



The Cross of Languedoc

A Publication of the National Huguenot Society

“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”.



FALL 2008

Cover Feature: Stained Glass Window at Château de Noizay
The Former Huguenot Headquarters Near Amboise, France



This large and colorful stained glass window depicts Huguenot leader Godefroi de Barry, seigneur de La Renaudie, on the left, and the Catholic François, duc de Guise, on the right. It can be found in the Loire Valley of France, located at the top of the stairway in the Château de Noizay. This castle was built between 1514 and 1540 on the site of a medieval castle dating back to the 12th century. It is now a gorgeous Relais & Châteaux hotel in Noizay, France. In addition to its four-star rating earned from its outstanding gastronomy and hospitality, the Château de Noizay is known as having briefly served as the Huguenot headquarters for a plot known as the “Amboise Conspiracy” or the “Tumult of Amboise,” the purpose of which was to rescue young King François from the influence of his politically powerful Guise family uncles. The château was situated at the midpoint between the residences of the rather sickly teenage king of France in Blois and Amboise.

During the 1500s, Huguenots experienced increasing intrusions into their privacy and outright violence at the hands of Catholics. Although most Protestant leaders, including John Calvin, did not condone violence, some more local Huguenot leaders were spurred to take action. La Renaudie led this agitated group of Huguenots forward. His troop commander was reportedly Charles de Castelnau de Chalosse. Other members of his group included Bouchard d’Aubeterre, Edme de Ferrière-Maligny, Captains Mazères, Sainte-Marie and Lignières, Jean d’Aubigné, Ardoin de Porcelet, and Paulon de Mauvans. Their plan was to abduct—or in their view, rescue—the sixteen year old King François II, and arrest his maternal uncles, François, duc de Guise, and his brother, Charles de Guise, Cardinal of Lorraine. Prominent Huguenot leaders from the house of Bourbon, Antoine de Bourbon, duc de Vendôme, and Louis de Bourbon, prince de Condé, may or may not have known in advance of the plot. The Château de Noizay became the headquarters for the Huguenot conspirators to convene before launching their plan.

Unfortunately for the Huguenots, the Guises learned of the plot in time to relocate King François II from Blois to Amboise, which was more heavily fortified. In mid-March, 1560, the first of the conspirators arrived in Amboise and were arrested. Unaware until the last minute that the plot had been discovered, La Renaudie and his troops attempted to storm the Château d’Amboise and were captured. La Renaudie was drawn and quartered and displayed at the gates of the town. During the next month, 1200 to 1500 Huguenots were hung on iron hooks on the façade of the Château d’Amboise and from nearby trees, others were drowned in the Loire River or thrown to the mobs in Amboise. The king’s mother, Queen Catherine de Medici, was said to have watched the horrors from one of the balconies. Louis de Bourbon, prince de Condé, was arrested on suspicion of either leading or condoning the conspiracy, but was eventually released from custody.

Unfortunately, French history shows that this episode was but the beginning of the French wars of religion. Visiting the four-star Château de Noizay today, one would never imagine that such dark events could have occurred in the serene environment nearby. The castle is situated on lovely acreage looking out on farmland and the village of Noizay. It is a beautiful, peaceful central location from which to tour the Loire Valley, walk where your ancestors may have walked, and to otherwise reflect upon that era of history. All this can be done while enjoying the luxury offered by the Château in current times, and certainly the only trace of that dismal period of history that remains evident today is symbolized in the beautiful stained glass window in the broad stairway which honors the memory of both sides of the conflict. It captures a moment in time that would be appreciated by those of us who believe that history is important, and does so in a strikingly colorful, elegant and neutral manner.



While none of us today condone the violence that occurred during that period of French history, those events nevertheless shaped what followed and shaped our life today. Our ancestors may not have come to America or otherwise have left France had it not been for these terrible events. We are thankful that times have changed but grateful to our ancestors for their sacrifices which brought us here.

– Cover photo: Courtesy Dr. Patrick Lorenz and the Château de Noizay, part of the Relais & Châteaux hotels.

OFFICIAL CALL

The National Huguenot Society, Inc.
 Semi-Annual Board of General Officers Meeting and General Counsel Meeting
 Chattanooga Choo Choo Holiday Inn Hotel
 1400 Market Street • Chattanooga, TN 37402
 Phone: 423-266-5000 • Fax: 423-267-4998

The Fall Semi-Annual meeting of the Board of General Officers and the General Counsel of The National Huguenot Society, Inc., will be hosted by The Huguenot Society of Tennessee. The National Huguenot Society was invited to hold its mid-year meetings in Chattanooga, TN, to coincide with the Fall meeting of the Huguenot Society of Tennessee. The General Council will meet Friday, October 24th, followed by a reception and dinner that evening. We will join the Tennessee Society at the Fairyland Club for their meeting, luncheon and speaker Saturday, October 25th, and hold our Board of General Officers meeting that afternoon.

Friday, 24 October 2008	1:00 PM	General Council Meeting
	6:30 PM	Reception and Dinner
Saturday, 25 October 2008	10:30 AM	Join the Meeting and Luncheon of The Huguenot Society Tennessee
	2:30 PM	Board of General Officers Meeting

Note: Standing Committee Chairmen are invited to attend the Meeting of the Board of General Officers. All other meetings and meal functions are open, and all members and guests are encouraged to attend those.

All General Officers, State Presidents, Committee Chairs, Members, and Guests are urged to attend the General Council meeting and the Huguenot Society of Tennessee luncheon and program. Take advantage of the opportunity to meet and network with your contemporaries from across the country. At the General Council Work Session, you will be able to share ideas and learn from each other ways to build attendance at State meetings and to keep your State Society strong. It is also your opportunity to learn more about the workings of the National Society and to voice your opinions and offer suggestions for improvement at the National level. Please be there!

The Chattanooga Choo Choo Holiday Inn Hotel offers free parking and free transportation to and from the Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport. It is located at the beginning point of the free shuttle route, which is a great way to get downtown and around the city for site seeing. This would be a fantastic place to bring the family for a long weekend. There are many fun attractions right in the Chattanooga Choo Choo complex, and a multitude of attractions throughout the city, including the Riverwalk and Southern Belle River Boat.

The Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport (CHA) is served by American, Continental, Delta, Northwest, United, and US Airways. The hotel is easily accessible from I-24, I-75, and U.S. 27.

Total cost for the meeting, including registration, Friday night dinner, and Saturday luncheon is \$68.00. Cost for those who are only attending meal functions is \$40.00 for dinner and \$18.00 for the luncheon. Now, that's a bargain!

Please **MAIL CHECKS BY 5 SEPTEMBER 2007**, made payable to The National Huguenot Society, Inc. to:
 Barbara C. MacManus, President General
 710 Agave Court
 Fredericksburg, TX 78624-2538
 Telephone & Fax: 830-992-3027 E-mail: barcmac@austin.rr.com

Please make hotel reservations directly with the hotel as soon as possible. Request the National Huguenot Society rate of \$92.00 per room (king or 2 double beds) or \$169.00 for "Railroad Car" rooms. Room rates are exclusive of tax. Rates will be honored 2 days prior and 2 days following the meetings, based on availability, so make reservations early. The hotel contact for our meetings is Joy Nolan; direct line 423-308-2404, e-mail: joyn@choochoo.com. Web site for the hotel is www.choochoo.com.

