 1st, dues will cover the following year.
	early	Annual Congress, place TBD each year. Even years: Nominating Committee elected; Odd years: National General Officers elected.
	18	Anniversary of the promulgation of the Edict of Nantes, 18 October 1598 by King Henri IV of France
	22	Anniversary of the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes, 22 October 1685 by King Louis XIV of France
November	20	Closing date to receive Youth Contest submissions for the current calendar year.
	28	Anniversary of the Promulgation of the Edict of Toleration, 28 November 1787, by King Louis XVI of France
December	15	Deadline to submit articles and reports for the Spring issue of <i>The Cross of Languedoc</i> .
	25	Merry Christmas!

## SO YOU WANT TO WRITE A PAPER

*by Gale Morgan Kane, Tennessee Society*

Several years ago I taught a class at our local college. It happened I had to be out of town one week, so I assigned a paper on the fall of Jerusalem in 638 AD. I told them I had some books on hold in the library. When I got home, and read their papers, I was shocked. Every one of the papers had the strangest story! When I checked their sources, I found that none had used the recommended books and everyone cited the same attractive-looking website, the first one that Google offered. Searching through that website which appeared to be Irish, but gave no authors or sources, buried deep I found that it was a Palestinian propaganda website. All of those kids had been duped by the slick-looking deceptive pages. We took the next class period to talk about discerning the quality of your sources. I told them it was probably the most valuable lesson of the whole class.

Historians are wholly dependent on the sources they use. For Huguenot history, we must handle a lengthy timeline dealing with a highly personal religious and spiritual story set in the context of the imperial powers of church and state at the time of an historical paradigm shift into the modern world. In some sense, even after 500 years, the stakes are still high. You can anticipate obdurate, opposing interpretations of the events. In this case, because of the murderous French Enlightenment, there is also an ideological narrative originating much later than our French Protestants and quite relevant to modern revolutionaries.

An historian's best sources are primary documents: the actual eyewitness accounts, contemporary letters and old documents. There might be scholarly translation since I for one don't read 16th century French, or understand the subtleties of Renaissance culture and medieval linguistics. I must usually look beyond those best sources to the scholarship of credible modern historians.

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Finally we arrive at the formal histories about the Reformation and specifically the Huguenots. For English speakers, French history is fraught with problems. English and American writers deal with a millennium of contention between England and France; the anti-clericalism of the Enlightenment; and some French obscurantism for non-French speakers.

What does an ordinary history buff do? A good place for most of us to start is the same Encyclopedia Britannica that we used in high school. It will give you a relatively orthodox general story. These days Britannica is online. Wikipedia is much maligned, but can also be a starting place. Of course, a good solid college text about European history will get you started. Check their bibliographies. They will likely lead you to the acknowledged experts in the field you are interested in.

Watch out for Marxist analysis. Marxists make their stripes as social critics. That can be very useful, but can also seriously mislead. Postmoderns bring the margins to the middle which can force you to see things in a new view. As interpreters who don't believe in truth, they can be serious nihilists. Those would appall our Huguenot ancestors.

One good aggregator site is <https://museeprotestant.org/en/>. This is a consortium of museums, many in France, that are interested in Huguenot history, with many excellent articles and other media available. They are a Protestant perspective. They frankly acknowledge that. In your search for scholarly papers, Google is a minefield. If you venture there, look for URLs with a .edu address for papers by actual scholars. If you don't know a writer, check out who he is. Read real journals. They are peer reviewed so you shouldn't blunder into crackpot fringe postings. There are online aggregators of scholarly journals such as JSTOR, or Google Scholar. Your local college or public library subscribes to services that can access scholarly journals. Frequently you can find the digitized texts you need on Google Books, or Gutenberg Project, ancestry.com, familysearch.com, or major libraries and the National Archives. If you're buying a book, most of us use Amazon, but don't forget AbeBooks.com which is a great source of used books.

Do not avoid the fray, read the Protestant AND the Catholic materials. That may help you understand their contentions of the times. Be warned that in the 18th century, the Enlightenment violently attacked Christianity, and the Catholic Church specifically. Out of the Enlightenment project, and since the 19th century, credible as well as discredited critiques have largely overgrown the original issues.

Always document. Learn how to do a bibliography so that you or someone else can know where you found your information. Weblinks are often helpful within a paper particularly if it is published digitally.

Last but not least, The National Huguenot Society website has a wonderful bibliography page: <https://nationalhuguenotsociety.org/suggested-reading-on-huguenot-history/>

I haven't even scratched the surface for sources. Asking an historical question and researching the answers is so much fun. The internet opens up so many possibilities for coming to a better, more satisfying inquiry about a historical question. All historians have bias. It is important to learn to discern the bias and quality of your sources in order to evaluate and balance your information sources.

The story of the Huguenots is an heroic story that is poorly understood by most of us. They were religious refugees in the American colonies. As a religious sect they did not persist, but seemed to merge into the revival tide of American Protestantism that was moving west. Their descendants becoming devout Anglican's, Presbyterians, Methodists and Baptists, carrying with them their French middle class values such as competence, work, reliability, and courage. I'm proud of my Virginia Fuqua family, who I've learned were James River freighters and frontier Baptist preachers so many generations ago.

