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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.”



Top Image: Cartouche from Pascaert Map of Nieu Nederlands and Virginie, as edited by Janice Murphy Lorenz.

Bottom image: Nieuw Amsterdam ofte nue Nieu Iorx, from Rijksmuseum, as edited by Janice Murphy Lorenz.

OUR QUARCENTENARY RECOGNITION

Of The Founding of the First Permanent Walloon-Huguenot Settlement in America 1624-2024

By Janice Murphy Lorenz

In the 1620s, Belgium's and France's Reformed Churches had strong followers in the "Walloon Provinces." Those provinces consisted of: (1) the French departments of Nord, Aisne, Ardennes and Calais; and (2) the Belgian Provinces of Hainaut, Namur, Liege, Brabant, and Luxembourg. That region was engaged in a constant struggle against Spain, which wished to impose Roman Catholicism on them, using often using force. Our Walloons were Reformed Church followers from these provinces of France and Belgium who fled to Leiden, Holland, a part of the Netherlands. They were welcomed and allowed to practice their religion while they made arrangements for a more permanent homeland. These Walloons had encountered trouble finding a haven in Virginia under the British crown because their participation was conditioned upon "being permitted to retain their racial and their religious" identities. However, the relatively new Dutch West India Company had no problem with those conditions, since the Company primarily wanted to turn a profit by establishing a strong trade and commerce for the Dutch along the Hudson River. For that, they needed settlers willing to travel far from home and to weather the travails of establishing a new colony on the frontiers of New World. Hence, a mutually agreeable partnership of sorts was formed with the Walloons.



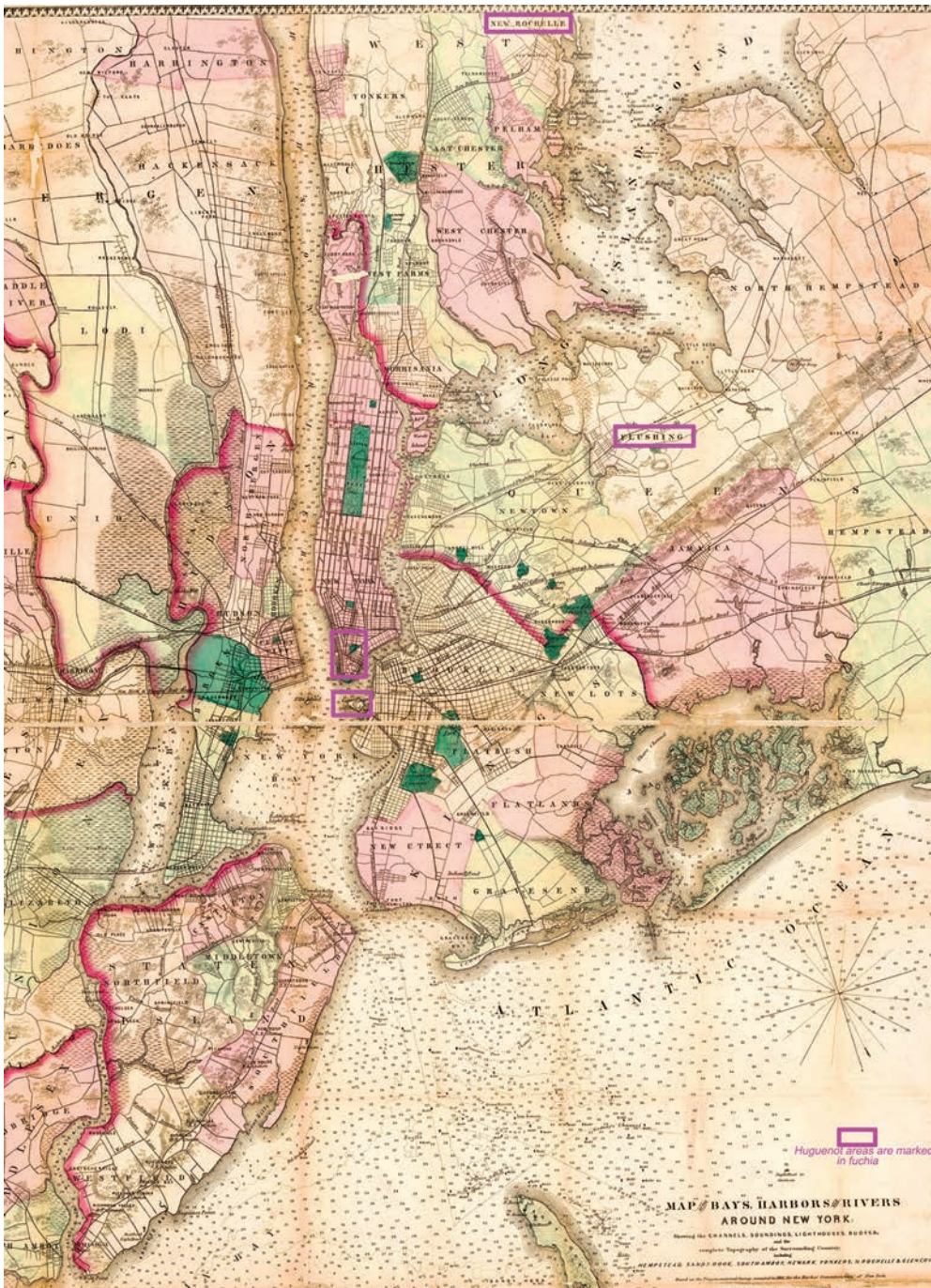
One of the commodities the Dutch West India Company was interested in developing was the use of beaver fur, which they had learned about from previous Dutch scouting missions to the area. This image by Carel Allard 1648, is courtesy Rijksmuseum.

The Dutch West India Company organized and launched a ship from Holland called "Nieuw Nederland" to carry some 30 Walloon and Huguenot families to America, for the purpose of settling and claiming the mouth of the Hudson River for the Netherlands. In the spring of 1624, the ship arrived at Nutten Island (now Governors Island), and it is from that date that we are celebrating the landing and permanent settlement of Huguenots and Walloons in America.

According to plan, some of the families dispersed to the north and south, leaving a core group with the ship and its captain. The following year, the core group expanded to establish a fort on the southern tip of Manhattan and called it New Amsterdam. After assorted growing pains involving politics, governance and trade, the New Amsterdam area

became known as New York City. A cursory timeline can be found elsewhere within this issue of The Cross. It should be noted that New York City considers that it was itself established in 1625, and therefore celebrates a different anniversary cycle than we are using here.

PROVINCE DE NEW-YORK, 1777



Province de New-York: en 4 feuilles. Lionel Pincus and Princess Firyal Map Division, The New York Public Library. (1777).

Retrieved from <https://digitalcollections.nypl.org/items/60632474-21de-a643-e040-e00a1806376>.

Edited and amended by Janice Murphy Lorenz.

SOURCES: *The Memorial History of the City of New-York v1 and v2*, by James Grant Wilson 1892; *The Story of the Huguenot-Walloon Settlement*, by Antonia H. Froendt for The Huguenot-Walloon New Netherland Commission New York.

The impact these Reformed Church believers made on the course of American history and culture is remarkable. By the 1660s, New Amsterdam, renamed “New York” in 1664 by the English, was at the forefront of a refined, new American courtier-class culture of educated, well-dressed, industrious people, and our industrious and polished Huguenot forefathers and their colonial Huguenot descendants practiced on the cutting edge of those highly-sought-after cultural qualities. Incidentally, early New Amsterdam-area Huguenots were also on the forefront of the propagation of new varieties of fruit trees, discussed later in this Cross. Many of our members today are descended from those Dutch, Walloon and Huguenot settlers of New Amsterdam, myself included, and are thus a product of that culture from early colonial American life.

*Outgoing***PRESIDENT GENERAL'S MESSAGE TO CONGRESS**

This officer has enjoyed being your President General over the last two years and representing all of you has been the highest honor imaginable. The trust you placed in your President was keenly felt, and this officer hopes you realized that she always put the Society and all of you first when making decisions. This officer has honestly and diligently tried to do the best job possible for our wonderful organization. Of course, there was no idea that her life would take some unexpected and dramatic turns with the illness and death of this officer's beloved husband as well as her precious father during her second term in office.

Fortunately, the NHS is blessed with a capable First Vice President General, Jo Lee Potts who kept things running smoothly during those difficult few months.

This officer cannot say enough good things about her Board: elected [general] officers and Honorary Presidents General. They have been diligent in all respects and have served our NHS well. In addition, our Society was well supported by excellent Committee Chairs and State Presidents. Thank you all from the bottom of this officer's heart.

This Society accomplished so much over the last two years: The ship pins that this officer donated to raise Endowment Funds have continued to sell and almost all are gone, being pure profit for the Society. The ship theme continued into this term,

"Membership, Friendship and Leadership." The California Society was brought back into the fold and is thriving. Scholarships and Scholarly Works Awards went to deserving students and authors.

Youth Contests encouraged our children to compete for awards and many received them. Two successful Congresses were held in Charlottesville and Huntsville. The Insignia Committee continued to revise and study our precious pins, and sashes and bows are now available in addition to the neck ribbons. In 2022 on the 450th Anniversary of the Massacre on St. Bartholomew's Day we offered a new pin in-house to raise money for our Society and to commemorate that important date in our collective history. An added bonus is that it was voted to be worn on the official ribbon. Our website continues to improve, and the monthly newsletter email blast has assisted our members in being connected to the Society and informed about events, deadlines, etc.

Now, our Society will look forward to the election of new national officers who will serve with fresh ideas and renewed enthusiasm.

The NHS is poised for a great future! This officer gave gifts during the Board meeting yesterday afternoon to thank our current officers for their dedicated service. Even though this

President General will be out of office, please remember the meaning of this administration's theme: Membership, Friendship and Leadership.

God bless all of you and our beloved National Huguenot Society.
It has been an honor to serve.

Janet Butler Walker

*Incoming***PRESIDENT GENERAL'S MESSAGE TO CONGRESS****Grateful, Thankful and the Art of Change**

Why is change so difficult? I was sitting in a master's course where we were told "if you can harness your fear of change, you can indeed accomplish anything".

I resist change because I like me, and I like where I am. I know that that everything, every day has a risk. Good risk is opportunity and bad risk is a threat. I know this. But I like me, and I like my routine. But even if I don't perceive the changes, everything changes around me, whether I like it or not.

I'm getting older, so is everyone around me. My car and house need repair. Every two years there is an administration change. I'm the same right? Because 'being' is easier than 'becoming,' why do I need to change?

I was honored to have been elected President General on 21 October 2023. With it came more change than even I could have ever imagined. First were all the bylaws changes. Okay, I can manage that. Then William (Bill) C. Buell V, passed. Oh no, but thankfully he had trained Kathy Totten. We started updating forms with new administration information and new dates for 2023/2024 and ran into challenges there. Where are the forms and who has them? Then we tried to change signatures on the bank accounts and had to change banks because of banking issues. The bank didn't like how we did our Minutes documents. Funny, we followed Roberts Rules of Order. About the same time that we ran into the banking issue, Hamilton Jewelry notified us they were changing their business model. Wait, stop, I thought all I was going to need to deal with was a bylaw change and some documents

My ancestors had no clue what they were walking into when they left for the colonies. What they knew was that the risk of staying with all of the threats was greater than the risk of going. Each step along the way, my ancestor has managed risk. Sometimes they stayed, sometimes they moved forward, and on one occasion, one of my ancestors returned to Ohio after moving to Virginia because the circumstances changed and his return to Ohio became the better choice.

You handle change better when you know more, (plan), you do better, (execute the plan). If it doesn't work, modify the plan. For each of these changes that either started to occur or have occurred, I have had a dedicated group of General Officers who have help me run a risk analysis to take the appropriate actions for the organization. While I am a big proponent of spontaneity as being wonderful for some activities, in a Society such as ours sometimes we need to be more strategic. With a phone call or a video chat or two, an analysis could be run with quick sound thinking. You will see a lot of planning in this administration and a lot of openness. I am truly grateful and thankful for my forefathers and mothers in every generation and what has been done for me. I am grateful for solid knowledge on how to create business plans.

Grateful and thankful for those who have come before. We have an amazing group of President Generals with an amazing knowledge base. We have some wonderful group of Past General Officers who are working on committees and supporting the new General Officers in ways I can never repay. The strength of an organization is in the light of its future and the depth of its talent. From the bottom of my heart thanks to each and everyone of you for your support of the National Huguenot Society.

Sincerely

Jo Lee Brooks Potts

Newly Elected NHS President General 2023-2025



NATIONAL HUGUENOT SOCIETY
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SAVE THE DATE!

for

THE 89TH CONGRESS of The National Huguenot Society

3 – 5 October 2024

The Hotel Contessa

306 W. Market St., San Antonio, TX 78205-2971

The 89th Congress of The National Huguenot Society will be held in San Antonio, Texas on the #1 attraction of that beautiful city--The San Antonio River Walk's Hotel Contessa.



Come see the second most-populous city in Texas. A city known for its rich history and modern attractions. A city with more than 300 years of history right at your doorstep. An ideal city in which to walk, San Antonio is home to some of the finest art museums, historical monuments, and delightful amusement parks to be found in Texas. The River Walk in Downtown San Antonio is beautiful beyond words, and a complete charm. We have the iconic Hotel Contessa just for you. Plus, There is The Alamo, the Natural Bridge Cavern, the San Antonio Missions, the San Fernando Cathedral, The San Antonio Museum, and the Japanese Tea Garden.

We have so much to show you in San Antonio as the home office of the National Huguenot Society. Come and explore, and take a look for yourself, fellow Huguenots and guests!



NATIONAL HUGUENOT SOCIETY
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CALL TO THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

of

The National Huguenot Society, Washington, D.C.

Wednesday, 10 April 2024 at 12:30 PM

*The John Paul Jones / Iwo Jima Room / ARMY & NAVY CLUB
901 17th St., NW (Farragut Square), Washington, DC 2006*

- 12:30 PM Registration and start of buffet luncheon:
All members and their guests are welcome - \$60.00/per person.
- 1:30 PM General Council Meeting
(General Officers, State Society Presidents; Chairman of Standing Committees).
- 3:00 PM Necrology Service led by Chaplain General – Rev. Joel Strauch.
- 3:30 PM Board of General Officers (Elected national officers as defined in the NHS Bylaws).
(A Zoom link is available for the general officers not in attendance.)
- 4:30 PM Benediction and Adjournment.

Dress Code: Gentlemen are required to wear a coat and necktie or a suit. Ladies' attire should be of comparable degree of formality.

If you park, you will be charged \$22. If you are not charged at the garage, you will need to notify the 3rd Vice President General that you parked, and remit the parking fee before leaving the property.

NAME(S): _____

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STATE(S) _____

NUMBER ATTENDING (@ \$60/person): _____

TOTAL: \$ _____ CHECK NUMBER: _____

Please RSVP by 31 March 2024

Mail Registration and check to the NHS Treasurer General:



NATIONAL HUGUENOT SOCIETY
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The National Huguenot Society
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, October 20, 2023

The meeting of the Board of General Officers of the Eighty-eighth Congress of the National Huguenot Society was called to order by President General, Janet Butler Walker, at 3:35 pm, on October 20, 2023, at the Idle Hour Country Club, Macon, Georgia.

President General Walker welcomed the Board members and appointed a committee of Mary Frisch and Joyce Patton to approve the minutes of the meeting. In the absence of Chaplain General Joel Strauch, for the invocation, the Lord's Prayer was recited in unison.