Fall is spectacular in Southeast Tennessee and North Georgia, so come and enjoy. Look forward to seeing you there!

THE NATIONAL HUGUENOT SOCIETY, INC.
72ND ANNUAL CONGRESS
5 APRIL 2008 - WASHINGTON, D.C.
PRESIDENT GENERAL'S REPORT

Much of the President General's time, attention, and money have been diverted during this past year to the preparation and selling of our home of 45 years, building a new home in a different city while storing all household belongings and living out of suitcases in temporary quarters consisting of a Bed and Breakfast in a 100 + year old house with many defects, and in motels; then, moving into the new house, with the accompanying problems of getting contractors to finish what was not completed and correct what was not done correctly.

Needless to say, much of what this officer expected to accomplish during this year for the National Huguenot Society was not entirely realized. So, there is some good news, some encouraging news, some not so good news, and some bad news to report.

First, the good news: The Huguenot Society of Virginia is alive and well! This administration was charged with working to solve "the Virginia problem." Fortunately, one of the members of that Society was not content to stand by and let that State Member Society of the National Huguenot Society, Inc. fall by the wayside. Soon, others who were loyal members joined the effort. Working together, they have reestablished the Huguenot Society of Virginia as a viable part of the National Society. The President General did little other than lend moral support and encouragement to their efforts. Hat's off to Mrs. Rachel Wills who is now President of the Huguenot Society of Virginia, and her fellow Board of Officers.

Encouraging news is with regard to the Huguenot Society of Mississippi. That State Member Society has been dormant for a while due to lack of leadership. At last count 16 members had voluntarily paid 2008 National dues directly rather than disband their State Society, and many of those sent notes expressing the hope that the Mississippi Society can soon be revitalized. This officer will make that a priority for the coming year.

There is also encouraging news regarding the relocation of the "Headquarters Office" with which this administration has been charged. Following the October Mid-year Meeting in Indianapolis, the President General traveled to Bloomington, Minnesota, to get a first hand look at the facilities where the office is presently located, and to assess the space needs to accommodate the furniture, equipment, and archive storage.

Subsequently, copies of the motion approved by the 71st Congress delineating the conditions for relocation have been distributed to the Presidents of all the State Member Societies with the request that they consider the feasibility of locating the Headquarters Office in their state. They were also asked to recommend members for service on the "Relocation Committee." Two states have responded positively, and it is expected that a working committee will soon identify potential sites.

Miss Grace Rice, Archivist and Headquarters Office Chairman, is to be complimented on the job she has done these many years, volunteering her time to staff the office. The President General hereby expresses appreciation to her on behalf of the National Huguenot Society members.

The not so good news is with regard to the dormant Huguenot Society of Massachusetts: Last year 15 members of that Society voluntarily paid National dues directly in the hopes that their State Member Society would survive. This year, so far, only 10 have paid. There seems little encouragement to try to reactivate that State Member Society; however, being an optimist, this officer will not stop trying so long as there are any signs of possible success.

Now, the bad news: In early February this year, it was rumored that the Huguenot Society of Maryland was about to announce its dissociation from the National Huguenot Society. The Treasurer General reported to the President General that he had not received pay-

ment of 2008 annual fees from the Maryland Society. The President General received correspondence from members of the Maryland Society inquiring as to the procedure for transferring to another State Member Society or transferring to Member-at-Large in order to maintain membership in the National Society since Maryland was no longer a part of the National Society. This all came as quite a surprise.

This officer informed the Board of General Officers of this correspondence, and subsequently, communication was received from the Surgeon General, a member of the Huguenot Society of Maryland that he was tendering his resignation, which he said he had been planning to do because of his work schedule, and that it was necessary now because of the changes in Maryland.

On February 16th, the President General received a letter dated February 9, 2008, from William S. de Rosset, President of the Huguenot Society of Maryland stating that the membership, "last Fall", had voted by mailed paper ballot in favor of separating from the National Huguenot Society. This officer has subsequently been told that to try to salvage that State Member Society would be futile because the vote was "overwhelmingly" in favor of separation.

The President General immediately telephoned Mr. de Rosset, and he obligingly sent a letter to the President General, in compliance with her request, summarizing the basis for the action taken by the Maryland Society. Their action was primarily based on their desire to open their membership to non-Protestant Christians. Also mentioned was their perception of "the way in which the Maryland delegation was treated with respect to a proposed by-laws change at the last few national conventions", specifically referencing 2005 and 2006.

Further bad news was the resignation of the Organizing Secretary General, Chad Christopher Means, whose change of employers and relocation will not allow him the flexibility to continue in that function. Fortunately, the former Organizing Secretary General, and loyal member, Betty Swisher, Registrar of the Huguenot Society of Missouri, has agreed to accept appointment to that office for the remainder of Chad's term.

The President General volunteered to assist the Treasurer General in sending out dues notices to Members-at-Large and Membership and Dues Summary forms for use by State Treasurers in submitting 2008 annual National fees, and corresponded with State Member Society Presidents and Treasurers and other members and non-members on behalf of the National Huguenot Society, Inc.

This officer worked with Honorary President General Nadine Hardin-Miller in selection of the site for the 72nd Annual Congress and arranging for the programs and speakers, and worked with other committee chairmen in fulfilling their assignments.

A number of committee chairmen and committee members were appointed by the President General, including that of Chairman of the Committee on Awards that was necessitated by the very sad loss of Mrs. Jean Hyde, who had so ably fill that chair for years.

This officer appreciates the patience extended to her during the months of her "displacement" and the intrusion of personal business upon much of her time during this past year. With God's help, she will be more available and serve the National Huguenot Society more effectively in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara C. MacManus
President General

INTERESTED, BUT NOT A MEMBER YET?

We encourage interested people to explore the possibility of becoming a member per the qualifications set forth on our website. See any ancestor names you recognize on our Welcome to New Members list? If your surname matches that of one of the ancestors listed for our new members herein, or one of those listed on our website, it might be worth exploring whether you might be descended from a common Huguenot ancestor. There is no guarantee, but it is possible that you could develop the necessary documentary proof of your lineage connection to one of our known Huguenots sufficient to support our membership criteria, provided you are also able to meet the other requirements for membership. We welcome new members!

MINUTES OF THE 72nd ANNUAL CONGRESS

Saturday, 5 April 2008
The Washington Marriott Hotel
Washington, DC

The meeting was called to order at 9:37 am by the President General Barbara C. MacManus.

Edward Moses of the Huguenot Society of Virginia, Barbara Schulz of the Huguenot Society of Florida and Janice Lorenz of the Huguenot Society of Washington, DC were appointed to read minutes of the 72nd Annual Congress.

Charles Owen Johnson, Chaplain pro tem gave the invocation.

Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America and the Huguenot Pledge to the Flag of the United States were recited.

Objectives of the Society were read by Nancy Brennan Recording Secretary General.

Credentials Report was presented by Chairman Rachel Wills as follows: General Officers, 8; Honorary Presidents General, 1; Presidents of State Member Societies, 3; Delegates, 15; State Societies represented, 11; guests, 1; Motion: Mrs. Wills moved acceptance. Motion adopted.

President General declared a quorum present.

Congress standing rules were accepted as printed.

Printed program changes were announced by Chairman Rachel Wills. Motion: Mrs. Wills moved acceptance of corrected program. Motion seconded. Program adopted.

Motion: Nadine Hardin-Miller moved to combine the General Council Meeting with the Annual Congress meeting. Motion was seconded and adopted.

Motion: Barbara Schulz moved to combine the Annual Congress meeting with the meeting of the General Council. Motion was seconded and adopted.

Report of the Recording Secretary General: The minutes of the 71st Annual Congress were approved by a committee and were published in "The Cross of Languedoc." No further corrections were made and the minutes were filed.

President General appointed Dr. Robert Kline of Pennsylvania as time keeper.

The President General read her report. The report attached.

Treasurer General's Report: The Treasurer General read his activity report and the financial report. The balance of funds on hand as of 31 December 2007

including scholarship funds, restricted and unrestricted funds is \$492,983.23. Reports are attached.

Audit Committee report from Chairman Sara Branton was read by the Recording Secretary General. Report attached.

Motion: Virginia Chase of the Huguenot Society of Florida moved to approve the Audit Committee report.

Motion was seconded. Motion adopted.

The 2008 Budget Report was presented by the Treasurer General. Total revenue is projected at \$54,625 with total expenses projected at \$40,675 with revenue less expenses projected to be \$13,950. Motion: Allen Moore moved to adopt budget. Motion was seconded and the budget was adopted.

General Officer Reports:

1st & 2nd Vice Presidents General were not in attendance and no reports were filed

3rd Vice President General Allen W. Moore read his report. Report attached.

Chaplain General was not in attendance and no report was filed.

Corresponding Secretary General was not in attendance and no report was filed.

Organizing Secretary General was not in attendance and no report was filed.

Registrar General Jeannine Kallal presented her report which reflected 95 new members by application, 18 supplemental applications approved, 7 transfers, 1 dual membership, 1 junior to senior membership, 7 reinstatements and 2 reinstatements + transfers since 7 April 2007. Report is attached.

Historian General Carol Chew: Mrs. Chew reported verbally that she had met with DAR Library Director last fall in regard to the National Huguenot Society collection and has delivered books to the DAR library. She will be delivering *Les Protestants du Bocage Normand* by Jacky Delafontenelle, *Escape to Freedom* by Kenn Joubert and *Ancestry and History of Philip Delano, Born Philippe de Lannoy* by George English and the Book Award winner, *A Huguenot on the Hackensack: David Demarest and His Legacy* by David C. Major, PhD, and John S. Major, PhD., to the DAR Library.

Counselor General Janice Lorenz reported verbally that the issues of the Virginia Society had required much of her time to help the Virginia Society find an attorney to try to retrieve funds in the hands of the breakaway group. Tax questions were referred to the appropriate experts. As Editor of "The Cross of Languedoc," she stated that she had received assistance from several officers.

There was no Surgeon General report. Lee Crandall Park, MD has resigned from that position. The Board of General Officers has approved the appointment of Elizabeth Wilson Fomby, M.D., to fill the vacancy. Dr. Fomby is on the staff of Scott and White Hospital and is an Associate Professor of Medicine at Texas A&M University.

Genealogist General C. Owen Johnson, JD, LL.M., reported verbally that the purpose of his office is to resolve disputes, along with the committee, as to accurate Protestant lineage. No such action had been required.

The President General introduced Rev. Nigel Massey, Rector of the French Church of the Holy Spirit in New York City who will be the luncheon speaker.

Report of the Board of General officers: The following recommendations were made and actions were taken by the Board of General Officers:

1. That John Blakeney be awarded a \$5,000. Jacqueline Wells Dickey Scholarship in accordance with the recommendation of the Scholarship Committee;
2. That a second Jacqueline Wells Dickey Scholarship of \$5,000 be awarded to Joseph Preston Holland in accordance with the recommendation of the Scholarship Committee per authorization of a previous Board of General Officers meeting;
3. That authors David C Major, PhD and John S Major, PhD be granted the \$1,000 award in recognition of their book, A Huguenot on the Hackensack: David Demarest and His Legacy, being the best publication submitted in 2007 in accordance with the committee's recommendation, with each author receiving \$500;
4. To accept the resignation of Dr. Lee Crandall Park from the office of Surgeon General with deep regret;
5. To appoint Dr. Elizabeth Wilson Fomby, M.D., to fill the vacant office of Surgeon General for the balance of the 2007-2009 term; and
6. To authorize the President General to appoint Betty Swisher to the office of Organizing Secretary General for the balance of the 2007-2009 term if Chad Means will absolutely not reconsider his decision to resign.

The President General recognized the other books submitted for awards.

Motion: Nadine Hardin-Miller moved to accept the report of the Board of General Officers. Motion was seconded and adopted.

The Board of General Officers elected Nadine Hardin-Miller to represent the Board on the 2009 Nominating Committee. Sylvia McAuliffe, as the most recent Honorary President General, also will serve on the 2009 Nominating Committee.

Rachel Wills will represent the State Presidents. Nancy Brennan will represent States west of the Mississippi River, and Janice Lorenz will represent States east of the Mississippi River. Nadine Hardin-Miller will serve as Chairman of the 2009 nominating Committee.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Bylaws Committee: Chairman Sylvia McAuliffe was unable to attend due to illness. The President General gave verbal report. The work on the revision of the bylaws is progressing and a written report will be forthcoming. Note: the written report of the committee was received and is attached.

Credentials Committee: Chairman Rachel Wills needs credentials reports from State Society Presidents in a timely manner in order to prepare credentials.

Finance Committee: Chairman not in attendance.

Genealogy Committee: No further report.

Membership Committee: A new chairman will be appointed.

Programs and Arrangements Committee: The President General recognized Nadine Hardin-Miller for her assistance in locating the hotel and Peter Dixon, Honorary Member, and Eldon Kaplan, who arranged the flag display.

Publications Committee: Janice Lorenz, Chairman and Editor of "The Cross of Languedoc" reported that she had subscribed to professional photo service to get cover photos. Copies of "The Cross" need to be given to libraries to develop interest in membership as well as to educate potential members. The editor encouraged submissions of articles to "The Cross." The President General asked that changes of addresses be sent to the Registrar General promptly to avoid the cost of return postage of magazines due to incorrect addresses.

Scholarship Committee: Chairman Richard D. Smith reported and expanded on the recipients of the scholarships, John Blakeney and Joseph Holland. Blakeney is a 20 year old student from Winthrop, Washington attending George Fox University. Holland,

age 21, a member of the Huguenot Society of Georgia, is a student at the University of Alabama.