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# THE PROTESTANT REQUIREMENT DEBATE

## Excerpt from Cross Spring 2015 with some edits

*Written by Janice Murphy Lorenz as President General (2011-2015)*

The issue of whether to admit non-Protestants into our state societies and/or as Members at Large, and hence into National membership, continues to be hotly debated among our members and even among National officers, and therefore warrants a separate report from your President General. It is my personal view that our Huguenot forefathers fought and died for religious freedom of conscience. Yes, they were Protestants, but according to Admiral Coligny, they fought for the right of each individual to choose his own version of the truth. They fought against the “conform to uniformity” concept of religion and life which was enforced by the French government. Ideally, if we truly stand for Huguenot tenets of faith and liberty, we should as individuals willingly tolerate other religions and other Christian sects. I think we all do. The issue is whether we need to tolerate other Christian sects within our organization. Admitting non-Protestant Christians to any form of membership begins “the slippery slope,” a term we learned in law school. “Protestantism” is part of our “brand” it is a key tenet and is why some of our members joined us. Our strength could be diluted and even confusing vis-a-vis our Huguenot ancestors and our tradition should we include non-Protestant Christians as full members. We are incorporated in Maryland as a “religious” nonprofit organization, in addition to our other purposes. To me, that means that we must as a group have a religion. Therefore, we must as a group choose which religion to practice as a group. As a practical matter, I conclude that we need to and must remain a Protestant organization. Huguenots were Protestant, we need to be unified, so let’s continue to unify around being Protestant and continue to honoring our ancestors’ Protestant beliefs.

But having said that, I would not object to admitting Christians to membership if that membership were just hereditary and social, and well-defined, such as:

- Huguenot Christians may join through a State Society or as Members at Large, which would grant these Huguenot Christians the “Huguenot certification” they most desire, and allow Huguenot Christians to socialize at meetings with everyone;
- Non-Protestants have no vote or voice in their State Society or in National.
- Each State Society would decide whether to accept non-Protestants and any particular individual applicant for membership to a state society;
- National would decide whether to accept a Member at Large non-Protestant Huguenot Christian applicant.

This approach would emphasize and expand our Huguenot heritage by allowing all qualified Christian Huguenots to join if they are acceptable otherwise to the State and to National. Then we could wait and see how many non-Protestants really want to join a Protestant Huguenot organization and sit through our Protestant brand of worship service, attend our events, and sponsor our publications, all of which praise Protestant principles.

We all realize that this is a divisive issue, but we need to be acutely aware of the danger of allowing heated emotions fracture our group. History is replete with examples of Huguenot and other Protestant organizations which allowed themselves to fracture because of their inability to tolerate differences of opinion in a civil discussion. Let’s not go there; let’s articulate why we believe what we believe and from there, determine how we want to operate as a cohesive group—do we wish to continue to be a Protestant Huguenot organization—purists, if you will, or do we wish to capture more Huguenots by expanding to be a Protestant Huguenot organization with a non-Protestant Christian social component? We do not necessarily need to change anything. But let’s join in the discussion for the sake of our members whose conscience compels them to ask for a change. And let’s have faith in the Lord that the outcome of our discussion, regardless of what that outcome may be, will lead to increased unity within our organization, and will do His will.

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## Some Differences Between PROTESTANT AND CATHOLIC BELIEFS

One of the biggest differences between Catholic and Protestant belief is that Protestants believe that God's Word is found only in the Bible, and even more importantly, that each person has his own personal relationship with God, mediated by a belief in Christ as God's savior to the world, such that communication with and prayer to God requires no one else's participation or blessing. That means Protestants have a direct relationship with Jesus and God, whereas Catholics, in theory, may have more of a relationship with their church and priests who, along with the Pope of their church, are necessary to mediate their communications with God. Below is an excerpt from an old Reformation publication which describes some of these differences.

**POPERY: There are other mediators besides Jesus Christ**

- Likewise that the saints reigning together with Christ, offer prayers to God for us.”  
Creed of Pope Pius IV. BIBLE:

**BIBLE: There is no other mediator but Jesus Christ**

- “For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.”  
1 Timothy 2:5.
- “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, and the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” John 14:6.
- “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved.” Acts 4:12.
- “Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou has the words of eternal life.” John 6:68.

**POPERY: The Virgin Mary ought to be worshiped**

- “Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and in the hour of our death. Amen.” The “Angelic Salutation,” from the Roman Missal.

**BIBLE: The Virgin Mary ought not to be worshiped**

- “And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.” Luke 1:46, 47.
- “And it came to pass, as he spake these things, a certain woman of the company lifted up her voice, and said unto him, Blessed is the womb that bare thee, and the paps which thou hast sucked. But he said, Yea, rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.”  
Luke 11:27, 28.
- “Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come.”  
John 2:4.
- “Then one said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee. But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? and who are my brethren? And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.” Matthew 12:47-50.

*[Note: By the use of the word “Popery,” we mean nothing derogatory, we are merely reprinting something that was written in 1853.]*  
*The Bulwark, Or Reformation Journal* v3. London: Seeleys, and J. Nisbet & Co., Edinburgh: J. Nichol. Dublin: Curry & Co. (1853-1854).

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