Minutes — An appointed committee read and approved the minutes of the meeting held on April 12, 2023. They were published in the Fall 2023 Issue of The Cross of Languedoc.

Treasurer General's Report — In the absence of Brenda Winter, Treasurer General, the Treasurer's Report was presented by Cathy Paunov, Counselor General. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes and incorporated herein by reference. The report reflects a balance of \$36,932.34 in the checking account. The report was accepted and will be filed subject to audit.

Officer Reports

President General Janet Walker — The President General deferred her full report to the Congress. She reminded Executive Committee members to provide Motion Cards for Recording Secretary Robin Towns, who will present recommendations to Congress for the motions adopted by the Executive Committee.

First Vice President General Jo Lee Potts — deferred report to Congress.

Second Vice President General Mary Frisch — deferred report to Congress.

Third Vice President General Marjorie Wilson — deferred report to Congress.

Secretary General Robin Towns — deferred report to Congress.

Corresponding Secretary General Nancy Schultz — deferred report to Congress.

Genealogist General Nancy Brennan — deferred report until Congress.

Counselor General Cathy Paunov - deferred report until Congress.

Parliamentarian Shirley Vanderbeck, PRP - deferred report until Congress.

Standing Committee Reports

Insignia, Jo Lee Potts, Chair

The Chair presented three new pins to be considered by Congress.

1. Dove Pin – *Member for Member pin*, made by *CityPride*.

Costs of set-up, mold, production, and sales price be recommended for approval as presented.

2. Years of Service Pin – made by *The Pin Center*

Member Eligibility would begin at 10 years of service; available for 10, 15, 20, 25, and 30 years of service. Design for the pin was presented, and costs for set-up, mold, production, and sales price be recommended for approval as presented.

3. Past State President's Pin – made by *The Pin Center*

To be presented to Past State Presidents (as an alternative to the Sterling Silver Star with 14 Karat gold Cross of Languedoc). Costs of set-up, mold, production, and sales price be recommended for approval as presented.

Distinguished Service Award Medal – Due to the current, ever-increasing cost of producing the 14 Karat Gold medal (\$5600 per medal), the Insignia Committee has investigated alternative products to produce at a more realistic cost for the society. After extensive research, the costs for set-up and production for several alternatives were presented. The Insignia Committee presented the best alternative for a Gold-plated, fine Silver medal, and recommended that this alternative be struck in the future, at a cost of One hundred Fifty-two Dollars (\$152.00) per medal. The Insignia Committee also recommended that the Silver Medal be struck in fine Silver.

Motion #1: On behalf of the Insignia Committee, Jo Lee Potts, Chair, moved that the society recommend to Congress the purchase of Dove/Member for Member Pins, as soon as able, from CityPride, in one (1) lot of twenty-five (25) pins, to be stored at the National Headquarters, and to be sold postpaid, to members at Thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) per pin.

Rationale: To help recognize and encourage members to bring in members.

Recommendation Adopted.

Motion #2: On behalf of the Insignia Committee, Jo Lee Potts, Chair, moved that the society recommend to Congress the purchase of Years of Service Pins, when able, from The Pin Center, in one (1) lot of fifty (50) pins, unengraved, to be stored at the National Headquarters, and to be sold postpaid to members at Twenty dollars (\$20.00) per pin.

Rationale: To recognize members for involvement in the society. Recommendation Adopted.

Motion #3: On behalf of the Insignia Committee, Jo Lee Potts, Chair, moved that the society recommend to Congress, the purchase, when able, of one (1) lot of fifty (50) Past State President's Pins, to be stored at National Headquarters, and to be sold only to state societies, postpaid, for Fifty dollars (\$50.00) per pin.

Rationale: Past President's Pin would serve as an alternative to the more expensive Past President's Sterling Silver Star with 14 Karat gold Cross of Languedoc, which state society may not be able to afford.

Recommendation Adopted.

Motion #4: On behalf of the Insignia Committee, Jo Lee Potts, Chair, moved that the society produce the Gold Distinguished Service Medal in the recommended Gold-plated fine Silver, and the Silver Medal also be produced in fine Silver.

Rationale: The material used for the medals has not been previously documented. The metal used in striking the medals is much more reasonable.

Recommendation Adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

It was moved by Robin Towns, and duly seconded, that the Board of General Officers approve the reimbursement of President General Janet Walker for expenses associated with the production of the Gold Distinguished Medals that were approved to be awarded to Nancy Brennan, Barbara MacManus, and Janice Lorenz during the 87th Congress on October 8, 2022, and General Council on April 12, 2023. Motion was seconded. Motion Adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

Cathy Paunov, Counselor General, reported that the IRS 990 Form must be files by the society's CPA firm. The society's CPA is managing the filing.

It was moved by Cathy Paunov, and duly seconded, that the Board of General Officers authorize Catherine Paunov to negotiate and sign the lease for three (3) years for the NHS Office located at 7340 Blanco Road, Suite 104, San Antonio, Texas. Motion Adopted.

Scholarship Committee: Ms. Paunov mentioned that a legal concern has been raised by recent IRS Private Letter Rulings (PLRs), which could impact eligibility for the society's Scholarships. She presented a recommendation for consideration by the Board of General Officers to be presented to the Scholarship Committee, as follows:

It was moved by Cathy Paunov, and duly seconded, that the Board recommend to Congress that in the future, the Scholarship Committee remove the requirement from the society's policy for Scholarship applicants and recipients to be members of the society in order to be eligible.

Rationale: The recommendation is made due to several recent IRS Private Letter Rulings, in order to protect the National Huguenot Society's 501©3 status. (*Note: 2023 proposed Bylaws Amendment to Article VIII: Section A, if adopted, would satisfy this concern.*)

President General Janet Walker presented gifts to the members of the Board in appreciation for their years of service in her administration.

Adjournment

There being no further business, President General Walker adjourned the Board meeting at 4:51 pm.

Robin R. Towns, Recording Secretary General





NATIONAL HUGUENOT SOCIETY
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The National Huguenot Society
88TH CONGRESS MINUTES
October 21, 2023

The 88th Congress of the National Huguenot Society was called to order by President General Janet Butler Walker at 10:14 a.m., on October 21, 2023, at the North Macon Presbyterian Church, Macon, Georgia.

President General Walker appointed a committee to read the minutes of the 88th Congress, consisting of Nancy Schultz, Illinois, and Judi Adams, Florida.

Rituals

- The Invocation was presented by Chaplain pro tem Dr. Cheryl Hunt-Clements.
- The Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Organizing Secretary General, Joyce Patton.
- The Huguenot Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Corresponding Secretary General Nancy Schultz.
- The Salute to the Huguenot Flag was led by Honorary President General Janice Lorenz.
- The Ritual was led by President General Janet Walker.
- Objects of the Society were presented by Counselor General Cathy Paunov.

Welcome President General Walker welcomed attendees to the Eighty-eighth Congress, and introduced the National Officers, Honorary Presidents General, National Committee Chairs, and State Society Presidents. She also introduced distinguished leaders of other societies.

First Credentials Report The First Credentials Report was presented by Third Vice President General Marjorie Wilson, Credentials Chair. Voting strength: 28. Report attached.

Quorum The chair declared a quorum present for the transaction of business.

It was moved by Marjorie Wilson, and duly seconded, that the Credentials Report be adopted as presented.

Motion Adopted.

President General Walker declared that the 88th Congress of the National Huguenot Society is assembled and called the meeting to order.

Program/Agenda The Program, Agenda, and Standing Rules for the 88th Congress were presented by First Vice President General Jo Lee Potts.

It was moved by Recording Secretary General Robin Towns, and duly seconded, that the members adopt the Program, Agenda, and Standing Rules as presented. Motion Adopted.

A copy of the Minutes for the meeting on April 15, 2023, was approved by a committee and printed in the Fall 2023 issue of The Cross of Languedoc. There were no corrections, and the minutes will be filed as approved.

President General Walker appointed Counselor General Cathy Paunov, as Timekeeper for Officer and Committee Chair Reports, allowing two (2) minutes for each report.

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

Officer Reports

President General Janet Walker delivered her Annual Report. Attached.

First Vice President General Jo Lee Potts delivered her report. Attached.

Second Vice President General Mary Frisch reported. Attached.

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

Chaplain Rev. Joel Strauch was absent. Report attached. The Memorial Service will be presented by Chaplain pro tem Cheryl Hunt-Clements, following the Congress Luncheon.

Recording Secretary General Robin Towns presented her report. Attached.

Corresponding Secretary General Nancy Schultz presented her report. Attached.

Organizing Secretary General Joyce Patton reported. Attached.

Treasurer General – In the absence of Brenda Winter, Cathy Paunov presented the Treasurer's Report. The report was accepted and filed for audit. Attached.

Registrar General – William Buell presented his report. Attached.

Historian General – In the absence of Sumner Hunnewell, the Recording Secretary General read his report. Attached.

Genealogist General – Nancy Brennan gave a brief oral report.

Counselor General – Cathy Paunov presented her report. Attached.

Honorary Presidents General – No reports.

Standing Committee Reports:

Awards for Scholarly Works – Co-chair Mary Margaret Buck reported. Attached.

Bylaws – In the absence of Chair Barbara MacManus, Janice Lorenz presented the Bylaws Committee Report.

Second Credentials Report Credentials Chair, Marjorie Wilson gave the second credentials report. Voting strength: 29 (Note: for a majority vote: 15 votes needed; for a two-thirds vote, 20 votes needed).

President General Walker appointed Tellers for the Bylaws Amendments, as follows: Christine Crosson of Delaware and Dr. Michael Black of Georgia.

Submitted by the Committee on Bylaws:

Barbara C. MacManus, Honorary President General, Chairman

Janice M. Lorenz, JD, Honorary President General

Nancy W. Brennan, Genealogist General

Sandra H. Staley, Honorary President General

Shirley B. Vanderbeck PRP, Parliamentarian

Bylaws amendments were presented, as follows:**Article II, Section A**

PREAMBLE: The National Huguenot Society, Inc., is not just a heritage organization, it is patriotic, religious, historical, and educational organization as stated in its articles of incorporation, and that is the basis for its IRS 501(c)3 tax exempt status. Many of the current members of the National Huguenot Society feel that the Protestant requirement for membership needs to be removed so that Huguenot descendants who are not Protestants can become members. Many others of our members joined our society because of the National Society's unique identity as a Protestant organization with its objectives and practices coinciding with the tenets of Huguenots' Protestant faith. The Committee on Bylaws was charged with exploring the possibility of reconciling those three concerns so that the Society would continue to maintain its Protestant practices and identity, but without the requirement that its Huguenot descendant members be Protestants. To that end, the Committee on Bylaws has developed and offers the following proposed Bylaws amendments that it believes will reconcile the objectives of protecting the religious aspect of the Society's tax-exempt status, maintaining the Protestant Christian organization it was originally intended to be, yet allowing our fellow Huguenot descendants who are not Protestants to join our Society.

Article II, Section A *As currently written:*

The objectives of the National Huguenot Society, Inc., hereinafter called the "National Society," are patriotic, religious, historical, and educational. The design of these objectives is to perpetuate the memory, the spirit, and the deeds of those men and women called Huguenots, who, because of their persecution in France on account of the basic tenets of their faith and their devotion to liberty, emigrated, either directly or through other countries, to North America and contributed by their character and ability to the development of the United States.

Article II, Section A *Proposed amended wording:*

The National Huguenot Society, Inc., hereinafter called the "National Society," is a Protestant Christian organization. The objectives of the National Society are patriotic, religious, historical, and educational. The design of these objectives is to perpetuate the memory, the spirit, and the deeds of those people called Huguenots, who, because of their persecution in France on account of the basic tenets of their Protestant faith and their devotion to liberty, emigrated, either directly or through other countries, to North America and contributed by their character and ability to the development of the United States. Expression of these objectives shall be reflected in the rituals, services, ceremonies, and memorials of the National Society and its State Member Societies, which shall be in keeping with the Protestant tenets of the faith of those Huguenots.

Rationale: This proposed amendment to Article II, Section A will clarify and reiterate the position of the National Huguenot Society, Inc., as a Protestant Christian entity and will assure that the National Society complies with the objectives stated in its Articles of Incorporation.

On behalf of the Bylaws Committee, Janice Lorentz moved the adoption of the amendment.

It was moved by Janice Lorenz (at the request of Virginia Society President/NHS Chaplain General Joel Strauch), and duly seconded, that the main motion be amended to remove the word "Christian" from Article II, Section A.

A Standing Vote was conducted. Results: *In Favor: 24; Opposed: 5.*

Amendment to the Main Motion was Adopted.

The Amendment to the original motion was adopted, to now read:**Article II, Section A**

The National Huguenot Society, Inc., hereinafter called the “National Society,” is a Protestant organization. The objectives of the National Society are patriotic, religious, historical, and educational. The design of these objectives is to perpetuate the memory, the spirit, and the deeds of those people called Huguenots, who, because of their persecution in France on account of the basic tenets of their Protestant faith and their devotion to liberty, emigrated, either directly or through other countries, to North America and contributed by their character and ability to the development of the United States. Expression of these objectives shall be reflected in the rituals, services, ceremonies, and memorials of the National Society and its State Member Societies which shall be in keeping with the Protestant tenets of the faith of those Huguenots.

On behalf of the Bylaws Committee, Janice Lorenz moved the adoption of the amended motion.

Discussion followed with positions in favor and positions opposed being allowed equal time.

President General Walker called for a vote on the amended Main Motion.

A Standing Vote was conducted. Results: *In Favor: 20; Opposed: 9.*

Main Motion as Amended was Adopted.

Article III, Section C***As currently written:*** 1. Regular Members

Persons wishing to become Regular Members shall be of the Protestant faith, sixteen (16) years of age or older, who adhere to the Huguenot principals of faith and liberty, and who are lineally descended in the male or female line from A Huguenot . . .

Proposed amended wording: 1. Regular Members

Persons wishing to become Regular Members shall be sixteen (16) years of age or older, who agree to endorse and support the objectives of the National Society, who adhere to the Huguenot principals of faith and liberty, and who are lineally descended in the male or female line from

a. A Huguenot . . .

As currently written: 2. Junior Members

Persons wishing to become Junior Members shall be of the Protestant faith, twenty-one (21) years of age or less, who adhere to the Huguenot principals of faith and liberty, and who fulfill the lineal requirements defined in Article III, C, 1., above.

Proposed amended wording: 2. Junior Members

Persons wishing to become Junior Members shall be twenty-one (21) years of age or less, who agree to endorse and support the objectives of the National Society, who adhere to the Huguenot principals of faith and liberty, and who fulfill the lineal requirements defined in Article III, C, 1., above.

As currently written: 5. Honorary Members

State Member Societies may elect to Honorary Membership any person of the Protestant faith, irrespective of Nationality or residence within or without the United States, who adheres to the Huguenot principals of faith and liberty, and who has made notable contributions . . .

Proposed amended wording: 5. Honorary Members

State Member Societies may elect to Honorary Membership any person, irrespective of Nationality or residence within or without the United States, who endorses and supports the objectives of the National Society, who adheres to the Huguenot principals of faith and liberty, and who has made notable contributions . . .

Rationale:

To remove the current qualification for membership that requires members to be of the Protestant faith and to require endorsement and support of the objectives of the National Huguenot Society.

As currently written: 7. Friends of the Huguenot Society

- b. To be eligible as a Friend of the Huguenot Society, an individual shall (i.) Support and adhere to the principles of faith and freedom of our Huguenot ancestors.