Special Committee reports:

Committee for the Huguenot Collection Books and Archives Review: Previously reported.

Archivist and Headquarters office: No report

Web master & Publicity chair report: No report

State reports:

Alabama – report filed

Arizona – no report

Arkansas – report filed

California – report filed

Connecticut – report filed

Delaware – no report

District of Columbia – President Janice Lorenz made verbal report.

Florida – representative from Florida made verbal report

Georgia – no report

Illinois – Jeannine Kallal gave verbal report. Illinois has about 100 members and meets twice a year.

Indiana – Allen Moore read his report and it was filed.

Iowa – report filed

Kansas – no report

Kentucky – no report

Maine – report filed

Massachusetts – inactive

Minnesota – no report

Mississippi - inactive

Missouri – report filed

Nebraska – no report

Nevada – no report

New Hampshire – Ray Stewart, Treasurer of the New Hampshire Society gave verbal report and filed the report.

New Mexico – report filed

New York – no report

North Carolina – no report

Ohio – no report

Oklahoma – Nadine Hardin-Miller gave verbal report.

Pennsylvania – Dr. Kline gave verbal report and report was filed.

Rhode Island – no report

Tennessee – no report

Texas – Aubrey Wilson gave verbal report and report was filed.

Virginia – Rachel Wills gave verbal report and report was filed.

Washington – no report

Wisconsin – no report

Note: Filed reports are attached.

The President General asked for a date for meeting for next year. Motion: Jeannine Kallal moved to set the meeting date on the 10 & 11 of April 2009 in Washington, DC. The motion was seconded and adopted.

Final report of the Credentials Committee: General Officers, 8; Honorary Presidents General, 1; Presidents of State Member Societies, 3; Delegates, 16; Chairmen of National Standing Committees not otherwise counted, 1. Motion was made to accept report. Motion was seconded and adopted.

The President General announced that the Memorial Service will be conducted after lunch and wreath will be laid at World War II memorial.

Meeting adjourned.



SPACE AVAILABLE ON NATIONAL HUGUENOT SOCIETY WEBSITE

Does your state society or chapter have a web site? If it does the National Society Webmaster, First Vice President Stephen Gerth, would like to provide a link to your site from The National Huguenot Society website at:

<http://www.huguenot.netnation.com/states/states.htm>

If your society or chapter does not yet have a website, the National Society webmaster may be able to help you as well. There is space available on the National Society website to host your society or chapter web pages. The local society or chapter is responsible for developing the look and content of its own site. If you have a person who can do the technical development of the site the National Society website can provide hosting space. If you need assistance in implementation the Webmaster is available to help your local chapter develop the site based upon the plans and design you provide.

Contact Stephen Gerth via email for more details at *webmaster@huguenot.netnation.com*.

TREASURER GENERAL'S ACTIVITY REPORT

26 March 2008

- During the period since the Treasurer General's last report to the Annual Congress on 7 April 2007 to the present, I have accomplished the following tasks:
- With the assistance of the President General executed signature card and address changes with the National Huguenot Society's financial institutions to reflect the new slate of General Officers.
- Deposited all funds received from the Registrar General, the Headquarters Office, State Member Societies, Members-at-Large and Individuals.
- Disbursed payment of all bills and invoices approved and submitted by the President General in accordance with the established voucher system.
- Reviewed and reconciled all bank statements from the various financial institutions in which funds of the National Huguenot Society, Inc. are maintained.
- Interacted with the President General regarding maturities and renewals of certificates of deposit and provided a listing of the Society's assets/investments to the Finance Committee for review and consideration.
- Updated the National Huguenot Society's Quickbooks software to the 2007 version and posted deposited receipts and disbursed checks to the statement of accounts.
- Prepared the Treasurer Generals' report for submission at the mid year meeting.
- Closed the books for the year 2007 and submitted the records and supporting documentation to the Audit Committee.
- Reported to the Credentials Committee the State Member Societies eligible to be represented at the 2007 Congress based on timely payment of annual fees (dues).
- Kept a roster of registrants for the 72nd Annual Congress and promptly reported updates to the Credentials Committee Chairman and the President General.

- Prepared the 2007 Year End Financial Statements and Reports to be presented at the 72nd Annual Congress on 4 April 2008.

TREASURER GENERAL'S 2007 YEAR END REPORT

26 March 2008

The undersigned, Treasurer General of The National Huguenot Society, Inc. does hereby submit the following Financial Report for the Period 1 January 2007 through 31 December 2007.

The balance of funds on hand at the start of the 2007 year, including the Dickey Scholarship Restricted Funds of \$299,101.29, the Lewis Memorial Restricted Funds of \$20,146.34, the Unrestricted Advent Recovery Funds of \$83,542.34 and the Unrestricted Operating Funds of \$71,795.02, totaled \$474,584.99.

There were received (and accrued with regard to certificates of deposit not at maturity) \$52,771.32 for the period 1 January 2007 through 31 December 2007. During the same period, disbursements totaled \$32,800.32, leaving a net increase of \$19,971 in 2007.

The balance of funds on hand as of 31 December 2007, including the Dickey Scholarship Restricted Funds of \$309,439.73, the Lewis Memorial Restricted Funds of \$23,208.91, the Unrestricted Advent Recovery Funds of \$88,300.65 and the Unrestricted Operating Funds of \$72,033.94, totaled \$492,983.23.

The attached Financial Report for the Period 1 January 2007 through 31 December 2007 includes printouts of the Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Financial Income and Expense. Detail of the carrying value of accounts with various financial institutions is also included along with a comparative analysis of expenses to date versus annual figures from prior years.

Respectfully submitted

Robert R. Van Gulick, Jr.
Treasurer General
26 March 2008

Book Award Committee

The Book Award Committee of The National Huguenot Society—comprised of Jean Hyde, Dr. Travis DuPriest, and Chad C. Means—is pleased to make its annual recommendation to the Board of General Officers.

This year, the Committee received the following submissions for consideration:

A Huguenot on the Hackensack: David Demarest and His Legacy, by David C. Major, Ph.D., and John S. Major, Ph.D. This well researched and documented publication focused on an early Huguenot settler of northeast New Jersey.

And:

“Ancestry and History of Philip Delano, Born Philippe de Lannoy,” by George English. This extensive paper explored the life of the Huguenot ancestor of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

While the committee felt both submissions were worthy of consideration, our recommendation is that *A Huguenot on the Hackensack* receive this year’s award. All three writers have been notified of our recommendation to the Board of General Officers.

Sadly, our Committee Chairwoman, Jean Hyde, died in March, after serving in this capacity for several years.

Respectfully submitted,
Chad C. Means
Committee Member

ATTENTION

The National Huguenot Society, Inc., is seeking a new location for its Headquarters Office and Archives which is to be moved from Bloomington, MN.

Space requirements are a small office of about 150 to 250 sq. ft. and storage space for archives of about 150 sq. ft., in the same building. Of primary concern are parking, safety, security and fire prevention.

