



# THE NATIONAL HUGUENOT SOCIETY



A NEWSLETTER FROM THE PATRIOTIC,  
RELIGIOUS, HISTORICAL, AND  
EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY

Message from JoLee Potts, President General

March – The month of Luck. Do you believe in luck? Have you used the phrase; I am lucky to be here or I’m the lucky one?

I love psychology and Psychologists. They study everything. In a 2022 article published in Psychology Today they listed “The Top Four Ways to Improve Your Luck”.

1. Be awake to possibilities. Lucky people are skilled at creating and noticing chance opportunities.

2. Listen to your gut. Lucky people trust their intuition and act on it.

3. Set goals. Luck people have plans and manifest a positive future for themselves by creating self-fulfilling prophecies and actively embracing positive expectations. If something doesn’t work out, it is okay, they change direction.

4. Lucky people make lemonade out of lemons. Tennessee Williams said, “Luck is believing you’re lucky.” My father said, “The harder you work, the luckier you get.”

So here is a question. What is the difference between “being lucky” and “being blessed”? Did you ever think of it?

**HAPPY  
ST. PATRICK'S  
DAY**

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Being lucky is the concept that something happened by chance. That you just happened to be at the right place at the right time to experience something good. In my opinion, luck leaves no room for God. While, being blessed is the concept that you received a gift and leaves a place for God.

Did you know that there is no translation of the Bible where the word luck is mentioned. Why? I'm thinking, nothing happens by chance or luck.

Have I struggled? Yes. Has life been perfect? No. But Romans 8:28, says: "...that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." That makes no sense. Or does it?

God has prepared you to be in difficult circumstances. Yes. Will your life be easy? The Bible has made it clear it won't. The circumstance of the moment and ones yet to come will be challenging. Be aware of the possibilities. They will be there; good and bad are coming. Listen to your gut. You have been trained and have life experiences that you can use. You know people who you should contact to help you. No where does the Bible say we do it alone. Set "your goals" because you are a possibility thinker.

Finally, "God works for the good of those who love him", who have been called according to his purpose. You have been called and you have a purpose. That is why you are here. Someone is going to need your knowledge and experience. You don't know when.

What you do know is that you will be the lucky one and you will be ready.

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Rev. Joel E. Strauch, CFA, is currently serving as the Chaplain General of the National Huguenot Society. Rev. Strauch received a B.S.F.S. degree from the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, an M.Div. from Union Theological Seminary, and an MBA from the Columbia University Graduate School of Business. He was ordained to the ministry in the United Church of Christ in 1973 and served as Senior Minister of Highland Avenue Congregational Church in Orange, New Jersey from 1974-1975.

Rev. Strauch began his financial career at J.P. Morgan Investment Management and Munich American Reinsurance Company as Vice President and Treasurer. He held several positions at Salomon Smith Barney Asset Management and Travelers Asset Management International. He joined Pacific Investment Management Company, L.L.C. (PIMCO), with responsibility for developing and servicing new and existing account relationships with U.S. domestic insurance companies for the Financial Institutions Group - Account Management, Insurance Channel. Rev. Strauch retired from PIMCO in 2014.

Rev. Strauch serves on several boards, including the Boards of Managers for the American Armed Forces Mutual Aid Association (AAFMAA) Wealth Management & Trust LLC, as Vice Chair, and AAFMAA Mortgage Services LLC; Trustee of the Pension Boards - United Church of Christ, Chair of the EMCERT Advisory Board to the Emergency Department of the University of Virginia Health System; and Chaplain General and Chair of the Finance Committee of the National Huguenot Society.

### Spring Mid-Year Meeting

April 10, 2024, 12:30 PM EST  
Army and Navy Club,  
Washington, D.C.  
89th Annual NHS Congress

Hold October 3, 4, 5, 2024  
San Antonio, TX

Stay tuned for more details

### WEBSITE INFORMATION

Dues link for Members at Large  
**[Online Dues Payments for  
Members-at-Large - The National  
Huguenot Society](#)**

Store Link for purchasing  
merchandise and books  
**[https://nationalhuguenotsociety.  
org/store/](https://nationalhuguenotsociety.org/store/)**

As a Chartered Financial Analyst, Rev. Strauch oversees the financial management of numerous not-for-profits, including the Baronial Order of the Magna Charta, the Order of Americans of Armorial Ancestry, the Huguenot Society of Virginia, the Thomas Jefferson Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, and the Charlottesville T'ai Chi Center.

He has been married for fifty years to Catherine McCreary Strauch and has a daughter, son-in-law and grandson.

# INSIGNIA UPDATE

Hamilton Jewelers accepted the offer from the National Huguenot Society to purchase the remaining NHS inventory for \$7,200 and the die boards. This was almost half of their original offer to the Society. New die boards are around \$4,500.

The graphics shows the inventory that will be available at the Spring Gathering for purchase. At that time there will be a 10% discount on the items.