Proposed amended wording: 7. Friends of the Huguenot Society

- b. To be eligible as a Friend of the Huguenot Society, an individual shall (i.) Endorse and support the objectives of the National Society and adhere to the principles of faith and freedom of our Huguenot ancestors . . .

Rationale:

To uniformly incorporate the endorsement and support of the objectives of the National Society. On behalf of the Bylaws Committee, Janice Lorenz moved the adoption of the amendment. Discussion followed. A Standing Vote was conducted. Results: In Favor: 20; Opposed: 9. Motion Adopted.

Article XIII, Section A

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS AND OTHER SPECIAL FUNDS

A. Scholarship Funds

As currently written:

1. The Jacqueline Wells Dickey Scholarship Fund

- a. The Jacqueline Wells Dickey bequest of \$260,000.00 left to the National Huguenot Society is restricted to use as Scholarships.
- b. The recipient must be a member of The National Huguenot Society, Inc. (meeting all requirements for that membership).
- c. The recipient must be a student at an accredited college or graduate school who has had at least two semesters of history which include, in part, history of religion.
- d. The recipient must have completed at least two years of college, maintaining a 3.0 average.
- e. Scholarships are limited to \$5,000.00 per student.
- f. Need is not necessarily a factor.
- g. Scholarship checks will be issued directly to the educational institutions.

Proposed amended wording:

1. The National Huguenot Society administers scholarship programs to benefit worthy undergraduate and graduate student candidates. The source of funds for scholarships includes bequests, gifts, income, and capital gains from designated investments. Among the bequests and gifts are the following:

- a. The Jacqueline Wells Dickey Scholarship Fund
- b. The Lois Leffler Walker Scholarship Assist Fund, formerly administered by the Huguenot Society of Connecticut.

Rationale:

NHS now has two specifically designated scholarships to administer. Having administrative detail in the Bylaws is both cumbersome and not best practice. The Bylaws currently include such detail only for the Dickey Fund. The Administrative Policy Guidelines as approved by the Board provide in-depth detail for both Scholarships. This is addressed in the proposed new third section for this Article & Section below.

NOTE: No change is proposed for Paragraph 2. of this Section A of Article XIII

Proposed amendment to add new paragraph 3. to Section A of Article XIII as follows:

3. Scholarships are awarded under Administrative Policy Guidelines established by the Scholarship Committee, as informed by the grantor's bequest, and are periodically reviewed by the Board of General Officers per Article XII, Section B., 10. The Treasurer General, with guidance from the Finance Committee, will invest the scholarship funds in accordance with the Investment Policy of the Society, maintaining an investment account holding the scholarship funds and reporting the balances of the scholarship funds in the financial statement of the Society.

Rationale:

The Administrative Policy Guidelines were approved by the NHS Board of General Officers at its meeting of 6 October 2022 in Huntsville, Alabama.

Article XII Committees

10. Committee on Scholarships As currently written:

The Committee on Scholarships shall:

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

Proposed amendment: Delete subparagraph d. of Article XII, Section 10, Committee on Scholarships, which will be contingent upon passage of amendment to Article XIII, Section A., above.

Rationale:

The adoption of the proposed revision of Article XIII, Section A., 1. would make this subparagraph. irrelevant since the criteria referenced will be removed from the Bylaws and be contained in the previously approved Administrative Policy Guidelines.

On behalf of the Bylaws Committee, Janice Lorenz moved the adoption of the amendment. There was no discussion. Article XIII, Section A was adopted. Therefore, a Standing Vote was conducted on Article XII, Committees, Section 10, subparagraph (d) Committee on Scholarships to be deleted.

Results: In Favor: 28; Opposed: 0. Motion Adopted. (Note: one voter left before voting.)

Recess At 11:45 a.m., President General Walker declared Congress to be in recess at 11:45 a.m. for Morning Break, Congress Luncheon, and Memorial Service.

President General Walker reconvened Congress at 12:40 p.m.

Standing Committee Reports *(continued)*:

Finance – Christine Crosson reported. Attached

Genealogy – Nancy Brennan. No report.

Membership – Mary Frisch reported. Attached. Membership Awards were presented by Organizing Secretary General, Joyce Patton, to Florida, Georgia, Alabama, North Carolina, and Arkansas.

Programs & Arrangements – Jo Lee Potts presented her report. The next meeting will be held at The Army and Navy Club on Farragut Square, Washington, DC, on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 12:30 p.m.

89th Congress for 2024 – It was moved by Cathy Paunov, and duly seconded, that the 2024 Congress be held in San Antonio, Texas. Motion Adopted.

Publications – Janice Lorenz reported on the progress of the “2024 Register of Qualified Huguenot Ancestors” to be published in 2024. Attached.

Scholarships: In absence of Chair, Mary Long, the report was filed. Attached.

Youth Essay Contest – Martha Ann Whitt. No report.

Website – Sumner Hunnewell. Report was covered in the Historian General’s report.

Special Committee Reports

Insignia – Chair Jo Lee Potts reported. Attached.

The Chair presented three (3) new pins to be considered and approved by the Board of General Officers and approved by Congress.

4. Dove Pin – *Member for Member* pin, made by *CityPride*.

Costs of set-up, mold, production, and sales price were presented. .

Rationale: To help recognize and encourage members to bring in members.

5. Years of Service Pin – made by *The Pin Center*

Member Eligibility would begin at 10 years of service; available for 10, 15, 20, 25, and 30 years of service. Design for the pin was presented, and costs for set-up, mold, production, and sales price were presented. *Rationale*: To recognize members for involvement in the society.

6. Past State President’s Pin – made by *The Pin Center*

To be presented to Past State Presidents (as an alternative to the Sterling Silver Star with 14 Karat gold Cross of Languedoc). Costs of set-up, mold, production, and sales price were presented. *Rationale*: Past President’s Pin would serve as an alternative to the more expensive Past President’s Sterling Silver Star with 14 Karat gold Cross of Languedoc, which state society may not be able to afford.

Distinguished Service Award – Due to the current, ever-increasing cost of producing the 14 Karat Gold medal (\$5600 per medal), the Insignia Committee has investigated alternative products to produce at a more realistic cost for the society. After extensive research, the costs for set-up and production for several alternatives were presented. The Insignia Committee presented the best alternative for a Gold-plated, fine Silver medal, and recommended that this alternative be struck in the future, at a cost of \$152 per medal. The Insignia Committee also recommended that the Silver Medal be struck in fine Silver. *Rationale*: The material used for the medals has not been previously documented. The metal used in striking the medals is much more reasonable.

Motions

Motions from the Board of General Officers were read by Recording Secretary Robin Towns:

Motion #1: The Board of General Officers recommends that the society purchase Dove/Member for Member Pins, as soon as able, from CityPride, in one lot of twenty-five (25) pins, to be stored at the National Headquarters, and to be sold postpaid, to members at thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) per pin. Robin Towns moved that the recommendation be adopted as presented. Recommendation Adopted.

Motion #2: The Board of General Officers recommends that the society purchase Years of Service Pins, when able, from The Pin Center, in one lot of fifty (50) pins, unengraved, to be stored at the National Headquarters, and to be sold postpaid to members at Twenty dollars (\$20) per pin. Robin Towns moved that the recommendation be adopted as presented. Recommendation Adopted.

Motion #3: The Board of General Officers recommends that the society, when able, purchase one lot of fifty (50) Past State President's Pins, to be stored at National Headquarters, and to be sold only to state societies, postpaid, for fifty dollars (\$50) per pin. Robin Towns moved that the recommendation be adopted as presented. Recommendation Adopted.

Motion #4: The Board of General Officers recommends that the society produce the Gold Distinguished Service Medal in the recommended Gold-plated fine Silver, and that the Silver Medal also be produced in fine Silver. Robin Towns moved that the recommendation be adopted as presented. Recommendation Adopted.

Motion # 5: The Board of General Officers recommends that the reimbursement to President General Janet Walker for expenses associated with the production of the Distinguished Service Award Gold Medals that were approved to be awarded to Nancy Brennan, Barbara MacManus, and Janice Lorenz during the 87th Congress on October 8, 2022, and to Bill Buell during the General Council meeting on April 12, 2023, be approved. Robin Towns moved that the recommendation be adopted as presented. Recommendation Adopted.

Reports of State Society Presidents:

Alabama - Alice Jones. Report attached.

Arizona – John Thorne. No report.

Arkansas – Jerie Townsend. No report.

California – Shirley Vanderbeck, RPT presented the report. Attached.

Delaware – Christine Crossen reported. Attached.

District of Columbia – Lorraine Sims. No report.

Florida – Judy Adams. Report attached.

Georgia – Joyce Patton reported. Attached.

Illinois – Nancy Schultz reported. Attached.

Indiana – Sarah LaVorgna. No report.

Kansas – Kim Kincaid. No report.

Kentucky – Jolene Boyer. No report.

Maine – Edwin Garrett. No report.

Mississippi – Mary Margaret Buck reported. Attached

Missouri – Blair Pickard. No report.

Nebraska – Kathy Ocasio. No report.

Nevada – Kit Bowser. No report.

New Mexico – Virginia-Kay Massara. No report.

North Carolina – Ann Mueller reported. Attached.

Oklahoma – Becky Hold. No report.



Pennsylvania – Lydia Freeman. No report.
Tennessee – Ginger Bish. No report.
Texas – Jerry Chenault. No report.
Virginia – Janice Lorenz reported. Attached
Washington – Marissa Goldenman. No report.

Unfinished Business None.

New Business

President General Walker acknowledged that the previously approved recipients of the *Distinguished Service Awards*, Barbara MacManus, Nancy Brennan, Janice Lorenz, and Bill Buell had each received a Gold Medal for their outstanding service to the Society.

Report of Nominating Committee 2023-2025

Members serving on the Nominating Committee are: Sandra Staley, Chair, Jerry Chenault, Nancy Schultz, Mary Frisch, and Robin Towns. Nancy Schultz reported on the work of the committee and presented the Slate.

President General: Jo Lee Potts
First Vice President General: Robin Towns
Second Vice President General: Nancy Schultz
Third Vice President General: Joyce Patton
Chaplain General: The Rev. Joel Strauch
Recording Secretary General: Elizabeth Sewell
Corresponding Secretary General: Marjorie Wilson
Organizing Secretary General: Karen Pogoloff
Treasurer General: Cathy Paunov
Registrar General: Kathy Totten
Historian General: Sumner Hunnewell
Counselor General: Lynn Ostfeld
Genealogist General: Nancy Brennan

Election of Officers. President General Janet Walker called for nominations from the floor for each office individually. There were no further nominations, and the chair declared the nominations closed. Pursuant to the bylaws, when there is only one (1) candidate for each office, the election may be held by viva voce or acclamation. The chair declared the candidates elected by acclamation.

Ratification of the Actions of the Board of General Officers:

It was moved by Recording Secretary General, Robin Towns, and duly seconded, that all acts of the Board of General Officers and the Executive Committee, as reported and business conducted from April 15, 2023 through October 21, 2023, including any business transacted during the same period by electronic meetings, be affirmed, ratified, and approved by the members and made effective as official actions of the organization.

Motion Adopted.

Resolution: A Resolution by the Board of General Officers was read into the Minutes by Recording Secretary General, Robin Towns, honoring the Huguenot Society of Georgia and its President, Joyce Ball Patton, for hosting the 88th Congress in Macon, Georgia, on October 19-21, 2023. Attached.

RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE HUGUENOT SOCIETY OF GEORGIA

Whereas: The Huguenot Society of Georgia has gone above and beyond the call of duty in performing their task of hosting the 88th National Huguenot Society Annual Congress in Macon, Georgia, on October 19-22; and

Whereas: The members planned fun and exciting events for October 19 and 20 for attendees to enhance their experience of coming to Georgia for Congress; and

Whereas: Georgia Huguenot State President, Joyce Ball Patton, and her wonderful committee members, especially Robin Towns and Marjorie Wilson, worked tirelessly and diligently to implement the plans and complete all arrangements.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Officers of the National Huguenot Society hereby declare that they are forever grateful to the Huguenot Society of Georgia for all their hard work in making the 2023 Congress a success.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands THE 21st day of October, 2023.

President General Janet B. Walker

First Vice President General Jo Lee Potts

Presentations

On behalf of the Georgia Society, Marjorie Wilson presented President General, Janet Walker, with a gift of a lovely, blue and gold Fleur de lis design evening bag in appreciation for her service to the society. Mrs. Walker expressed her sincere thanks for the recognition.

Vice President General, Jo Lee Potts, presented President General Walker with two (2) sets of novelty wine glasses in appreciation of her service to the National Society. Mrs. Walker thanked her for the honor.

Honorary President General

It was moved by Recording Secretary General Robin Towns, and duly seconded, to elect Janet Butler Walker as Honorary President General of the National Huguenot Society. Motion Adopted.

Announcements

President General Walker announced that the next meeting will be held at The Army and Navy Club in Washington, DC, on Wednesday, April 10, 2024.

President General Walker requested that all reports and photos be sent to
The Cross of Languedoc Editor, Janice Lorenz.

The Installation of the newly elected General Officers was conducted by
Honorary President General, Janice Lorenz, following adjournment of the 88th Congress.

The benediction was given by Chaplain pro tem, Dr. Cheryl Hunt-Clements.

There being no further business, President General, Janet Walker, adjourned the 88th Congress at 1:55 p.m.

Robin R. Towns
Recording Secretary General

OUTGOING FIRST VICE PRESIDENT GENERAL'S REPORT TO CONGRESS 2023

It has been an honor serving during the Walker administration. Robin Towns, Brenda Winter, and I completed the arrangements for the Mid-Year Spring Gathering in Washington, D.C. at the Army and Navy Club for April 10, 2024. The event will be an afternoon event starting at 12:30 pm and including a buffet lunch.

The new eBook guide "Everything You Need to Know About Hosting a Successful Congress" is through final edits, completed, and ready to be posted to the website. A request has been made to see if this can be published. Publishing cost will be checked from a couple of sources and available shortly.

I continued to update forms and answer questions as necessary.

I am still updating the Huguenot State Presidents' Guide. The Guide, which was last updated in 2017 needs to be brought in line with the 2020 and 2021 By law revisions. The work is not complete and will continue the update in the next term.

It is an honor and privilege to serve the Society.

Jo Lee Potts

OUTGOING SECOND VICE PRESIDENT GENERAL

This officer attended the April 2023 meeting in Washington, DC. And the October meeting in Macon, Georgia. All Members At Large were contacted by email or US postal service. Eight emails bounced and those members were sent letters by post. Some members-at-large replied by telephone call, email or post. The members-at-large I contacted were made aware of the October meeting in Macon, GA. And asked to send questions or concerns they would like addressed at this meeting. No one contacted me with questions or concerns about issues at the upcoming meeting. I did get a question about where to send dues and a query regarding membership cards and whether the cards were still being issued annually.

This officer served on the Nominating Committee. And, she assisted with new member inquiries and applications, on request.

It's a pleasure to serve as Second Vice President in this administration under the leadership of NHS President General Janet Walker.

Mary Bannister Frisch



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

For the Period June 2023 to December 31, 2023

Alabama

Curtis Wilson Posey, Jr.

California

Hayley Anne Truitt

Kimberly Susan Rhode Harryman

Delaware

David Adair Crossan, Jr.