Ideal situation would be a location in reasonable proximity to Washington, D.C. and members with some computer knowledge willing to volunteer a few hours a month to staff the office.

Please contact the President General, Barbara C. MacManus

Donations to The Huguenot Collection

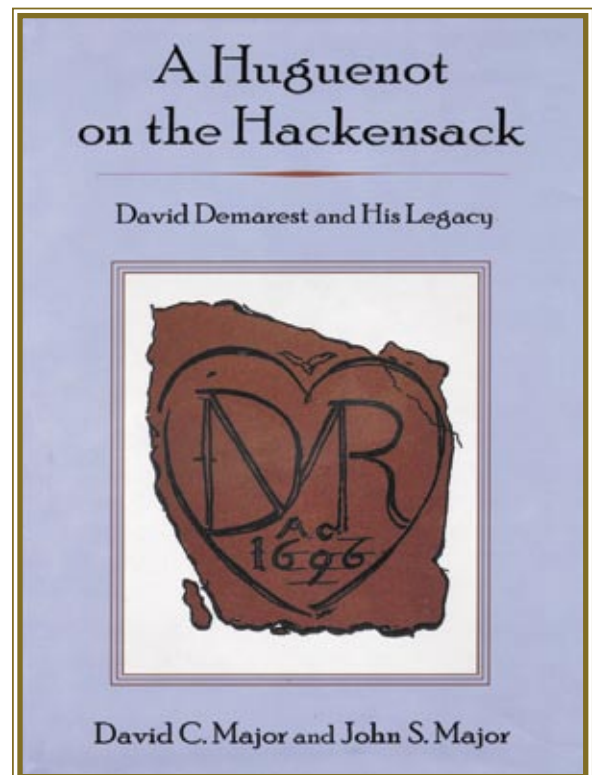
Selected for the NHS award is: *A Huguenot on the Hackensack: David Demarest and His Legacy* by David C. Major and John S. Major (Fairleigh Dickinson University Press, 2007). “first full-length study of David Demarest, an early European settler of northeastern New Jersey and progenitor of a large and locally influential family. The book examines Demarest’s life, the legacy of his family, and the wider ‘Jersey Dutch’ community in which the family played a prominent part. The book looks beneath accumulated layers of legend and older historical interpretation to formulate a new and more realistic (and more interesting) account of Demarest’s life and legacy.” - from the jacket blurb.

Les Protestants du Bocage Normand by Jacky Delafontenelle (author lives in France)

Escape to Freedom by Kenn Joubert (author lives in Nanaimo, BC, Canada)

Ancestry and History of Philip Delano, Born Philippe de Lannoy, by George English (author lives in Ayrshire, United Kingdom)

Carol Chew



Bylaws Committee

The Committee on Bylaws, appointed by Barbara C. MacManus, President General, consists of Sylvia F. McAuliffe, Linda M. Neal, Barbara R. Baylis, Janice M. Lorenz, Esq., and Barbara C. MacManus, President General, exofficio.

The committee's purpose is to incorporate all amendments that have occurred at Annual Congresses during the years since the last edition was published in 2002 and publish a current edition. The Committee has spent considerable time researching available minutes of Annual Congresses since the 2002 Bylaws were published, and attempting to locate these changes where they are unavailable in the minutes.

It has come to light that there may be changes that the committee is unaware of, that occurred in 2004 and 2006, that should be included. However, no such material has been shared with the Committee. Since Bylaws approved by an organization go into effect immediately (unless another time is indicated) upon approval by the governing body, if any member has material they believe the Committee is unaware of, or that could be helpful to the Committee, it should not be withheld, and it is hoped that anyone having such information will advise the committee.

The Committee has worked to remove obsolete references to "Affiliate Societies" wherever they occur throughout the document, since the "Affiliate Society of Canada" notified the Society they did not have sufficient members to maintain a Society. Numeration of articles, sections, subsections, etc., of Bylaws is best left to the committee according to the Society's parliamentary authority, Robert's Rules of Order, current edition. Whenever information is removed or added, there can be some shifting of the material.

The first draft is ready for critical examination and review by the committee as soon as information from the 2008 Congress regarding handling of proposed amendments is made available to us, so that any changes may be incorporated into the document. Any remaining inconsistencies and ambiguities must be detected and eliminated before publication.

Sylvia F. McAuliffe, Chairman

THE ROLE OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL

ARTICLE VIII of the Bylaws of
The National Huguenot Society, Inc.

The General Council of the National Huguenot Society, Inc., includes the General Officers of the National Society, all of the Honorary Presidents General, the Presidents of the State Member Societies, and the Chairmen of Standing Committees of the National Society.

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

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

This year, at the mid-year meeting in Chattanooga, Tennessee, the General Council will meet before the Board of General Officers to afford the opportunity for recommendations from the General Council to be presented to the Board. A special program is being planned for the General Council and sufficient time is being allowed for the General Council to have a real "work session."

You can, and you should, have a voice in the workings of this organization. It is vital to the future of the National Society and all State Member Societies to have as many State Presidents and Standing Committee Chairmen as possible attend the General Council meeting October 24-25 in Chattanooga. Please see the Official Call elsewhere in this publication for more details. Your participation is critical to the success of this program and the National and State Societies. The General Council meetings are open meetings, so please urge all the members of your State Society to come.

Besides, the Fall foliage and mountain views in Southeast Tennessee and North Georgia are spectacular, not to mention all the other attractions in and around Chattanooga.

STATE REPORTS –

ALABAMA

The Alabama Society is an active society with meetings twice a year and very good programs. The meetings are well attended. We meet at the Country Club of Birmingham and have lunch after the meeting. Our next meeting will be in March.

New officers were installed at last September's meeting for a term of two years. Our Bylaws were rewritten in 2007 and were passed by the society.

We lost our Past President, Leigh Pegues, in December. This was quite a shock to all of us.

I cannot attend the National meetings at this time because of my husband's illness, but hope the future will show some improvement for him.

Barbara Garner
President

ARKANSAS

The Arkansas Huguenot Society has had a very good year. We meet three times a year. Our meetings have been well attended with interesting programs such as "The Orphans Trains" which was presented by Shelia Beatty, who is a potential member. Her father was one of the orphans.

We have 53 members and 5 friends. We have lost 2 members this year to death, but we have 4 potential members.

Kelcie Lewis was awarded our State scholarship for her continuing education.

Our yearly Martineau Award, which is given in honor of our Organizing President, Thelma Martineau, was given to Senator Dale Bumpers and his wife, Betty, for the services they have done for the state of Arkansas.

Mary Lewis
President

CALIFORNIA

The Huguenot Society of California was very active in 2007. We are working on our Bylaws, donated a scholarship fund of \$1000.00 to the National Huguenot Society, attending ROTC programs and attending other Societies meetings. As State President, I represented the Huguenot Society at the CSSDAR 100th Annual Conference in Santa Clara, California on March 27, 2008. Getting the word out is very important so future members will know about the Society, this last year we had 5 prospective members wanting to join and two did. We have six new members, counting SFBC, supplemental 8, SFBC had 1 deceased member, La Rochelle has 54 members and 24 for SFBC, and this does not count the Life members which is 14 and 24. We have 4 junior members and 2 associates.