NHS Inventory and Price List 4 March 2024								
WILL HAVE PACKAGING AND SHIPPING COSTS. \$6.00 per item.	ID Name	Display Name - While the Insignia Committee Holds the Inventory	Hamilton Base Price	Sales Price	FL Tax 6%	FL Sales Tax	Units	
	IHS0003	HS LARGE INSIGNIA	\$ 135.00	\$ 121.50	\$ 7.29	\$ 128.79	14	
		INSIGNIA RIBBON 1-3/8" 4"	\$15.00	\$ 13.50	\$ 0.81	\$ 14.31	5	
		INSIGNIA RIBBON 1-3/8" 6"	\$15.00	\$ 13.50	\$ 0.81	\$ 14.31	10	
		INSIGNIA RIBBON 1-3/8" 8"	\$15.00	\$ 13.50	\$ 0.81	\$ 14.31	1	
	IHS0004	HS MINI INSIGNIA RIBBON	\$ 125.00	\$ 112.50	\$ 6.75	\$ 119.25	17-13	13 will receive a coupon for a free 3" mini ribbon
		MINI INSIGNIA 11/16"	Included				5	
	IHS0006	HS OFFICER BAR	\$ 54.00	\$ 48.50	\$ 2.91	\$ 51.41	22	
	IHS0008	HS TIE TAC	\$ 74.00	\$ 59.00	\$ 3.54	\$ 62.54	1	
	IHS0009	HS EDICT OF NANTES	\$ 64.00	\$ 51.00	\$ 3.06	\$ 54.06	2	
	IHS0011	HS SS 3"" SUNBURST	\$ 625.00	\$ 542.50	\$ 32.55	\$ 575.05	2	Does not have neck ribbon. \$20 deducted to cover current ribbon cost.
	IHS0015	HS STATE OFFICER ENG BAR	\$ 110.00	\$ 99.00	\$ 5.94	\$ 104.94	14	Wrong color. Cannot be delivered until repaired
	IHS0016	HS STATE CHAIR W/LOOPS GF	\$ 90.00	\$ 81.00	\$ 4.86	\$ 85.86	23	
	IHS0018	HS NATIONAL OFFICER GF	\$ 115.00	\$ 103.50	\$ 6.21	\$ 109.71	19	



<b>WILL NOT HAVE PACKAGING AND SHIPPING COSTS.</b>		<b>At Mid-Year</b>		<b>Sales Price</b>	<b>DC Tax 5.75%</b>	<b>Price w DC Sales Tax</b>
	IHS0003	<b>HS LARGE INSIGNIA</b>	\$ 135.00	\$ 121.50	\$ 6.99	\$ 128.49
		<b>INSIGNIA RIBBON 1-3/8" 4"</b>	\$15.00	\$ 13.50	\$ 0.81	\$ 14.31
		<b>INSIGNIA RIBBON 1-3/8" 6"</b>	\$15.00	\$ 13.50	\$ 0.81	\$ 14.31
		<b>INSIGNIA RIBBON 1-3/8" 8"</b>	\$15.00	\$ 13.50	\$ 0.81	\$ 14.31
	IHS0004	<b>HS MINI INSIGNIA RIBBON</b>	\$ 125.00	\$ 112.50	\$ 6.47	\$ 118.97
		<b>MINI INSIGNIA 11/16"</b>	Included			\$ -
	IHS0006	<b>HS OFFICER BAR</b>	\$ 54.00	\$ 48.50	\$ 2.79	\$ 51.29
	IHS0008	<b>HS TIE TAC</b>	\$ 74.00	\$ 59.00	\$ 3.39	\$ 62.39
	IHS0009	<b>HS EDICT OF NANTES</b>	\$ 64.00	\$ 51.00	\$ 2.93	\$ 53.93
IHS0011	<b>HS SS 3" SUNBURST</b>	\$ 625.00	\$ 542.50	\$ 31.19	\$ 573.69	
IHS0015	<b>HS STATE OFFICER ENG BAR</b>	\$ 110.00	\$ 99.00	\$ 5.69	\$ 104.69	
IHS0016	<b>HS STATE CHAIR W/LOOPS GF</b>	\$ 90.00	\$ 81.00	\$ 4.66	\$ 85.66	
IHS0018	<b>HS NATIONAL OFFICER GF</b>	\$ 115.00	\$ 103.50	\$ 5.95	\$ 109.45	