Florida

Diane Marie O'Neill Kepus

Kevin Corey Depuy

Valorie Ann Sherman

Anne Hopkins Mullen Kutchmire

Lindell Lee Mullen Dye

Georgia

Patricia Ann Baugh Thompson

Kathy Diane Smith

Katherine Rogers Wynn Griffis

Katherine Rogers Griffis

Kenneth Harrison Thomas, Jr.

Mary Louise Nelson Goehring

Mary Catherine Iedford Scott

Members At Large

Harry Merritt House

Cheryl Lee House-Grace

John Charles Morgan

New Mexico

Majel Lee Fritz Powell

North Carolina

Barbara Louise McArthur Ray

Brenda Lane McArthur

Horne-Hamilton

Marie Adele Hiott McEntire

Jonathan Robert Battle

Deborah Kay Blodgett Conken

Brenda Ann Meeks Colby

Oklahoma

Jane Hurst McPhail Harris

Pennsylvania

Linda Stoltzfus Rosenblum

Texas

Karen Fletcher McCloskey

New Junior Members June-December 2023 (16)

California

Daniel Brian Andrew Worrell

Ryan Richard Worrell, Jr.

Delaware

Samuel Joseph Crossan

William Kenneth Crossan

Jack Ryan Crossan

Florida

Lola Mairae Howes-Solomon

Milo James Howes-Williams

Oliver Orion Attcus Worrell

North Carolina

Caroline Grace Smiley

Bo Stonewall Smiley

Lauryn Elaine Smiley

Maeilyn Maree Smiley

Peyton Nicole Smiley

Abigail Bexley Eatmon

Jackson Christophre Eatmon

John Robert Harman, III

Reinstatements

June-December 2023

Georgia

Mary Anne Stokes Moore

North Carolina

Charles Robert Wade

Members Submitting Supplementals June- December 2023

Arizona

Scott Martorano

Joris Rapalje

Willem Adriaense Bennet

Matthys Blanchan

Members At Large

Kimberly Knepper

Jan Montfort

Guillaume Deplancque

Texas

Katherine Pace Totten

Nicolas Fontaine

Cathleen Pyburn Tutt

Simon de Ruine

Joris Jansen de Rapalje

Catalyntje Trico

LT. COL. (RET) WILLIAM COLLINS BUELL V

January 1, 1934 – November 28, 2023

By President General Jo Lee Potts

What is my purpose? I asked my dad.

His response; “To leave this world a better place.”

With that in mind, a man who lived up to that purpose as good as anyone: William (Bill) Collins Buell V – A NHS Distinguished Service Gold Medallion Recipient

When I first met Bill Buell, I found him a bit gruff. The words “cuddly teddy bear” did not spring to mind. Over the years, Bill and I hit heads more than once or twice, ball bats and boxing gloves used on occasion. Make note – all good engineers do bat heads. And after more than one spirited exchange, we walked away to agree to disagree. That is what professions who respect other professions do when caught at an impasse. Please take further note: If everyone around you agrees all the time, something is wrong. Bill and I both knew this precious fact.

Born on New Years Day, 1934, you know you are in trouble when you are the 5th in line. His parents were William Collins Buell IV and Ruth Evelyn Stonebrook Buell. What an amazing legacy, since the first William Collins Buell born was in Bloomfield, NY, in 1825. Bill had done genealogy research for more than 45+ years and started with his first society acceptance to the Sons of the American Revolution in 1956 while a student at West Point.

It needs to be said, that Bill was not your typical West Pointer. He had not become chummy with a congressman, nor had his dad known someone. No, Bill was that rare student who had entered this prestigious school via the service via the U.S. Army as an enlisted man. He served in the 2d LT Artillery division stationed in Korea during the war, working himself up into a Sergeant’s roll. He later was stationed at Stewart AFB in NY at the USMA Pre-school, and he was recommended to be sent to West Point. From the Point, he graduated with a BS General Science with a major in Engineering and minors in Spanish and English.

He was a sharpshooter in the artillery division and somewhere along the way, he picked up a Purple Heart. I could never get him to tell me where and no one else could either. Trust me, several of us tried.

His military career, all in the US Army spanned from 1959-1981, with service in Korea, Hawaii, Spain, Vietnam (2 tours), Germany, Panama, and the Dominican Republic. Retired, LTC in 1981. Airborne/Ranger, 2 awards of the Legion of Merit; 2 Bronze Star Medals; Purple Heart; Defense Meritorious Service Medal; Air Medal; Joint Service Commendation Medal; Army Commendation Medal with 3 OLC & V device (valor); RVN Cross of Gallantry with Silver Star and Palm.

Along the way he then picked up a Master of Arts in Spanish from Middlebury College, VT 1965; and became an Instructor & Assistant Professor of Spanish USMA 1965-1967; Russian Teacher, Cameron College, OK, 1976 (night school); High School Latin, Spanish, Russian teacher; Dean of Faculty & Instruction, Vice Principal, Tennis Coach, in San Antonio, TX 1982-1997. Home School Teacher, Latin & Spanish, 1998-2005.



Bill Buell with President General Janet Walker at Congress 2023 in Macon, Georgia, shortly before God called him home.

On occasion at our dinners, he would break out “the bling” and fall into what we call the “Chandelier” category. He was a member of numerous Heritage Societies including: The National Huguenot Society and the Huguenot Society of Texas; The Society of the Cincinnati; The Crown of Charlemagne; The Plantagenet Society; The Somerset Chapter of Magna Charta Barons; The Order of Descendants of the Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company; The General Society of Mayflower Descendants; Sons of the American Revolution; Sons of the Republic of Texas; General Society of Colonial Wars, The Order of Founders and Patriots; General Society of the War of 1812; and Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Served as Registrar of the Huguenot Society of TX, 2012-2017; Registrar General of the National Huguenot Society, 2017-2023; Flag Bearer of the San Antonio Colony, Magna Charta Dames & Barons; and previously as Corresponding Secretary of the TX Division of the Magna Charta Dames & Barons. He co-authored the latest Huguenot Registry Update and will be listed as a co-author when the new “Register of Qualified Ancestors” is released.

One may think that all Bill did was sit around with his nose in a book or computer screen. But anyone who knew him knew that his greatest love was playing tennis 3 days a week in the Super Seniors group and his three children Johanna Slatton-Buell, Sara Sanders-Buell, and William Buell VI. Don’t forget his cats, Dexter and Buddy. Who made or who were asked to make appearances on screen if not seen in any video call.

We will miss our shopkeeper, teddy bear, keeper of knowledge and lover of all things good and just. Leave this world a better place, my father said, I think we can all agree, Bill has done an excellent job of that.



A LOVING TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM COLLINS BUELL, V

By Chaplain General Joel Strauch

Sad morning, Huguenot friends,

We all share our grief in Bill Buell’s passing, and our hearts go out to him, his family and friends, as he was taken from us so suddenly. He left us while he was still vital, suffering from a burst blood vessel, playing his beloved game of tennis, undoubtedly with long-time friends.

I will remember Bill as a truly dedicated fellow Huguenot, who selflessly contributed immeasurably to make our Society what it is today - a functioning association – a community of goodwill - with processes and rules. Bill always responded effectively to the many demands that we all brought to him in a straight-forward and honest manner as Registrar General.

We are all blessed to have known and worked with Bill, and we will cherish his legacy of maintaining the highest standards in all his relationships with responsiveness and friendship.

Rest in peace, dear Bill,

Joel

Rev. Joel E. Strauch, CFA®, Chaplain General
The National Huguenot Society

OUR DEARLY DEPARTED HUGUENOT BRETHREN

Those Huguenot Members Called Home to God Since the Spring 2023 Cross Publication

Arkansas

Nadine Hardin-Miller, NHS
Honorary President General

Arizona

Penelope Ann Nay Wood

California

Hayley Anne Truitt
Lana Lou Nail Patterson

Florida

Charles Beck
Billy Brashear

Georgia

Reba Louis Moore Cole
Kate Orr Messer



Illinois

Mary Lou Delahunt
Ruth Holecek
James Falvy Barr, Jr.

Kentucky

Betsy Kuster

Members at Large

James Moise Mouliere
Van D. Sindelar

Mississippi

Billie Breedlove
Marlene Wilkinson

Pennsylvania

Winfield Foreman
Charles Rose

Texas

William Collins Buell, V
Doris Walters Franke
Ruth Morgan
Anne Colista DeuPree Duke

Washington

Margaret Riviere

As we compile the lists of our dearly departed members for our memorial service and publication of the *In Memoriam* in The Cross, we recognize more of our recent leaders who have shared their time and talent to guide the National Huguenot Society.

In this semi-annual Chaplain General Report we focus on two of our leaders who passed away in 2023: Nadine Hardin Miller, William C. Buell and James Falvy Barr. Nadine greeted me warmly when I first joined the Board of General Officers and has shared her support and friendship over the years, listening attentively to our discussions and sharing her advice and counsel.

Bill Buell was a devoted leader in his understanding and managing the NHS "Central Command" in San Antonio, overseeing the application process for new members, maintaining our membership records for over 1,400 plus members, and responding to myriad requests from active and future members. He was always available to help us resolve issues that inevitably pop up.

Jim Barr was a vital leader in the Huguenot Society of Illinois, serving as their President and using his accounting and business expertise to enhance their success. He energetically engaged and enrolled numerous extended family members in our National and State Societies and leaves a wonderful legacy.

Like Nadine, Bill and Jim, we all offer our personal touch to our Society, and we recognize their bountiful gifts that they have shared with us over the decades of selfless service.

Rest in peace, Nadine, Bill and Jim.

Rev. Joel E. Strauch, Chaplain General



HUGUENOT INFLUENCE UPON FRUIT HORTICULTURE IN THE NEW AMSTERDAM AREA

By Janice Murphy Lorenz

In the original introduction of the Pear as a fruit into this country, the French Huguenots bore a prominent part. In preparing for their exile, they doubtless selected the seeds of their best varieties, and planted them around their homes in the New World. This is evidenced by the multitude of aged trees (many of them producing fine varieties) in the immediate neighborhood of their first settlements, particularly on Long Island and at New Rochelle, in Michigan, and Illinois. It is not a little curious to observe how the taste and preference for this fruit has survived in the countries through which the Huguenots passed in their flight, or where they temporarily sojourned. Belgium and Holland have produced more fine varieties, and more eminent cultivators, of this fruit than all the rest of the world.... The Columbia Pear originated in Westchester County, New York, supposed to be from seedlings planted by the French Huguenots.... It is a favorite with marketmen....

Pear Culture. A Manual. By Thos. W. Field. New York: A.O. Moore, Agricultural Book Publisher (1859) at 15, 198-199.

In 1660, a dozen Huguenots settled Bushwick, Long Island and others settled in Flushing. They left a skilled horticultural legacy of Lady Apple, the Belle Pear, and the Pomme Royale or Spice Apple fruit trees, particularly in their early years at Flushing, Long Island. It has been said that "Many of the earliest introductions of named varieties of the pear, including White Doyenne, St. Germain, Brown Beurre, Virgouleuse, were made by the French Huguenots, who settled about Boston and New York shortly after the revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685." "The Huguenots who settled at New Rochelle and on the north shore of Long Island brought with them a variety of French fruits, and the interest thus created in horticulture resulted in the establishment of this first nursery."

There is even a Henri Quatre French Pear, and a Huguenot Pear. The Huguenot Pear originated with a Mr. Johonnot of Salem, Massachusetts. It has been described as being rather dry. It is unknown whether Johonnot was of Huguenot descent, but don't you suspect he might have been?

Sources: *Early Long Island: A Colonial Study*. Martha Bockée Flint. New York and London: G. P. Putnam's Sons (1896) at 183-185; Smiles, *The Huguenots: Their Settlements, Churches, and Industries in England and Ireland*. New York: Harper & Brothers (1867), see Appendix at 442; *The Apples of New York* v1 by S. A. Beach, N.O. Booth and O.M. Taylor. Albany: J. B. Lyon Company (1905) at 10, 12-13; and *The Fruits and Fruit-Trees of America* by A. J. Downing, Second Revision by Charles Downing. New York: John Wiley and Sons (1890) at 782, 786.



HUGUENOT-WALLOON NEW AMSTERDAM TIMELINE

By Janice Murphy Lorenz

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| <p>1492 Discovery of the New World</p> <p>1624 First permanent Dutch settlement of Huguenots and Walloons at New Amsterdam</p> <p>1626 Peter Minuit purchased Manhattan for the Dutch East India Company</p> <p>1645 A stone church was constructed in Fort Amsterdam, which lasted until an insurrection destroyed it in 1741.</p> <p>1653 Pieter Le Feber, a Huguenot, successfully petitioned the New Amsterdam Council to sell his medicinal water, as the forerunner of patented medicines.</p> <p>1654 First Jewish settlers arrived to become early participants in the new trades being formed</p> <p>1664 New Amsterdam surrenders to a bloodless English conquest, and the colony is renamed New York.</p> <p>1670s By the 1670s, the population of New Amsterdam was still primarily Dutch, but still also consisted of Huguenot refugees seeking shelter from religious persecution by the French kings</p> <p>1668 New Amsterdam had achieved a high level of metropolitan social status and polish. Judith Bayard, granddaughter of a Huguenot, led the way by virtue of her demeanor, high fashion sense, and musical abilities. Not to mention that her education was so highly sophisticated that she was able to educate all of her sons “in almost every branch of a practical business education.”</p> <p>1680s Many Huguenots by this time had held mayoral and other important government offices.</p> <p>1685 King Louis XIV of France revoked the Edict of Nantes and escalated his persecution of Huguenots. This prompted an even larger exodus of Reformed Church believers from France.</p> <p>1688 Huguenots held services in a small building in New Amsterdam on Marketfield street, located halfway between Whitehall and Broad streets. In the same year, 33 Huguenot families docked at Hudson Park, and settled the town of New Rochelle, in Westchester County, New York, north of New Amsterdam/New York City, on land sold to the controversial Huguenot leader, Jacob Leisler, by Sir John Pell, Lord of Pelham Manor in New York. A monument naming those families is found in Hudson Park. Leisler and his family was to pay Pell one “Fat Calf” yearly in a feudal practice they had agreed to. New Rochelle quickly established its unique Huguenot character and became renowned for its French culture and education. Parents from all areas vied to send their children to be educated there, particularly at the Trinity boarding school, which apparently is not extant in 2024.</p> | <p>1704 The cornerstone was laid for a French Huguenot Church located on Pine Street in New York City. Huguenots of New Rochelle reportedly traveled on foot to this Pine Street Huguenot Church to attend Sabbath services.</p> <p>1743 Huguenot Aman Guion conveyed land to the church wardens for a church building to be erected in New Rochelle. The third iteration of the church building, which dates back to its cornerstone laid in 1862, stands today. Per Trinity St. Paul’s website, the building includes stained glass windows dedicated to their early Huguenot ministers, as well as some stained glass windows designed by one of the Tiffany family, which we know was of Huguenot descent. The church tower also possesses the original bell from the Pine Street L’Eglise du St. Esprit church. Its Huguenot Burying Ground holds more than 400 Huguenots and Siwanoy Indian friends, albeit after suffering various assorted and unfortunately confusingly vague relocations.</p> <p>1762 King George III of England gave Trinity St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in New Rochelle its first charter.</p> <p>1769 North Dutch Reformed Church located at Wilton and Fulton Streets, New York City, was dedicated, with a lovely inscription. It was demolished in 1875, according to the Library of Congress.</p> <p>1776 During the Revolutionary War, the British who ruled New York converted the Pine Street Huguenot church into a storehouse, damaging it considerably.</p> <p>1789 George Washington was inaugurated as the first President. At that time, the New Rochelle parish church was 101 years old. [See parish website for more information.]</p> <p>1796 Repairs to the Huguenot Church on Pine Street were completed, allowing worship services there to resume.</p> <p>1803 The Pine Street church became part of the Episcopal Church, taking on the name “L’Église Française du Saint Esprit.” It values its Huguenot heritage and continues to offer services in the French language in addition to its services conducted in English, according to its website.</p> <p>1832 L’Église Française du Saint Esprit and its congregation moved to Twenty-second street between Fifth and Sixth avenues. Note: it is now located at 109 E 60th Street, New York, NY. Its website in 2024 describes its purpose as an “aim to unite a diverse francophone and Francophile community in Christian fellowship characterized by a warm welcome and the spiritual values of inclusivity, freedom and liberty.”</p> <p>1863 The current church building for the Trinity Saint Paul Parish church in New Rochelle was opened, while Abraham Lincoln was president of the United States.</p> |
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Memories of our 88th



Thursday Night at the 1842 Inn



Thursday Night attendees relaxing, including the late beloved Bill Buell



Thursay Night attendees



Thursday Night beautiful dishware supplied by members of the Georgia Society



Bus Tour of Macon



(left) Thursday Night Speaker, Cheryl Bloodworth Aultman, regarding her book, *The War Outside My Window*

Photographs are courtesy credit Virginia Wolf, Janet Butler Walker and Janice Lorenz. We had to choose from a fantastic array of 60 photographs of the three-day Congress event, so please forgive the fact that we ran out of space before including a photo of everyone who attended. The beautiful ambience of personal china dishware, flower arrangements, and fun were courtesy The Huguenot Society of Georgia

Congress in Macon, Georgia



Board Meeting



Banquet: Georgia Treasurer Michael Black's cordial discussion with Speaker Sidney Lanier, the Huguenot poet



Banquet: A group photograph. We did the best we could to fit everyone in!