This year the State Meeting will be held on May 21, 2008 with the La Rochelle Chapter, at the University Club of Pasadena, in Pasadena, California. The speaker will be Gary Kersey "emancipation proclamation" And award will be given to Lt. Gen Wright.

La Rochelle Chapter President, Wayne Jerome Rogers and San Francisco Bay Chapter President Shirley Williams will be giving their reports; Chapters meet in October, January, March, April and May.

The chapters continued to grow financially through numerous donations and proper investments. These donations continued to allow the chapter's to provide worthy candidates (s) a healthy scholarship on an annual basis.

The Chapters continued to meet the objectives of promoting patriotism, history, education and religion in order to perpetuate the memory, spirit, and deeds of the men and women called Huguenots.

Donna Bennett Cole
President

CONNECTICUT

The Connecticut Society Treasurer is Joyce Senkbeil and the President is Rev. Carroon. We have had quite a shakeup in our officers, thus the Treasurer still is trying to get a handle on the files. But more to the point, her granddaughter had just passed on within the last two weeks and this week she learned that her son died, and was not aware of it, though in the next town. However she will try and get the check off to you for the members still current. Rev. Carroon said that unfortunately no one is able to be present at the meeting on the 5th of April.

Have a fruitful meeting on the 5th.

Fannie R. Gabriel
Secretary-Registrar

INDIANA

The Huguenot Society of Indiana meets twice a year at the Meridian Hills Country Club in Indianapolis. Our dinner meetings always have programs of an educational, historical, or religious nature, usually relevant to Huguenots. Our speakers are mostly university faculty members.

Our April 14, 2007 meeting speaker was Dr. mark A. Smith, Associate Professor of History at Indiana Wesleyan University, whose topic was "A Light in the Darkness" concerning Calvinism and the Huguenots.

The fall meeting on October 13, 2007 speaker was Dr. Kevin C. Robbins, Associate Professor of History at Indiana University-Purdue University, whose topic was "the Huguenot Silversmiths of London." Attending this meeting were several national officers and guests who were here for the Fall Semi-Annual General Council of the National Huguenot Society. It was our pleasure to have them with us. President General Barbara MacManus brought greetings on behalf of the National Huguenot Society.

Currently we have 44 life members and 19 regular members, making a total of 63 members, who are scattered across the state as well as those in 9 other states. We also have 7 associate members. Our average attendance at meetings this past year has been 23.

During the past year we have recruited 5 new members with one application pending. There have been 3 deaths, 2 resignations, and 3 dropped for nonpayment of dues in 2007.

A few very dedicated members upon whom we can always depend carry the work load of the Indiana Society. Fortunately, our members are a congenial, harmonious group of genteel gentlemen and ladies.

Allen W. Moore
Registrar and Treasurer

IOWA

I tried to contact the National Huguenot Society several times in 2007 and finally contacted President MacManus in September. She informed me that we needed permission to disband.

The Huguenot Society of Iowa has not really been active for some time. Our secretary died in 2006 and last week our Historian died. We now have only four members who attend state meetings. Many members live out of state and others cannot attend because of age. I continue to serve as president even though our bylaws do not permit this. Our four attending members are in three different counties and are 100 miles apart.

We contacted all members in May 2007 and informed them we would disband December 2007. We had no response concerning this letter and did vote to disband.

Martha Deyoe
President

MAINE

It is not with any amount of pleasure that I can give nor expect to receive in undertaking the submission of any Annual Report on the activities of the Huguenot Society of Maine. To put it frankly and bluntly, there were none. The membership in our organization consists of myself and the treasurer and perhaps one or two others. Other than that I hear from no other individuals and it is distressing at best to have to submit this in report form to our National Society.

State Reports continued

During the year I attempted to set up a meeting for the membership but as it turned out there was myself and one other in attendance which does not constitute a meeting no matter the dough gets stretched.

We have paid the national dues from our diminishing savings to the distress of our treasurer but we remain current in that respect.

Another attempt will be made to schedule a meeting following the melting of our exorbitant snowfall which has collected throughout the entire State of Maine during this winter which is almost history now and a bill for dues will be issued.

It will remain to be seen whether or not there is any effect to my efforts in that respect. Outside of that, I am at a loss to know what is to be done that will continue the existence of our Society. If the National Society has any solution(s) to offer, they will be most cordially received.

The geographical distances involved and the increased age of our current members create a severe handicap in respect to any meaningful solution to our problem. This is regretted but must be faced unfortunately.

C. Eugene de Groff
President

MISSOURI

The Missouri Society meets in May and October at Columbia, Missouri, in the iddle of the state, to accommodate members and increase attendance. We hold combined meetings wiyth the John Corbin chapter, Daughters of the American Colonists, and the Missouri Society Dames of the Court of Honor, since many of our Huguenot members share membership in those societies.

The Huguenots have their own meeting, then all societies share lunch. A program is presented by one of the organizations at each meeting. The May 2007 program was an interesting insight on the Jamestowne settlement by members attending the 400th anniversary celebration of Jamestown: Pat Horton, Glenda Allen, both past presidents of the Missouri State Society, and Dallie Howerton, the current president.

January 1, 2008, Missouri had a membership of 70 and since that time we have added three new members with several prospective members. The Missouri Society is most proud to have member Chad Means on the National Board as Organizing Secretary.

Our Historian works on the scrapbook and brings it to meetings for all to share. Missouri has established a friendship Fund to assist those elderly members who need help in paying their membership dues.

New officers were installed at the May 2007 meeting.

In May, Missouri holds a Memorial Service for members who have passed away during the past year. In May 2007, we lost Charles Sheppard, whose ancestor was Abraham Michaux. We are also sad to report the deaths of Luella Hoemeyer, descendant of Gabriel Maupin, and Mary Lindenblad, descendant of Nicholas de la Martiau, and Jean Hyde, descended from Louis DuBois. It is with a heavy hart that we say goodbye to our friends and members.

Plans for the future include a newsletter with stories of our Huguenot ancestors and their struggles to escape from france and finally find their new homes in the Colonies. Also, at each meeting one of our members will give a two minute history on their Huguenot ancestor.

Dallie Miles Howerton
President

[Editor's note: Due to a job change we regret to report that Chad Means stepped down from his post as Organizing Secretary of the NHS.]

NORTH CAROLINA

The Huguenot Society of North Carolina held its annual meeting on April 12, 2008 at the Carolina Club on the beautiful campus of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. State President Marie Thiele called the meeting to order and welcomed the twenty-nine members and guests to this very special celebration noting it was the 70th Anniversary of the State Society. Mrs. Thiele asked that all the members and guests introduce themselves and tell the name of their Huguenot ancestor. Prior to the opening of the meeting, the members had enjoyed the French wine reception.