<b>WILL HAVE PACKAGING AND SHIPPING COSTS. \$6.00 per item.</b>		<b>When the Inventory Moves to Texas</b>		<b>Sales Price</b>	<b>TX Tax 6.25%</b>	<b>Price w TX Sales Tax</b>
	IHS0003	<b>HS LARGE INSIGNIA</b>	\$ 135.00	\$ 121.50	\$ 7.59	\$ 129.09
		<b>INSIGNIA RIBBON 1-3/8" 4"</b>	\$15.00	\$ 13.50	\$ 0.81	\$ 14.31
		<b>INSIGNIA RIBBON 1-3/8" 6"</b>	\$15.00	\$ 13.50	\$ 0.81	\$ 14.31
		<b>INSIGNIA RIBBON 1-3/8" 8"</b>	\$15.00	\$ 13.50	\$ 0.81	\$ 14.31
	IHS0004	<b>HS MINI INSIGNIA RIBBON</b>	\$ 125.00	\$ 112.50	\$ 7.03	\$ 119.53
		<b>MINI INSIGNIA 11/16"</b>	Included			\$ -
	IHS0006	<b>HS OFFICER BAR</b>	\$ 54.00	\$ 48.50	\$ 3.03	\$ 51.53
	IHS0008	<b>HS TIE TAC</b>	\$ 74.00	\$ 59.00	\$ 3.69	\$ 62.69
	IHS0009	<b>HS EDICT OF NANTES</b>	\$ 64.00	\$ 51.00	\$ 3.19	\$ 54.19
IHS0011	<b>HS SS 3" SUNBURST</b>	\$ 625.00	\$ 542.50	\$ 33.91	\$ 576.41	
IHS0015	<b>HS STATE OFFICER ENG BAR</b>	\$ 110.00	\$ 99.00	\$ 6.19	\$ 105.19	
IHS0016	<b>HS STATE CHAIR W/LOOPS GF</b>	\$ 90.00	\$ 81.00	\$ 5.06	\$ 86.06	
IHS0018	<b>HS NATIONAL OFFICER GF</b>	\$ 115.00	\$ 103.50	\$ 6.47	\$ 109.97	



## National Huguenot Society College and Postgraduate Student Merit Scholarships



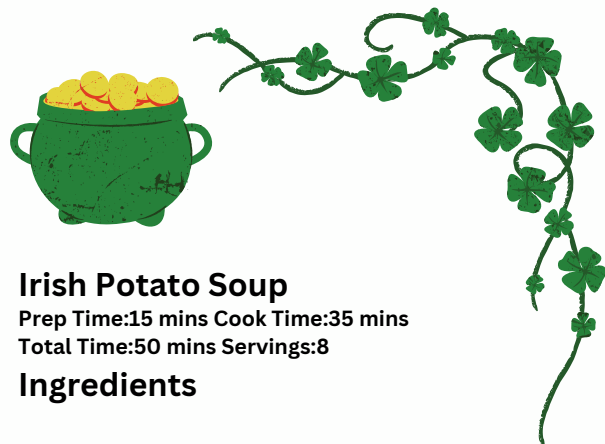
Very generous bequests made it possible for the Society to offer two merit scholarship programs for both undergraduate and post-graduate studies. The Jacqueline Wells Dickey Scholarship provides one **\$5,000** award annually, and the Lois Lefler Walker Scholarship Assist Award provides multiple students with funds for books and academic materials.

Neither award is dependent on financial need (no FAFSA or tax return requirements), and the award monies are issued directly to the winner's educational institution. The deadline to apply for these awards is February 1st of each year.

Details regarding each scholarship opportunity and application forms are available on the NHS website

<https://nationalhuguenotsociety.org/college-and-postgraduate-student-scholarships/>

Additional information is available from the Co-Chairs of the Scholarship Committee via email at [scholarship@nationalhuguenotsociety.org](mailto:scholarship@nationalhuguenotsociety.org).



### Irish Potato Soup

Prep Time:15 mins Cook Time:35 mins

Total Time:50 mins Servings:8

#### Ingredients

- 1 (1 pound) package bacon
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 cup celery, chopped
- 6 potatoes, scrubbed and cubed
- salt and pepper to taste
- 2 (12 fluid ounce) cans evaporated milk

#### Directions

1. Place bacon in a large, deep skillet, and cook over medium-high heat, turning occasionally, until evenly browned, about 10 minutes. Drain bacon slices on a paper towel-lined plate, crumble, and set aside.
2. Cook and stir onion and celery in the remaining bacon grease over medium heat until the onion is translucent and tender. Drain excess grease, then stir in potatoes. Add water to cover all but 1 inch of the potatoes. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat, then reduce to medium-low, and simmer until potatoes are tender, about 15 minutes, stirring often.
3. Stir in evaporated milk and continue cooking until warmed through. Season with salt and pepper. Stir in bacon just before serving.





NATIONAL HUGUENOT SOCIETY  
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## CALL TO THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

of

### The National Huguenot Society

**Washington, D.C., Wednesday - 10 April 2023 – 12:30 PM**

The ARMY & NAY CLUB on Farragut Square 901 17<sup>th</sup> ST. NW, Washington, DC 20006

John Paul Jones / IWO Jima Room

- 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 lead 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 3<sup>rd</sup> VP General and remit the parking fee before leaving the property.

### REGISTRATION

NAME(S):

NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

STATE(S)

NUMBER ATTENDING ( @ \$60/person):

TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please RSVP by 31 March 2024**

Mail Registration and check to the NHS Treasure General:  
Catherine Paunov, 5134 29th Avenue N, St. Petersburg, FL 33710-2706

Dear Father,

We ask for your wisdom that we may build a Society founded on the values of our forefathers and the values of Jesus which gives respect to the life and dignity of all people.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