Gift of Wine Glasses to outgoing President General Janet Butler Walker, and to "Not Janet"

Congress:
The elegant Memorial Service led by Chaplain pro tem Dr. Cheryl Hunt-Clements (GA) and our new NHS Third Vice President General Joyce Patton (GA), with PG Walker.



Congress: The Georgia Society and Georgia Society President Joyce Patton, and her wonderful Committee members--newly-elected NHS Corresponding Secretary Marjorie Wilson (GA), and newly-elected NHS First vice President General Robin Towns (GA)--were honored by the NHS Board and Congress by a Resolution recognizing the magnificent Congress event they organized and delivered on behalf of the Georgia Society for NHS. Pictured here with outgoing President General Janet Walker (GA).



Congress: Janice installs the newly-elected General Officers. Outgoing President General Janet Butler Walker was elected as an Honorary President General (she was separately installed by Janice; not pictured here).

CHAPLAIN GENERAL

Report to Congress 2023

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 Washington, DC, in our Annual General Council meeting in April 2023. We include the following members in the memorial service and can include others if they are called to our attention before the beginning of the service:

Reading of the Roll of the Faithful Departed:

Arkansas

Nadine Hardin Miller

Mississippi

Billie Breedlove

Florida

Charles Beck

Charles Baker

Thelma Abel

Texas

Doris Walters Franke

Ruth Morgan

Anne DeuPree Duke

Georgia

Reba Louis Moore Cole

Kate Orr Messer

Members at Large

James Moise Mouliere

Van D. Sindelar

Penelope Ann Nay Wood

Illinois

Mary Lou Delahunt

Ruth Holecek

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 and now serve as its Treasurer. Over the past six months we have coordinated the discussions of our state society on the proposed revision of the bylaws of the National Huguenot Society and reached a general consensus, albeit with diverse positions aired and seriously considered. We have asked Janice Lorenz, a member of HSV, to articulate our position in the Annual Congress meetings, that we support opening membership to those of other faiths, while maintaining our rituals and focus on the Huguenots history and faith and describing the National Huguenot Society as a Protestant organization (rather than a Protestant Christian organization).

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

REGISTRAR GENERAL (2023 YEAR-END REPORT)

With many thanks to Registrar General William C Buell, V, this has been a busy and successful year.

Since 1 January 2023, 59 New Member Applications have been approved, 11 of which are Junior members.

- 25 Members have been reported deceased. The current Member Count stands at 1,391.
- 5 New Ancestors have been added to the Register of Qualified Huguenot Ancestors, and 3 Ancestors have been revised.
- 21 Insignia Orders were approved, and 76 Address changes were made 270 Queries were responded to. Deposited Dues, Fees, Store Sales, and Recovered Funds totaled: \$8,377.42.
- 99 store items have been sold, packaged and mailed. Best sellers were:
 - 21 copies of the 2020 Update to the Register
 - 11 copies of the Huguenot Lineage Research Book 13 copies of the 2012 Register of Qualified Ancestors
 - 12 copies of the 2016 Update to the Register
 - 8 President General's Lapel Ship Pins 6 St Bartholomew's Pins
 - 5 Mens Neckties
- Other items sold, totaled 23

Last Item. The *2024 Register of Qualified Huguenot Ancestors* is in the final stages of editing and formatting, by Registrar General Bill Buell, Genealogist General Nancy Brennan and Honorary President General Janice Lorenz.

This concludes the Year End Report.

Katherine Pace Totten, Registrar General

ANNOUNCING A CHANGE IN PROCEDURES AND BUSINESS MODEL BY HAMILTON JEWELERS

EFFECTIVE ON 12/31/23, WE WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTING INDIVIDUAL INSIGNIA ORDERS. PLEASE CONTACT YOUR INSIGNIA CHAIRPERSON FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

ALL ORDERS PLACED BY 12/31/23 WILL BE FULFILLED, BUT PLEASE ANTICIPATE A DELAY IN PROCESSING AS WE TRANSITION OUR BUSINESS.

IF YOUR ORDER CANNOT BE FULFILLED, WE WILL CONTACT YOU.

WE APOLOGIZE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE, THANK YOU.

This announcement posted to the Hamilton Insignia website January 1, 2024. On or about 11 December 2023, the NHS Society was notified by Hamilton of this change. At the cutoff date for articles for The Cross of Languedoc, this announcement and information is too new to have a solution.

The Insignia Committee has met along with the Registrar General, the Treasure General, and Members of the Finance Committee to working on possible solutions. Hopefully, by the time you receive your Cross of Languedoc we will have a resolution.

Please follow the Insignia Committee postings in the Monthly Newsletter where we will have monthly updates. We have several viable alternatives. This "inconvenience" is only temporary.

Please wear your insignia with pride. You have earned it.

Jo Lee Potts

President General and Insignia Committee Chairman

TREASURER GENERAL'S YEAR END REPORT

I am pleased to report for the first time as your Treasurer General. The National Huguenot Society continues a sound financial condition for the year ending December 31, 2023. We operate within our means, providing funds for our scholarship and award recipients, as well as services to our membership. Many thanks to the Finance Committee Chair, Joel Strauch, and the Committee itself for assisting in the transition from the previous administration. I look forward to working with them and the Society's Board in ensuring continued financial stability and timely reporting.

Cathy Paunov, Esq.
Member, State Bar of Texas

NATIONAL HUGUENOT SOCIETY 2023 CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENT

01/01/2023 to 12/31/2023, Catherine Paunov, Treasurer General
(Wells Fargo Account)

				Income Actual	Receipts Actual
				01/01/2023 to 12/31/23	01/01/2023 to 12/31/23
OPERATING INCOME		Actual 2022	Budget 2023		
Dues	State Dues	\$ 36,220	\$ 37,325	\$ 26,644	\$ 26,644
	MAL Dues	2,271	-	1,352	1,352
Fees	Fees Income	2,764	3,000	4,780	4,780
Sales	Book Sales	1,323	1,500	1,850	1,850
	Store Sales	2,886	3,000	1,456	1,456
	Lightning Source/Amazon	785	800	693	693
Donations	Donation income	470	1,000	1,173	1,173
	Pin donation	874	500	72	72
Events	Board Mtg In	1,485	1,500	1,935	1,935
	Congress Income	-	9,500	-	-
	Investment Income				23,622
	Reclaimed Property*				687
	Transfer In				33
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME		\$ 49,078	\$ 58,125	\$ 39,955	\$ 64,298

				Expenses Actual 01/01/2023 to 12/31/23	Expenditures Actual 01/01/2023 to 12/31/23
OPERATING EXPENSES		Actual 2022	Budget 2023		
Overhead	Office Rent	\$ 8,336	\$ 8,484	\$ 9,246	9,246
	Office Supplies	534	800	491	491
	Shipping	1,047	2,000	1,087	1,087
	Liability Insurance	362	365	365	365
	D&O Insurance	1,539	1,570	1,539	1,539
	Bank Fee	\$ -	\$ -	-	-
	Website	\$ 325	\$ 350	191	191
	Tax Accountant	\$ 1,315	\$ 1,400	1,410	1,410
	Youth Contest	\$ 900	\$ 900	850	850
Awards	Scholarly Works Award	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	1,000	1,000
	Scholarship Award	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	5,000	5,000
	Lois Lefler Walker Assist Scholarship	\$ 500	\$ 1,800	1,800	1,800
Publications	Printing	\$ 14,546	\$ 15,821	15,157	15,157
	Cross Postage	\$ 1,639	\$ 2,800	2,113	2,113
Store	Store Inventory	\$ -	\$ 1,500	-	-
Events	Board Mtg Exp	\$ 2,311	\$ 1,500	2,840	2,840
	Congress Expense	\$ 1,431	\$ 10,500	1,611	1,611
	Speaker fees	\$ -	\$ 400	930	930
	Donation Expense	\$ 1,115	\$ 435	100	100
Travel Allowance	President	\$ -	\$ 1,000	560	560
	Registrar	\$ 241	\$ 500	224	224
	Transfer Out	-			410
	Reorganized Society				-
TOTAL OPER EXPENSES		\$ 42,141	\$ 58,125	\$ 46,514	\$ 46,924
NET INCOME/(LOSS)		\$ 6,937	\$ (0)	\$ (6,559)	\$ 17,374
Investment Account (Vanguard)					
Consolidate Accounts					
Income returns					\$23,621.62
Net unrealized gain/losses					\$49,305.30
Consolidated Vanguard total					\$72,926.92
Comprehensive net income (Wells and Vanguard accounts)					\$66,368.21

* Nevada Society Disbanded

Catherine Paunov, Treasurer General

Recording Secretary General

The Recording Secretary General has attended all meeting of the National Huguenot Society and has recorded Minutes of the meetings. She has attended meetings of Georgia Society.

This Officer has provided copies of all Meeting Minutes to the President General, the reading committee, and to the Editor of The Cross of Languedoc for publication in the society's magazine. She has accepted and archived copies of the reports of the National Officers, State Presidents, and Committee Chairs.

This Officer has aided in planning of meetings held in Washington, DC, and has served as Chair for the 88th Congress in Macon, Georgia, hosted by the Huguenot Society of Georgia. She has served as a member of the National Society Nominating Committee, and has served on the Insignia Committee.

It has been a privilege and pleasure to serve under the capable leadership of President General Janet Walker.

Robin R. Towns

Corresponding Secretary General (Outgoing)

This officer has served the National Society with timely communications from the President General as directed for distribution to National Officers, Honorary Presidents General, Committee Chairs and State Society Presidents. State Presidents were asked to complete the State Officer form especially important following elections. The result is a more correct NHS Leadership file with complete contact information that is so important to the functioning and stability of this venerable Society.

This Corresponding Secretary General has had responsibility for editing and distributing the monthly NHS Newsletter which features timely directives, opportunities, feature items relating to Huguenot happenings in various parts of America, of seasonal interest and all forms of reminders and updates. This officer has duly completed 24 editions of the Newsletter with the last being October 2023.

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.

Thank you to all members and subscribers for submitting comments, suggestions for topics and articles received over the past two years.

It has been an honor to serve the National Huguenot Society.

Nancy R. Schultz

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership Committee

This Chairman assisted with application inquiries and new member applications. She responded to inquiries and requests for help with new member applications.

Requests were made by prospective membes in Georgia, Missouri and Kansas. These applications are in progress. She issued Certificates of Excellence to the top five State Societies who had new members by application during the year. She attended all NHS meetings.

It was an honor to serve the NHS as Chair of the Membership Committee under the leadership of NHS President General, Janet Walker.

Mary Bannister Frisch, Chairman

STATE SOCIETY REPORTS

Delaware

The Delaware Huguenot Society met at Skipjack Dining, 401 Louviers Drive, Newark, Delaware 19711 on Sunday, September 17, 2023, at 2 pm

President Dain Simons called the meeting to order at 2 pm. Nine people attended: 3 members, 3 new Junior Members, and 3 guests. Members: Christine Crossan, David A. Crossan, Sr., Dain Simons IV; new Junior members: Samuel Crossan, William Crossan, Jack Ryan Crossan; Guests: Mr. Robin Crossan, Amber Crossan, and Wanda Simons.

Member David Crossan, Sr. offered an opening prayer. President Dain Simons announced new members: David Crossan, Jr. (regular), Samuel Crossan (junior), William Crossan (junior), and Jack Crossan (junior). Membership certificates were awarded to Samuel, William, and Jack Crossan, in attendance.



(L-R) President Dain Simons IV, with new Junior Members William, Samuel and Jack Crossan

A slate of new officers was presented by Christine Crossan. It was moved, seconded, and voted unanimously as follows:

President: Christine Crossan

- Vice-President: E. Naudain Simons IV (Dain)
- Treasurer: David A. Crossan, Jr.
- Chaplain: David A. Crossan, Sr.

Delegates to the National Huguenot Convention are as follows:

- Delegates: Christine Crossan, E. Naudain Simons IV (Dain), and Kim Burdick
- Alternates: Mary Criscuolo, John Crossan, and Kai Lassen

Christine Crossan reviewed the proposed amendments to the National Bylaws regarding removal of the membership requirement to be 'of the Protestant faith'. David A. Crossan Sr. made a motion to affirm the proposed changes. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion followed on growing the Delaware Huguenot Society. Suggestions were made as follows.

- Share Huguenot History in churches and schools
- Conduct an essay contest in local schools with a prize and a ceremony.
- Use social media to share facts about Huguenot History
- Use of alternate membership categories as defined in the National By-laws, Article III Section C, such as Honorary Member, Associate Member, Friends of the Society, Junior Member, and Youth Registration. *

Dain Simons adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Christine Crossan, President

STATE SOCIETY REPORTS *CONTINUED*

Florida

The Huguenot Society of Florida has been active since our last report. The Society finished its 2020 - 2023 term with a hybrid meeting for its 70th Annual Meeting on March 11, 2023 in Bradenton, Florida under the excellent leadership of then State President, Jo Lee Potts. Jo Lee, a member of the Jean Calvin Chapter, is also First Vice President General of the National Huguenot Society. There were six members/officers present in person and eight members/officers present via Zoom.

The State has five chapters with one chapter being in the process of disbanding and members transferring to existing chapters and another chapter that has the members, but does not have the ability to meet. Otherwise, the other chapters are healthy and active.

New officers were elected at our annual meeting for the 2023-2025 term. The officers are Judi Adams (Fort Caroline Chapter), President and Corresponding Secretary; Peggy Ann Stottmann (Jean Calvin Chapter), Vice President; Peggy Christie (Adm. Gaspard de Coligny Chapter), Chaplain; Courtney Osborne (Fort Caroline Chapter), Treasurer; Cathy Paunov (Adm. Gaspard de Coligny Chapter), Recording Secretary; Mary Morgan (Fort Caroline Chapter), Counselor and Penny Sapp (Jean Calvin Chapter), Historian/Librarian. Cathy Paunov is also Counselor General for the National Huguenot Society.