After the usual Huguenot opening ceremonies, Mrs. Mary Ann Hepler, the State Recording Secretary, read a shortened version of the minutes calling for a vote on four motions proposed at the last meeting. All the motions passed with a unanimous vote. The last motion called for hiring a historian/genealogist to compile a history of the State Society for distribution to libraries, colleges and community colleges. The motion was amended to also include Huguenots from New Bern and other Huguenot sites in North Carolina.

State Treasurer Christopher N. Rozier gave the financial report, which was approved. State Registrar N. Larry Rozier reported that we had lost 4 members and dropped one member. We also had gained two new members and now had a total of sixty-six members with several new-interested prospective members.

The State Chaplain, Dr. Suzanne Sauter, led a memorial service for our four

Deceased members: Dorothy Simpson Kinelski, Richard Wallace Kesler, Frank Richard Walker and Jean Bertolet Price II.

Following a lovely luncheon, President Thiele introduced our speaker and his wife. Dr. Alan Whanger of Durham and Duke University spoke on the research that he is involved with on the Shroud of Turin: "The Shroud of Turin: The Mystery and the Message." Dr. Whanger gave a slide presentation and brought numerous visual aids on the Shroud. He brought 3-D glasses so that the members could view the in-depth views of the Shroud using special computer techniques. Dr. Whanger and his wife, Mary, developed the Polarized Image Overlay Technique for doing exacting image comparisons. The Whangers are internationally recognized Shroud researchers since the 1970's and has written a book of facts concerning this topic. Dr. Whanger concluded that the Shroud is authentic and had the facts to backup his findings.

Mrs. Thiele thanked the Whangers and presented a check to Dr. Whanger to use in his research project. Mrs. Thiele gave the members each one of the roses from the decorated tables as a parting gift and the meeting was adjourned.

N. Larry Rozier
State Registrar

NEW HAMPSHIRE

The members have enjoyed meeting at a variety of locations over the years. This past year we visited Augustus Saint-Gaudens National historic site in Cornish, New Hampshire. After watching a newly produced video, we toured the grounds including the galleries, studio, outdoor sculpture installations, and the family home with many original furnishings. This was followed by our meeting and lunch at a diner over the Connecticut River in Windsor, Vermont.

We are trying to encourage younger membership and have one junior member. We will be exploring the possibility of awarding a small scholarship to a college bound high school senior who is attending a school sponsored by a Protestant Church. We may decide to further restrict the scholarship to a student who is also a member of a Protestant Church, having made a personal commitment of faith by this age.

We are a small, but involved group, proud of our Huguenot heritage, looking forward to furthering the objectives of the Society in the coming year and the future.

Marsha Stewart
President

NEW MEXICO

Our chapter has gone to fifteen members.

We have two meetings a year, a luncheon in June with a meeting and we observ Reformation Sunday the last Sunday in October. We go to church in a group and after church have lunch and a short meeting. If we have had some deaths during the year we have a memorial service at the time of the meeting.

We are sending no delegates to the National meeting, as we all are getting older and infirm.

We are just trying to hold our little group together.

We are wishing you a Great Convention and I hope you find someone to take over the national office tasks soon.

Jo Berry
President, Treasurer

*State Reports continued***PENNSYLVANIA**

Greetings from the Huguenot Society of Pennsylvania. We have two chapters and 255 members.

With a great sense of temporal loss, we report the passing to life eternal of (Mrs.) Louise Arndt May and (Mrs.) Florence Birch McElroy. Mrs. May, delegate to this National Congress numerous times, Vice-President of the State Society, and President of the Jean Ribault Chapter, worked tirelessly to promote the cultural and historical heritage of the Huguenots. Mrs. McElroy, although not a society member, served faithfully as its treasurer during a crucial time of transition in the 1980s.

We look forward to celebrating our 90th anniversary on Saturday, May 10 in the city of Reading, only a few hundred yards from the very spot where the society was founded in 1918. All are welcome to attend; contact any PA delegate or officer for information.

Society functions in 2007 included laying a wreath in the Brush Creek United Church of Christ (1722) Cemetery, near Pittsburgh, at the grave of prominent 18th-century Huguenot David Marchand. He had been a Revolutionary War physician and donated the land on which sit the cemetery and church, where many Languedoc Chapter meetings have been held over the years. The annual Reformation Service, followed by high tea, was held at Salem Lutheran Church (1760), Lebanon. The sermon, about what it means to be "Reformation People," was given by Guest Preacher Rev. Dr. Norman B. Bucher, Jr., Retired from the United Church of Christ; a special treat was hearing the historic organ played by high school student Charles Grove, grandson of PA Society Vice-President Dr. Robert Kline.

My personal thanks to all who have worked to further the aims of the society during my three years as state president. As others take the helm, I look forward to participating in new and exciting activities to come.

Vive les Huguenots!

Mark S. Dimick, President

TEXAS

A main objective of the Huguenot Society of Texas over the past year has been to heal the schism that occurred several years ago severing about half of our membership. Numerous contacts have been made with the president of the dissident group. She has been amenable to reconciliation. And our sense is that the membership at large prefers to be a part of The National Huguenot Society. Unfortunately, some members of their board remain intransigent, making it politically difficult to press the issue at this time. We will continue to pursue reconciliation. In the meantime, we continue to add individual members from the dissident chapters who appreciate the advantages of the National Society.

The Texas Society extends compliments and appreciation for the outstanding public relations tools that National provides to our local chapters. Barbara Baylis, President of the La Rochelle Chapter, extols the virtues and ease of use of the website and the Membership Brochure. Corrine Staacke, President of the Languedoc Chapter, praises the quality and value of the "Cross of Languedoc" as a communications vehicle, both for members and prospective members. Barbara supplements these exceptional PR tools with a Chapter Newsletter. And Corinne has recently completed an outstanding Texas Society Yearbook to enhance community relations within the membership.

Because San Antonio is such a large and prominent tourist destination, the Languedoc Chapter is pursuing the possibility of a site near the Alamo as a candidate for the relocation of the National Headquarters. It is felt that a high traffic, highly visible location could attract the attention of citizens from all over the United States to the Huguenot Society.

Aubrey Wilson

VIRGINIA

The Huguenot Society of Virginia has sustained the shock of separation from some of its most active members as the dissidents followed their desire to dissociate from the National Huguenot Society and

have their own autonomous society. They took with them the assets of the Huguenot Society of Virginia and the newly elected board members, who were not told they were being swept into leadership for the new society. Some of those new officers had NOT voted to dissociate. Misleading correspondence was sent by the new leadership of that new society that was incorporated in the Commonwealth of Virginia in May of 2007. That misleading correspondence was sent to some of our members and they were confused and upset.

Huguenot Society of Virginia was left without a Board of leadership or the assets with which to continue. This remaining officer wrote a letter of explanation to the remaining 122 members who had NOT voted to dissociate immediately, at her own expense. She asked for their help in providing leadership for those remaining members of the Huguenot Society of Virginia and to show their support by paying their dues for 2008. This officer received telephone calls and emails thanking her for informing them of what had happened in Tappahannock last March 2007.