Financially, the Florida Society is sound and in good condition in all accounts. Our internal audit confirmed accurate record-keeping. The members of the Florida Society continue to generously contribute to both chapter and state scholarships.

We are in the process of revising our state bylaws to be updated in line with National's bylaws. The proposed revisions will be voted on and available after our 2024 state annual meeting.

Our state scholarship, the Allen Parker Scholarship, is available to applicants meeting the requirements. However, the Society did not have any scholarship applicants for 2023.

We have two members on the National Huguenot Society slate of officers for the 2023 - 2025 term: Jo Lee Potts for President General and Cathy Paunov for Treasurer General. We wish them the best in this upcoming election.

At the request this summer of President General Janet Walker to all the State Society Presidents regarding the upcoming proposed NHS Bylaws amendment removing the requirement that you must be Protestant to join the National Huguenot Society, I polled the Florida Society members and received seven against and 32 for the proposed change. There were varied reasons provided for and against the change, all of which I acknowledged and thanked the members for their responses. The Florida Society's responses have been forwarded to the President General and our delegates will vote according to the majority of the members.

It is my honor and privilege to represent the Huguenot Society of Florida as President for the next two years and to represent it along with our other delegates at the 88th Congress of the National Huguenot Society.

Judi Adams, President



(L-R), Jo Lee Potts, past FL State President; Judi Adams, State President and Corresponding Secretary; Peggy Stottmann, State Vice President, Peggy Christie, State Chaplain and Courtney Osborne, State Treasurer for 2023 - 2025 term, Huguenot Society of Florida, Inc., 70th Annual State Meeting, March 11, 2023, Bradenton, Florida

Illinois



IL President Jane Schleinzer, center, with outgoing IL President Nancy Shultz on our left, with other attendees of the Illinois Heritage Weekend in September, 2023.



L-R Lynne Ostfeld (IL), elected NHS Counselor General; NHS President General Janet Walker (GA); and Nancy Schultz, elected NHS Second Vice President General.



IL President Jane Schleinzer stands slightly in front of the IL Society flag.

The Huguenot Society of Illinois has had two meetings since the last Cross of Languedoc issue. Our first meeting was at Illinois Heritage Weekend in September. As you can see from the photo, we had a nice turnout. We even had a few members from other states at the meeting.

October 2023 brought the NHS Congress. We're thrilled to have two Illinois members elected to national office: Lynne Ostfeld as Counselor General, and Nancy Schultz as Second Vice President General.

November brought us back to the Chicago area restaurant. We had a little change of pace and were at a Spanish restaurant. Nancy Schultz, new NHS Second Vice President General, gave a report of the 88th Congress in Macon.

We're saddened by the loss of our long-time member, James Barr. Jim was our treasurer and a fountain of knowledge. He will truly be missed.

Jane Duxbury Schleinzer, President

Kansas

The Kansas Society is working hard at revitalization. All Kansas members were contacted by email, telephone or mail. We held a meeting on 9 September at the local library for the purpose of electing state officers and delegates to the October meeting in Macon, GA. An ad was placed in the KSDAR State Conference Program promoting membership in the National Huguenot Society. The ad resulted in several inquiries and we look forward to an increase in membership.

One new member application was verified. One member by transfer was verified. Secretary/Treasurer Kim Kincaid continues to assist with membership and keeps the books in order.

Officers were elected, the pending NHS proposed bylaw discussed and the Kansas proposed bylaw updates were discussed and distributed. It was moved, seconded and adopted to donate \$500.00 to the NHS Scholarship Fund.

We have an application to incorporate pending with the Office of the Kansas Secretary of State.

We have 5 prospective members. We have 2 delegates present at this meeting. Current membership is 23 which includes five Kansas life members.

Mary Bannister Frisch, President

Mississippi

The Huguenot Society of Mississippi met Saturday, 22 July 2023 at the Anjou Restaurant in Ridgeland, Mississippi. President Mary Margaret Buck called the meeting to order and gave the invocation. Vice President William Prestage led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, the Huguenot Pledge to the Flag, and to the Huguenot Flag. Norma Biggers read the Sacred Oath.

The following guests were introduced: Courtney Winston Denton, Walter Denton, Robin Prestage and Jay Buck.

The minutes were tabled and the treasurer's report was read by President Buck.

The St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre on 24 August 1572 was the subject of a Huguenot History minute.

President Buck told about the NHS Youth and Scholarship Program which teaches young members aspects of our Huguenot Heritage. There are contests in art for grades 1-4 and, for older youth, contests on the best reviews of books about Huguenots read. Scholarships are available for college students.

The program was presented by Toby Winston who spoke on several aspects of the Fontaine Family. This was an aristocratic family that embraced the Reformed Faith. Jean de la Fontaine, who had served several kings, and his pregnant wife were murdered in their home. His son Jacques I fled to La Rochelle. Jacques/James III studied for the ministry and fled France for England and Ireland. Some of his children came to the British Colonies.



Left front to back: Toby Winston, Mary Margaret Buck, Vicky Pekich, Norma Biggers, Howard Leach. On right, front to back are: Jane Winston, Walter Denton, Courtney Denton, William Prestage, Robin Prestage.

The business that came before the members was that of taking a poll of the membership concerning a proposed change in the NHS Bylaws to permit Catholics and other non-protestants into our organization. The current bylaws on eligibility to join were read and a poll was taken. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Since July the president called/emailed those members who were not present at the summer meetings to get each one's opinion of bylaw changes. The Huguenot Society of Mississippi was represented at the 2023 annual congress by its president, Mary Margaret Buck, who voted according to the majority of members' wishes.

We have several prospective members working on their applications.

Mary Margaret Buck

Nebraska

The Nebraska Huguenot Society held our April meeting at the new library of the Lincoln Lancaster Genealogical Society. A tour was conducted and LLGS members explained the resources that are available and the services they offer. Many books acquired by the Nebraska Huguenot Society over the years are in the collection for researchers to access.

The December meeting was hosted by the state president in her home. We were thrilled to welcome two prospective members, one of whom came with her application and documents in hand for review by our registrar. We have another ten prospective members that are in various stages of completing their research.

One of our members had the opportunity to visit Historic Huguenot Street in New Paltz, NY. He will be creating a program to present about the area.

The Nebraska Society is continuing its focus on membership in 2024 and we are looking forward to the new ideas and energy that new members will provide.

Kathy Ocasio, President

North Carolina

The Huguenot Society of North Carolina is dedicated to adding more members with the help of our members to invite prospectives they meet at other society meetings to join The National Huguenot Society.

Our newly-installed registrar has submitted and had several applications approved by the Registrar General. We have implemented a plan to recruit Juniors. No National or State dues are required until they turn 21 which we see as an incentive to get the younger generation enrolled.

Our current membership is 109 which includes 8 Junior members.

We are all set for our April 20, 2024 meeting with speaker and location.

We continue to recognize our members when they reach membership milestones by mailing a certificate congratulating them.



NC President Elaine Baldasare's Huguenot legacy—Back L-R: nephew, Joshua Smiley, and his wife, Courtney, with Peyton (11). Front row: Marilyn (9), Bo (almost 5), Caroline (almost 3), Lauryn, 7. The Smiley children were approved for Junior membership on September 20, 2023.

Last Fall, we were asked to conduct a poll on whether North Carolina will accept Catholics who have Huguenot ancestors as members. We sent a detailed report to the President General, hoping it would give her the flavor of how our members voted.

The National officers are very helpful with getting us answers to our questions. I would like to give a big shout-out to ALL NATIONAL OFFICERS. When contacted, they are very supportive.

It is a pleasure to serve as State President of The Huguenot Society of North Carolina.

In Huguenot Faith,

Elaine Baldasare, President (2023-2025)

Pennsylvania

Greetings Fellow Huguenots,

Our the Huguenot Society of PA is doing well. We are pleased to welcome another New member, Linda Sue Stoltzfus Rosenblum a descendant of Rev. Jean Valentine Ranc QHA-408. Thanks to Linda, who is working on helping her sister to join the Georgia Huguenot State Society. We are delighted to report that Supercentenarian Lifetime Member Sara A.D.S. Ashman celebrated her 111th birthday on 21 November 2023!

Thankfully Bonnie G. Watkins and I were able to drive to Macon, Georgia to attend the 88th National Huguenot Society Congress. We enjoyed the Huguenot Society of Georgia's hospitality. We liked learning and seeing many historic places in Macon. We were disappointed that we were not part of the majority vote in reference to the changing of the National Huguenot Bylaws, so "Protestant" will be removed from the Application. Our PA Huguenot State Society will notify our membership about the results and change in National's Bylaws. Then we will have our Annual PA State Huguenot Society Meeting in May to discuss the National Huguenot Society Bylaws change.

In December, I was notified that sadly our minister Rev. George Clayton Ames III, died peacefully at home. I was able to attend his funeral and pay my respects to his family. The service was beautiful with bagpipes, a large Men's chorale group, and several family and friends that spoke about his life. He had only been our Minister since 2019 and had lead two of our Reformation Sunday services. He was very involved with many other organizations.

In the fall I attended a special showing of the "French Alliance Day Video" at the Washington Memorial Chapel. They sent us a link, but I had technical difficulties watching it on my computer. I'm hoping to create it on a DVD or Flash Drive give or show it to our members at the Annual PA Huguenot Society meeting in May.

Our Flag Project is still in the process of being worked on. We have decided on digitizing company, hoping to get it to them in the next couple of months.

Blessings in Huguenot Faith

Lydia R Freeman, President of the PA State Huguenot Society, Interim Registrar

Virginia

On behalf of the Officers of the Huguenot Society of Virginia, I am glad to brief the National Huguenot Society on our position regarding the proposed changes in the Bylaws of the National Society:

Over the past six months we have coordinated the discussions of our state society on the proposed revision of the bylaws of the National Huguenot Society and reached a general consensus, albeit with diverse positions aired and seriously considered. We have asked Janice Lorenz, a member of HSV, to articulate our position in

the Annual Congress meetings, that we support opening membership to those of other faiths, while maintaining our rituals and focus on the Huguenots history and faith and describing the National Huguenot Society as a Protestant organization (rather than a Protestant Christian organization).

Respectfully submitted,

Joel E. Strauch, CFA[®], NHS Treasurer; HSV President

Tennessee

The Huguenot Society of Tennessee (NHS) held its semi-annual meeting at the Mountain Oaks Manor on Saturday, October 28, 2023 with eight (8) in attendance, following National's 88th Congress. We have approximately 49 members.

The Tennessee Society continues to get back on track.

- A big thank you to our Corresponding Secretary Debra Wilson, who has worked with the president and registrar to develop a new Membership Directory / Handbook. The directory includes our up-to-date bylaws, list of National Officers and Tennessee's Officers, all Tennessee members, their ancestors and contact information. The last one published was in 2011. The society approved printing and distribution of the directory at this meeting. (It will also be made available electronically).
- As approved at the last meeting, we are now using online banking for statements to eliminate any future fees and have added the president to the account.
- The Tennessee bylaws, last modified in 2019, will be modified to reflect the very recent change in the national bylaws adopted at 88th National Congress to eliminate the Protestant requirement.
- In our Dues Notice going out soon, our Treasurer will :
 - o Communicate the bylaw change to the membership, advising relatives/friends that anyone can join the organization, as long as they can track their Huguenot ancestor back to his/her origins in France.
 - o Request members to notify the Corresponding Secretary if they prefer only an electronic copy of the new Membership Directory/Handbook.
- At the Spring meeting, we will conduct a Memorial Service.

A presentation was given by Lyn Marvil on finding Huguenot ancestors in Ireland/UK. While searching for information on her Alexanders, who were from Scotland but removed to the county of Antrim in Ulster (Northern Ireland), before arriving in Pennsylvania in the 1740's, she came across some information for the UK, Antrim and Belfast, relating to Huguenots. [Note from Cross Editor: See article published elsewhere within this Cross.]

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 13, 2024 (location to be determined).

Carolyn 'Lyn' Beyer Marvil, President



(L-R) Debra Wilson, Lori Cook and Noella Oberlin



L-R Lyn Marvil, Hall Reynolds, Mary James, Jo Hill and Nancy Carr

Washington, DC

The Huguenot Society of Washington, DC has been working on membership. Our current membership is 20, plus two dual members. Three members have joined since our last National Congress in 2022.

Society members attended the DC-MD-VA Hereditary Society Holiday Luncheon last December. The Huguenot Society of Washington, DC was a sponsor of the event and had a table with brochures and gave a short talk about our society.

Our Society had representation at the National Huguenot Society Semi-Annual Meeting and luncheon in April, 2023.

Members have enjoyed our programs on our Huguenot ancestry. Our November 2022 meeting was on the history of Huguenot Street in New Paltz, New York. Our March program was about the Brent Town Experiment, a 30,000 acre Northern Neck land grant in 1686 to encourage Huguenot settlement in Virginia. Our November 2023 meeting was held by Zoom. Members enjoyed a program given by member Jeremy Smith on the Huguenots in Manakin Town, VA, where his Huguenot ancestors lived. Jeremy represented our society at the Annual Congress in Macon, GA.



You may recognize some of our members in this photo of our 2005 DC Society officers, provided by Sue Gray. L-R: Neoma O'Brien, NHS Honorary President General, David Stringfellow, Muriel Oehme, Dewey O'Brien, Barbara Carpenter, Janice Lorenz, and Shirley de la Barre.

Lorraine Sims, President

THOUGHTS FROM HONORARY PRESIDENT GENERAL NEOMA O'KELLEY O'BRIEN

How To Increase Membership in The National Huguenot Society??

Editor's Note: I received this email from Honorary President General Neoma O'Brien on 30 November 2023, and we are publishing this with her agreement. I understood her basic point to be that the recent change made at our 2023 Congress struck at the heart and soul of our NHS, is not changeable by a mere Bylaws change, but instead would require a vote from each member. That is because it arguably constitutes a change in what constitutes the purpose and core of membership in the NHS—the Protestant requirement--and the recent change arguably conflicts with the portion of the NHS charter/constitution stating that we are a religious organization.

I thought this was a settled question long ago. I note that nothing has been changed in what constitutes the Society. Had that been changed, the tax status would be void. And, indeed, those unhappy with the present Society would need to form a new Society; something like "Descendants of Huguenots". They cannot take over the present Society by changing its very core. We are a Protestant religious organization. The very word Huguenot denotes Protestant.

Neoma O. O'Brien, Honorary President General

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

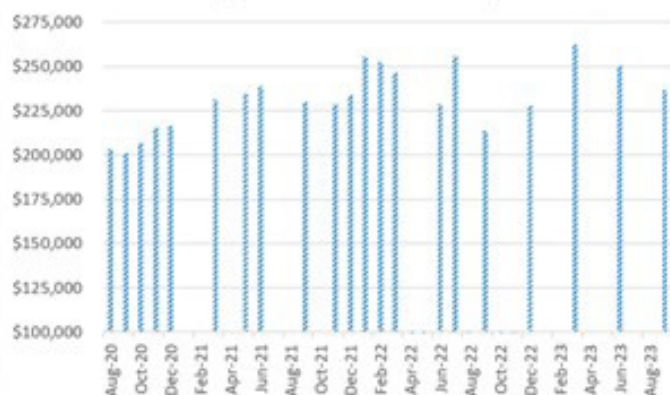
The resources of the National Huguenot Society increased over the course of the year through the end of September, as the equity markets rallied early in the period and were able to hold on to gains during the recent sell-off. Fixed income markets were impacted by the underlying economic strength and the need for the Federal Reserve to maintain a hawkish stance in light of continued inflation above their target of 2%.

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 nine months.

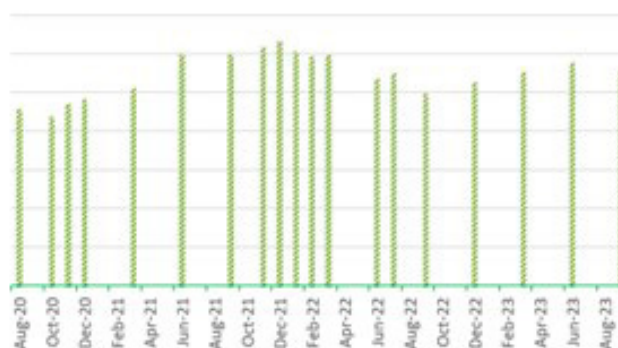
Over the course of the year the overall resources of the Society grew 4.9% to \$574,154, comprised of a increase in our Scholarship reserve by 6.5% to \$289,119, an increase of our General Purpose endowed reserves by 2.7% to \$35,272 and an increase of 3.9% of our unencumbered reserves to \$236,531.

NHS Balance Sheet					
9/30/2023					
	-----09/30/2023-----				
<u>Assets</u>	<u>Restricted³</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Total</u>		<u>Reserves²</u>
For Scholarships:				Scholarship Reserve	\$ 280,119.86
Dickey Fund	\$ 217,239.16		\$ 217,239.16		
LLW Scholarship Assist Fund ⁴		\$ 37,003.07	\$ 37,003.07		
General Scholarship Fund		25,877.63	25,877.63		
For General Purposes				General Purposes Reserve	\$ 35,271.90
Endowment Fund		\$ 11,072.32	\$ 11,072.32		
Dr. Farrar Scholarly Works Fund	4,501.74		4,501.74		
Lewis Fund	19,697.84	-	19,697.84		
Operating funds				Other Reserves	
Investment fund		\$ 218,665.57	\$ 218,665.57	Dissolved State Society	\$ 22,231.12
Liquidity fund ¹		40,097.51	40,097.51	Long-term Reserves	236,531.96
Total assets			\$ 574,154.84		\$ 574,154.84
¹ Vanguard liquidity of \$7,211.28 + Wells Fargo Balance					
² Fund balances					
³ Designated as Permanently Restricted					
⁴ 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.					

NHS Long-term Reserve Development



Scholarship Reserves Development



Finance Committee reports *continued*

The operating results of the Society reflect continued sound treasury management of our Treasurer General, supporting the ongoing operations of the Society. Expense items generally appear to be in line with our budget, with the exception of the Board Meeting Expenses, which was partially offset with higher Board Meeting Income. Income items are lagging somewhat from our initial budget for 2023, and state dues appear short due in part to early payment of 2023 dues in 2022. Through the first nine months of the year we generated a net operating deficit of \$2,508, which was more than offset by our investment income and unrealized gains, providing an overall year to date results of \$28,557, including the significant appreciation of our investments of \$15,888. ***Reference chart on page 39***

The current asset allocation of the financial resources is:

Short term	\$74,069	12.9%
Fixed Income	\$233,746	40.7%
Equity	\$266,340	46.4%
Total	\$574,154	

The account generated 3.1% 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.

expect the investment environment to reflect the underlying economic and geopolitical developments with continued challenges over the remainder 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 fixed income investments have become more attractive.

Respectfully submitted,

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

WE MOURN THE PASSING OF HONORARY PRESIDENT GENERAL NADINE HARDIN-MILLER (AR)

It is with great sadness that we mourn the loss of our beloved Honorary President General Nadine Hardin-Miller, who passed away at age 93 after a brief illness. No one was more dedicated and loving of our National Huguenot Society, her Arkansas and Texas Huguenot Societies, and all Huguenots in the other Huguenot organizations she was a member of. Her generosity knew no bounds. To know her was to love her, and she is irreplaceable. She is pictured in this photograph in 2010, at the far right.



L-R are Janice Murphy Lorenz (then DC, now VA), Nancy Wright Brennan (TX), Barbara Chenault MacManus (TX) and the late Nadine Hardin-Miller (AR) attending the Hereditary Society Community of the United States of America Gala Event in April, 2010.

NATIONAL HUGUENOT SOCIETY 2023 OPERATING BUDGET - JUNE 30, 2023 INCOME STATEMENT					
01/01/2023 to 09/30/2023, Brenda Winter, Treasurer General					
(Wells Fargo Account)					
OPERATING INCOME		Actual 2022	Budget 2023	Income Actual 01/01/2023 to 09/30/2023	Receipts Actual 01/01/2023 to 09/30/2023
Dues	State Dues	\$ 36,220	\$ 37,325	\$ 26,644	\$ 26,644
	MAL Dues	2,271	-	903	903
Fees	Fees Income	2,764	3,000	2,875	2,875
Sales	Book Sales	1,323	1,500	1,080	1,080
	Store Sales	2,886	3,000	1,231	1,231
	Lightning Source	785	800	483	483
Donations	Donation income	470	1,000	975	975
	Pin donation	874	500	72	72
Events	Board Mtg In	1,485	1,500	1,935	1,935
	Congress Income	-	9,500	-	-
	Investment Income				12,669
	Reclaimed Property				-
	Transfer In				33
	TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	\$ 49,078	\$ 58,125	\$ 36,199	\$ 48,901
OPERATING EXPENSES		Actual 2022	Budget 2023	Expenses Actual 01/01/2023 to 09/30/2023	Expenditures Actual 01/01/2023 to 09/30/2023
Overhead	Office Rent	\$ 8,336	\$ 8,484	\$ 6,366	\$ 6,366
	Office Supplies	534	800	491	491
	Shipping	1,047	2,000	921	921
	Liability Insurance	362	365	365	365
	D&O Insurance	1,539	1,570	1,539	1,539
	Bank Fee	\$ -	\$ -	-	-
	Website	\$ 325	\$ 350	191	191
	Tax Accountant	\$ 1,315	\$ 1,400	-	-
Awards	Youth Contest	\$ 900	\$ 900	850	850
	Scholarly Works Award	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	1,000	1,000
	Scholarship Award	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	5,000	5,000
	Lois Lefler Walker Assist Scholarship	\$ 500	\$ 1,800	1,800	1,800
Publications	Printing	\$ 14,546	\$ 15,821	15,157	15,157
	Cross Postage	\$ 1,639	\$ 2,800	2,113	2,113
Store	Store Inventory	\$ -	\$ 1,500	-	-
Events	Board Mtg Exp	\$ 2,311	\$ 1,500	2,590	2,590
	Congress Expense	\$ 1,431	\$ 10,500	-	-
	Speaker fees	\$ -	\$ 400	-	-
	Donation Expense	\$ 1,115	\$ 435	100	100
Travel Allowance	President	\$ -	\$ 1,000	-	-
	Registrar	\$ 241	\$ 500	224	224
	Transfer Out	-			410
	Reorganized Society				-
	TOTAL OPER EXPENSES	\$ 42,141	\$ 58,125	\$ 38,707	\$ 39,117
	NET INCOME/(LOSS)	\$ 6,937	\$ (0)	\$ (2,508)	\$ 9,785
1/01/2023 to 9/30/2023		Investment Account (Vanguard)			
Consolidate Accounts					
Income returns		\$12,669.29			
Net unrealized gain/losses		\$15,888.48			
		Consolidated Vanguard total			
		\$28,557.77			
		Comprehensive net income (Wells and Vanguard accounts)			
		\$26,049.84			

COMMITTEE REPORTS *CONTINUED*

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.

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.

There have been several requests, because the 2" Sunburst is so expensive, for a Past State President's Pin. The Insignia Committee has created a pin design, that can be engraved on the back, that has been approved by the Board. It needs Congress approval, and initial funding. The shipping including pin cost with box is \$50 / pin.

There have been several requests for a pin to add to the insignia ribbon when a member brings in a new member. The Insignia Committee has created a "dove" pin design, it has been approved by the Executive committee. It needs Congress approval, and initial funding. The shipping included pin cost with polybag is \$35 / pin. The charm can be worn on a bracelet or a necklace or a branch bar. The pin back can go on the insignia ribbon, tie tack, or lapel pin. Two box styles are available with an increased postage charge

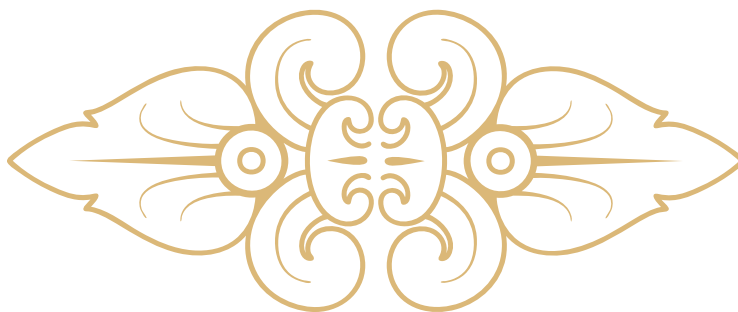
There have been requests for a "years of service pin". Starting at \$20 per pin, unengraved, this pin too is ready to go if approved by Congress. When funding can be secured. It has been approved by the Board. It needs Congress approval, and initial funding. The shipping is included with the pin and polybags. The charm fitting can be worn on a bracelet or a necklace or a branch bar. The pin back can go on the insignia ribbon, tie tack, or lapel pin. Two box styles are available with an increased postage charges.

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 at 80% complete. Please stay tuned as we expect it to be completed in April 2024.

For lack of an official home, the Distinguished Service Medallion has been pulled into the Insignia Committee. We are recommending that the 14K gold medallion have a refresh and become gold plate over fine silver / sterling equivalent.

It is an honor to serve.

Respectfully submitted,
Jo Lee Potts, Chair



Youth Committee

NATIONAL HUGUENOT SOCIETY 2023 ART AND ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

**Marilyn Smiley**

Grade 3 "We will not have to be controlled by the government for the Word of our God shall stand forever"

Level 1..... 1st place \$100.00

Peyton Smiley #8-00367 JR

Grade 6 "What It Means To Be A Descendant Of A Huguenot"

Level II.....2nd place \$100.00

Jack Crossan

Grade 5 Age 10 "The Swamp Fox"

Level II.....3rd place \$50.00

Samuel Crossan

Grade 12 Age 17 "Huguenot Migration to Other Lands"
Level III..... 2nd place \$250.00

Will Crossan

Grade 8 Age 14 "Why I Am Proud To Be A Huguenot Descendant"

Level II..... 1st place \$200.00

Claire Naudain Gleason

Grade 10 Age 15 "The Migration of Huguenots to Other Lands"

Level III ... 1st place \$500.00

Martha Ann Whitt, Chair

Peyton Smiley, Gatesville, NC

Junior Member Huguenot Society of North Carolina

What It Means To Be a Descendant of a Huguenot

Huguenots were french protestants who stood for religious and political freedom. They migrated to America and helped shape American history.

Huguenots settled many communities on the East Coast, Europe, and even Africa, spreading their influence on history beyond here in America. Even 21 Presidents have had Huguenot ancestry, and each president has left a historical mark on the growth of America.

I am proud to have ancestry that was part of standing up for worshipping the one, true God. They paved the way for us to continue freely worshipping God today. Learning about and following God is the most important aspect of the life we live here on earth, and they helped make it so.

Jack Crossan, Delaware

The Swamp Fox

Francis Marion never got caught. After a battle, he and his men would disappear into the woods and swamps they knew so well. Surprisingly, it was a British officer who gave Marion his nickname. Once, after a battle, Marion and his worn troops led a furious Tarleton and his men on a 26-mile, 7-hour chase through the marshes full of all kinds of living creatures. When Tarleton and his men came to a place called "Ox Swamp" they stopped. His men were tired and hungry. Tarleton turned his horse around and said, "Come on boys! Let's go back we will catch the Gamecock." "But as for this... old fox, the Devil himself could not catch him!" Everybody called Marion the "Swamp Fox" from then on.

Marion was born in 1732 at Goatfield Plantation in St. John's Parish, Berkeley, South Carolina. As a young man, Marion helped fight the Cherokee in the Blue Ridge region. The city of Charleston fell to a large British force in 1780. Before Charleston was captured, General Moultrie commanded that all soldiers who were ill or unfit leave the city at once. Marion had just broken his ankle. Once the British had taken Charleston, they thought the rest of South Carolina would fall easily.

General Gates commanded all southern officers to ride north to meet the Continental Army near Camden. Marion and some others put their uniforms back on despite their injuries and rode bravely north. Their appearance was so hideous that officers had to keep the normal soldiers from laughing at them. Gates wanted to get rid of Marion, sending him to the interior of South Carolina. This was just what Marion wanted. He knew that militia had formed groups of citizens to fight the British.

Marion fought bravely throughout the war and rarely lost. The Swamp Fox played an important role in the Revolutionary War and without him, we may not have won.

Samuel Crossan, Age 17, Grade 12

Delaware Huguenot Society

Huguenot Migration to other Lands

After the Huguenots were forced out of France for their Reformed Calvinist views, they fled to various parts of the western world. It was said that on the eve of the St. Bartholomew's day massacre, 10% of the French population was made up of Huguenots. This was in 1572. By 1600, it had dropped to 7% which continued to drop after the institution of dragoons by Louis XIV. The dragoons were there to enforce conversion of Huguenots after protestant rights were taken by Louis XIV in the Edict of Fontainebleau (1685). This persecution ended only in 1774 when Louis XV died, however by that time French Calvinists were almost non-existent.

This long reign of terror scattered the Huguenots to protestant states like the Dutch Republic, Wales, Ireland, Prussia, England, Scotland, Denmark, Sweden, and Switzerland. Some fled as far as the Dutch Cape colony, Dutch East Indies, and various other Caribbean colonies as well as Dutch and English colonies in North America. A few even fled to Australia, South Africa, and Brazil.

One could go on and on about the impact of Huguenots across the globe but there is so much history to dive into here in the U.S. alone of Huguenot migrants. Many of them found there way to North America and settled down the coast anywhere from Nova Scotia and Quebec down to Charleston. After the overturning of the Edict of Nantes, many families fled to Charleston and Norfolk county. Their families then migrated west through the Appalachians to Tennessee, Kentucky and Missouri. Some went as far as East Texas.

"Macaulay the English historian writes as follows of those who settled in England: "The humblest of the refugees were intellectually and morally above the average of the common people of any kingdom in Europe." The great historian Lecky, who himself was a cold-blooded rationalist, wrote: "The destruction of the Huguenots by the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes was the destruction of the most solid, the most modest, the most virtuous, the most generally enlightened element in the French nation." wrote Loraine Boettner in "The Reformed Doctrine of Predestination." This provides an interesting insite into the Hugueonot people as people rather than just as a percentage of population. Going even deeper than just noting their skilled craftsmanship in many different areas. Although their various skills proved useful and innovative in the new lands they migrated to, they also shared their religion and demeanor to the people they encountered. As is relevant from the story of Joseph in the Bible, the Lord seems to have used what would seem to be and is a great tragedy for His own glory and the good of those around the world.

Many Huguenots and their descendants have gone on to do great things around the globe, especially here in America. For example, here in Delaware we have the duPont family who started Eluetherian gunpowder mills and grew to be one of the largest employers in this region for some time as well as one of the richest families in the world, on par with the Rockefellers and Carnegies. All that to say, as afformentioned, the Lord used a horrific tragedy to spread out great people to all corners of the Earth and used them to glorify Him.

William Crossan, Delaware

Why I Am Proud To Be A Huguenot Descendant

The Huguenots inspire me by their hard work ethic and strong moral character. The founding principles of America revolve around a good work ethic. The Huguenots can be a great example for me in my everyday life while doing school and other tasks. They can also be a model for my own moral character in life. I am particularly impressed by their strong devotion to God and persistent faith that the Lord was working for them.

The Huguenots were French protestants whom the French government persecuted. Many Huguenots fled to other countries. Some Huguenots were put to death, some were put in jail, and many had to leave their homes. The Huguenots were persistent with their faith through many trials and tribulations. I can learn to be more constant and firm in my own faith by looking to my ancestors and learning from their strong faith.

One of the things that inspires me about the Huguenots was their work ethic. "The character of the Huguenots the world knows. Their moral purity and heroism, whether persecuted at home or exiled abroad, has been the wonder of both friend and foe," says Nathan P. Feldmeth. Many people have noticed this religious vigor and hard work. America originally has adopted these ideas into their founding doctrines. Lots of people in our society could use these ideas of a hard work ethic. It is important to incorporate these things into our everyday life with chores, work and school. It is also important to be persistent and push yourself to your limits.

In conclusion, I and our nation have benefited greatly by the examples of the Huguenots whether in their religious steadfastness or in their hard work ethic. We can learn a lot from the Huguenots. That is why I am proud to be descended from a Huguenot.

Claire Naudain Gleason 10th grade (Age 15), Fairfax, VA

Junior Member of Delaware Society

The Migration of Huguenots to Other Lands

In the late 1600s and early 1700s, Huguenots fled France to find a better life. As they migrated to new lands, they brought their skills, traditions and religious beliefs, which then were shared and taught to others. Throughout my research for this essay I learned more about why they fled France, and some of the talents they shared with their new communities, which then impacted generations. I deepened my knowledge about the history of Huguenots and am inspired by their beliefs.



After the Saint Bartholomew's Day Massacre in 1572 many Huguenots that were able, fled France. Approximately 2,000 migrated to the east coast of North America, to the American colonies. Migration slowed due to the Edict of Nantes in 1598, which was created by Henry IV of France, who granted freedom for French Protestants to practice religion without fear.

Then, the Catholic King Louis XIV, slowly took away the rights of Protestants. Soon after the annulment of the Edict of Nantes in 1685, Huguenots became officially condemned as heretics. Although Louis XIV banned the Huguenots' right to leave the country, some Protestants did manage to escape; many of those went to England, in the second large wave of migration.

No matter where Huguenots migrated, I imagine many took just what they could carry. I learned that a notable family name in Delaware, du Pont, is connected to Huguenot ancestry. When the du Pont family fled France in the late 1700s they were able to bring their learned skills with the gunpowder industry, and create a chemical business that is still thriving. Eleuthere Irenee du Pont's father had been taught by a notable chemist, Lavoisier, while living in France. These skills and interests, brought to the new colonies, impacted our country's history. Today, the du Pont corporation is one of the most successful companies in the country.

George Washington made immeasurable contributions to our country and we can all give credit and thanks to his Huguenot ancestors migrating to the American colonies. Without his determination, our country could have started very differently. Another Huguenot, Paul Revere, is known for creating an important moment in our country's history with his midnight ride to warn his community. Huguenots are leaders, I am learning that many are still remembered because of their leadership. I can also imagine there are many more, who aren't written about, who helped those leaders to rise. Perhaps by sharing knowledge, or helping, feeding or supporting in some way. The hard choice for so many Huguenots to migrate from France to the Americas has benefitted so many generations to follow. Countless others were then impacted by their choices and sharing of skills and knowledge.

In conclusion, as I explored the migration of the Huguenots I revealed a very important chapter in history that shows religious persecution and the pursuit of religious freedom. The Huguenots contributed greatly the skills, traditions and religious beliefs with their new homeland. They showed great resilience in the face of adversity, and that's what makes them so extraordinary.

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HUGUENOT ANCESTORS WITH LINKS TO MULTIPLE HUGUENOT LINES

Jan Baerdan/Berdan had son Jan/John by 1st wife. Jan/John's children married into three other Huguenot lines:

Marrettie b. 1694 m/1 Joris Doremus s/o Cornelius Doremus (page 151 of 2012 Register) Three of John's daughters, Eva, Willemetje, and Elena, m Kype/Kip brothers, Cornelia, Isaac, and Jacob. (page 1 of 2016 Update)

John's daughter, Annetjen m. Abraham Laroe/LeRoux/LaRue/Larew, son of Jacques (page 315 of 2012 Register)

If a member has an approved application to Doremus, Kip, or LeRoux, he/she might also be able to prove to Baerdan.

Andrew LaPrade; Grandson Andrew m. Martha Flourney, d/o Francis Flourney and gr/gr/dau/o Laurent Flourney/Flournoy. Therefore, a Flourney descendant of Martha might be able to connect to LaPrade. **Andrew LaPrade's** daughter Elizabeth m. Antoine LeVillain s/o Jean LeVillain. A descendant of Elizabeth might be able to connect to Andrew LaPrade.

Jehan Péron's gr/grd, Marthe m. Pierre L'Hommedieu Their son Benjamin's line is on page 326 of the 2012 Register.

Simon de Ruine's daughters Jacomina and Maria married sons of David Demarêts/Demarest/ desMarêts/ desMarest. Jacomina m. John and Maria m. Samuel. See page 142 of the 2012 Register.

Louis Tacquet(te)/Tackett's grandchildren, Elizabeth and William married Lewis Reno's great grandchildren. See page 13 of the 2016 Update.

Jean Bonneau's grandson, Anr(h)oine, m. Jeanne Elizabeth Videau, daughter of Pierre Videau. See page 470 of the 2012 Register.

Ambroise Sidard/Sicord/Seacord's children and grandchildren intermarried with the Giraur/Gerow families, the Bertin(e)/Bertain/Berton/Bretin family, the Angevine family, and the Coutant family. See page 32 of the 2016 Update.

John Valliant's grandson, Thomas married **Mary LeCompte**, daughter of Anthony (son of Moses and grandson of Anthony LeCompte) See page 35 of 2016 Update.

HUGUENOTS OF THE BRITISH ISLES

By Carolyn 'Lyn' Beyer Marvil, President, Huguenot Society of Tennessee

There were approximately 50,000 French Protestant refugees that came to the British Isles, (5,000 of those to Ireland). A point of interest is that the Huguenots that fled France in 1685 brought the linen industry to Belfast, the capital of Northern Ireland (which is mostly situated in country of Antrim, but also extends into the county of Down). Belfast was the only city in Antrim to experience the full effects of the Industrial Revolution. The linen industry and ship-building were the two primary industries. Source: Irish Record Sources: For Family and Local History by James G. Ryan, 1977.

In 1718, a French Hospital was built in London. And in 1885, the directors of the hospital created a Society to promote the interchange of knowledge about Huguenot History. This society was originally called the Huguenot Society of London. The Huguenots maintained their own churches for generations. The records of

NEW PUBLICATION

Editor's Note: We are greatly blessed to have as a loyal friend the author Stephen M. Davis, Ph.D., D. Min., who is also a pastor and the co-founder of a multilingual church in Philadelphia called Grace Church. He and his wife are committed to the calling of "urban church planting," and have worked in the United States, France, and Romania since 1982. He has authored multiple books and articles, including those about Huguenots. His book entitled The French Huguenots and Wars of Religion was the winner of The National Huguenot Society's 2022 Scholarly Works Award.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

The article referred to by Steve Davis below was published in December of 2023 at Desiring God. Steve advised that, "You will notice a mention (footnote) of the National Huguenot Society. I'm told they usually have about 40,000 readers for their Featured Articles."

<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/the-long-forgotten-reformation-in-france>

Dear Friends,

Please allow me to introduce you to a chapter (7) I was invited to write in *The Palgrave Handbook of Religion and State Volume II: Global Perspectives* (October 2023) with the above title. This is a major academic publisher and I was honored to have been asked to write the chapter on France. I hope this will contribute to a better understanding in the English-speaking world of French religious history.

Only the abstract is available at the publisher's link. https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-031-35609-4_7 but part of the chapter is available on Google Books beginning on page 127.

You might be interested to know that several invitations to write on French religious history came after my book on the French Huguenots became better known, in part through the NHS. Please feel free to share this as you have the opportunity.

Again, a Joyful Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

Steve Davis

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"I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else." C. S. Lewis

three (3) Dublin churches (earliest 1668) are included in the *Proceedings of the Huguenot Society of London*. That society is now called the Huguenot Society of Britain and Ireland. The society's annual journal has been published since 1885 and contains a variety of articles on Huguenot History and genealogy. The title of its journals has changed over the years:

- *Proceedings of the Huguenot Society of London*: Vol 1 (1885) - Vol 24 (4) (1985-6)
- *Proceedings of the Huguenot Society of Great Britain and Ireland*: Vol 24 (5) (1986-7) – Vol 29 (2012)
- *Huguenot Society Journal*: Vol 30 (2013) – present

All issues up to Volume 32 (2019) of the *Journal* have been digitized and are fully searchable to members. From 1999 to 2009, *The Huguenot Society of Britain and Ireland* published 20 issues of a journal (www.huguenotsociety.org.uk/publications/huguenot-families.html) specifically devoted to Huguenot genealogy and family history. The society also has an Irish section with its own website: www.huguenotsinireland.com which is designed for those interested in specifically researching their Irish Huguenot ancestry.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

A follow up on Scholarship Awards Winners

Note: A few issues ago, we profiled Robert Brewton Ryals as a past winner of the Jacqueline Wells Dickey Scholarship. That profile focused on his historical interpretation and public historian work, for which he is well known in his community. Last month, after he gave a rousing reenactment of a famous Presbyterian sermon encouraging the pursuit of liberty, which caused the Halifax Convention Chapter NSDAR to honor him with the Historic Preservation Award noted below. We have obtained the permission of Catherine, the chapter Regent, and Ashley, the Vice-Regent, who procured this for us, hoping it would be suitable for publication in *The Cross of Languedoc*. Mary Long, Co-Chair, Scholarship Committee

Greetings from Sarah Renwick Long, 2015 winner of the National Huguenot Society's Jacqueline Wells Dickey Scholarship and Co-Chair, NHS Scholarship Committee

Hello, fellow National Huguenot Society members!

Usually, this regular column profiling past winners of the Jacqueline Wells Dickey

Scholarship is written by my Co-Chair of the NHS Scholarship Committee. Not this time....

First, I'd like to again express my gratitude to the 2015 NHS Scholarship Committee, chaired by Honorary President General Neoma O. O'Brien, which selected me as the winner of the Jacqueline Wells Dickey Scholarship. The scholarship helped fund my final undergraduate year at Georgetown University. The apparent irony of Huguenot money helping pay for a degree from a Jesuit-founded university was not lost on my friends, nor on my History of Christian Thought professor, Father Fields!

At Georgetown, I studied in the McDonough School of Business and received my B.S. in Business Administration with a concentration in Operations and Information Management (OPIM); I also earned a minor in Theology. I was co-President of the OPIM majors group and President of the Carroll Fellows, an academic honor society named after the school's founder. I graduated magna cum laude, was inducted into the Theta Alpha Kappa theology society, and received the PwC Award for Service and Scholarship.

I moved to New York City where I worked in the financial services division of management consulting firm Oliver Wyman. I worked on projects for some of the biggest banks in the world, and almost all those projects involved managing and processing vast amounts of data, using various data management tools, to build useful models upon which senior executives would make business decisions. Many of the models were retained and updated for years after my teams left. After several years of using a mixture of software tools, becoming adept but not proficient with most of them due to client preferences and selections, I determined that I needed to become more knowledgeable about the capability and applicability of the many data analytics tools available.

I decided to return to Charlotte to be closer to family and launch my career in tech. I pivoted to join Red Ventures, a large digital "brand of brands," where I applied my financial services knowledge as a Data Analyst for CreditCards.com, building customer retention models, and launched a tool on-site called Approval Odds



DAR HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARD

At our October meeting, our chapter presented the NSDAR Historic Preservation Recognition Award to Robert Brewton Ryals for his work as a historical reenactor.



The Historic Preservation Recognition Award recognizes and honors an individual or group that has done recent remarkable volunteer work at the community level. It recognizes achievements in all areas of historic preservation and includes writing or oral histories and serving as a historical guide, interpreter, or docent.

L-R: - Catherine Bracey, Robert Ryals, Ashley Korizis

to help customers better predict the outcome of their card applications. I was recruited away by payment automation company AvidXchange, leading marketing analytics for the unicorn-turned-public company thanks to their IPO in October 2021.

I had always planned to matriculate to graduate school and pursue a Master's degree in Data Science, but Covid delayed my plans. So much of the learning comes from in-class conversations and working on group projects with students with similar and complementary skill sets, so I postponed my next academic endeavor for several years until I could study in-person.

During this period, Mrs. O'Brien announced that she was retiring from the NHS Scholarship Committee. She reached out to me, saying how much she had enjoyed following my career on LinkedIn since 2015. She asked me to consider taking on the leadership of the NHS Scholarship Committee. As a fairly recent college graduate, I was confident in my ability to understand and appreciate the accomplishments of applicants, and I think of myself as a skilled project manager. However, some of the less-predictable administrative tasks involved with leading the committee were challenging given that my work was really demanding. That said, I asked my mother, who has for many years been involved with a university-based merit scholarship program, to think with me about Mrs. O'Brien's request. We ultimately suggested to Mrs. O'Brien that my mother and I might co-chair the Scholarship Committee, putting our combined skills and experiences to work and "paying it forward" for future NHS scholarship applicants. Mrs. O'Brien generously assisted in transitioning the work, and the other members of the Scholarship Committee graciously welcomed us.

On a family vacation in Amsterdam before I started classes at Carnegie Mellon University, my family visited the 15th century De Waalse Kerk (Walloon Church) where my Huguenot ancestors Joris Jansen Rapalje and Catalina Trico, ages 19 and 18, respectively, married on January 21, 1624, four days before they sailed to start a new life in New Netherlands. Learning about our history and our ancestors provides a powerful reminder that whatever external challenges I might be facing – what they did was far more daunting!

I matriculated to Carnegie Mellon for my data science masters' degree in fall 2022, quickly becoming involved on campus in addition to my heavy technical courseload.

I am proud to announce that we just completed our second semester of after-school Python courses for local middle school girls in Pittsburgh – an activity that I lead as President of CMU's Girls Who Code (GWC) chapter. GWC is a national organization dedicated to closing the gender gap in tech. I relish the opportunity to give back and encourage young women to engage in STEM fields and develop their problem-solving skills through computer programming. In addition, I applied for and was honored to be selected by the Huguenot Society of North Carolina as the winner of its 2023 \$1,000 scholarship which assisted with paying for my graduate studies.

As I begin my third full year of working with my Huguenot colleagues on the NHS Scholarship Committee, I remain immensely grateful for the foresight and generosity of the Society's scholarship benefactors, and I further appreciate this opportunity to participate in the good stewardship of those funds.





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