To date, 47 have sent their dues. Many are still on the fence. Some liken the situation to that of the Episcopal Church conflict and do not want to be involved at all. One new member who joined in December 2006 wanted to become a member at large "because this was not her battle." She wanted no part of it. Some of the new society members are still reeling because they don't understand how or why all of this happened.

We of the Huguenot Society of Virginia have enough enthusiastic board members to continue and thrive. Two applicants were caught by the change, but paid their application fees a second time so they could belong to the National Huguenot Society. Some are finally asking, "Is this the original state Huguenot Society?" "I don't know what happened, but I KNOW I want to belong to a national Huguenot society." Two more have returned to us.

The CD continuing the life membership dues of 21 of our members is still held by the new autonomous society now known as Virginia Huguenot Society. That in itself has become a thorn in our sides as it is the name

used casually by our members for many years. Now, we must remind ourselves that we must remember to use the more formal Huguenot Society of Virginia, at all times.

Three of those 21 life members have now paid their own annual dues although they had paid a lump sum for life membership. Many are still confused and paid their dues to the more familiar names that met last October at a familiar meeting site. They have now had to pay again having discovered their error. Some are still trying to get their money back from the treasurer of the new society.

On the brighter side of the situation, 18 members and guests met at the headquarters of the Huguenot Society of the Founders of Manakin in Midlothian, Virginia, last 27 October 2007. We met privately for a period of fellowship with wine provided by Mr. and Mrs. Wills and they also provided their laptop computer to give a slide show of their trip made in May 2007 to La Rochelle, France, the birthplace and residence of her Huguenot ancestor and the possible residence of Mr. Wills' Huguenot ancestor. The national magazines from the past several years were displayed as well as insignia order forms and information leaflets for prospective members. We transacted our business, held elections, followed by a beautiful service of Remembrance led by a new member, Rev. Francis S. Blair, for several of our deceased members. We joined the Virginia branch of Huguenot Society of the founders of Manakin, for lunch prepared by the church ladies and heard a delightful speaker who had researched our Huguenot ancestors in England over a two year period.

This state President has consulted with the recommended attorney in Richmond, Virginia, who is willing and able to take the case to retrieve our assets. We're smaller, still friendly, and still enthusiastic. We've entered 2008 with Huguenot faith and devotion.

Rachel L. Wills
President

Annual Congress 2008 Business and Festivities

Photographs courtesy of Duane Wills and Daniel Chew



L – R Robert R. Van Gulick, Jr.; Nancy W. Brennan; and Barbara MacManus



Board of General Officers Meeting, 4 April 2008
L to R: Neoma O. O'Brien, Hon. Pres. Gen.; Jeannine S. Kallal, Registrar Gen.; Allen W. Moore, Third V.P. Gen.; Robert R. Van Gulick, Jr., Treas. Gen.; Nancy W. Brennan, Rec. Sec. Gen.; Barbara C. MacManus, Pres. Gen.; Nadine S. Hardin-Miller, Hon. Pres. Gen.; Carol W. Chew, Historian Gen.; Rachel L. Wills, Credentials Chair & VA State Pres.; Janice M. Lorenz, Counselor Gen.; and Charles O. Johnson, J.D., L.L.M., Genealogists Gen.



At Dinner Saturday, 5 April 2008
L - R Allen W. Moore, Third V.P.; Nadine S. Hardin-Miller, Hon. Pres. Gen.; and Barbara C. MacManus, Pres. Gen



L - R Carol W. Chew; Rachel L. Wills; Janice M. Lorenz; and Charles Owen Johnson



L - R President General, Barbara C. MacManus, Mrs. Robin Chenault and Peter A. Dixon.

Our thanks to Robin for her performance and our thanks to Honorary Member, Peter A. Dixon for his many years of service to the National Huguenot Society. It is Peter who stores, cares for and sets up the Huguenot Flags with the help of (a Friend of the Huguenots) Eldon Kaplan. A "toast" to all three!



L - R Charles Owen Johnson, Eldon Kaplan, and Virginia Lester



Forty plus Huguenot Flags were displayed. Eldon Kaplan holds the flag of the Louisiana Huguenot Society, which is unfortunately inactive at the present.



L - R Carol King Harmon; Elizabeth Ashley Hardin; Nadine S. Hardin-Miller, all of the Arkansas Huguenot Society. Eldon Kaplan is holding the flag of the Arkansas Society



L -R Charles Owen Johnson, seated; George Lester; Rachel Wills; and Virginia Lester



Mrs. Robin Chenault, an accomplished singer, honored us with her presence and voice at the Saturday evening dinner. Thank you, Robin!



Table to Right - L to R: Alan W. Moore, Third V.P. General; Robin Chenault (back to camera); Aubrey Wilson, President, Texas Society; Elizabeth Ashley Hardin, Arkansas Society member; Barbara C. MacManus, Pres. Gen. (back to camera); & Carol King Harman, Arkansas Society member.

L'ÉGLISE FRANÇAISE DU SAINT ESPRIT

Our luncheon speaker at this year's Congress was The Reverend Nigel John Massey, Rector of the French-speaking parish, L'Eglise Française du Saint Esprit (the French Church of the Holy Spirit) on Manhattan's East Side, that is also the official chapel of the Huguenot Society of America. Fr. Massey is a dynamic speaker and there will be more about his talk in the next issue of The Cross.

The history of the French Church of the Holy Spirit is fascinating and dates back to the founding of New Amsterdam, now New York City, four hundred years ago. According to the church website, among the first settlers in 1624 were Huguenots and Walloons who had fled to Holland. The first ordained clergyman at the settlement was Jonas Michel, who arrived in 1628. He was of French descent, but due to his association with the Dutch and this being the Dutch settlement of New Amsterdam, he followed the custom of the Dutch clergy and Latinized his name to Jonas Michaelius. The website states that "he began conducting regular services in a room above the village's grist mill on what is now Williams Street near Pearl Street..... It is

certain that he began holding regular French services every Sunday afternoon, after conducting the morning service in Dutch." He held the church's first service in the afternoon of Easter day, 1628. Details can be found on its website, stesprityc.net.

Since then, L'Eglise Française du Saint Esprit has developed into a diverse Francophone and Francophile congregation. It draws congregants from over twenty different nations, including Switzerland, the Netherlands, Haiti, the United States, France, and several African countries. It contains artifacts and archives of its history. Those of us who love France and cherish our French heritage will want to pay a visit.

Fr. Massey advises that he is currently working on a compilation of a hymnbook which will be suitable for use by the four million francophone Espiscopalian/Anglicans throughout the world. When that work is completed, we are hoping he will return to speak to The National Huguenot Society about it and will autograph our copies of his publication.



Scholarship Award Committee

Richard Dana Smith, Sr., Chairman

The Scholarship Award Committee is very pleased to have selected two outstanding students, each of which will receive a check from the Society in the amount of \$5,000.00.

The Committee has selected the following winners:

John MacNaughtan Blakeney, a member of the Huguenot Society of Washington. His home address is Winthrop, Washington. John is enrolled at George Fox University located in Newberg, Oregon. His major is Informational Sciences and he has maintained a grade point average of 3.62.

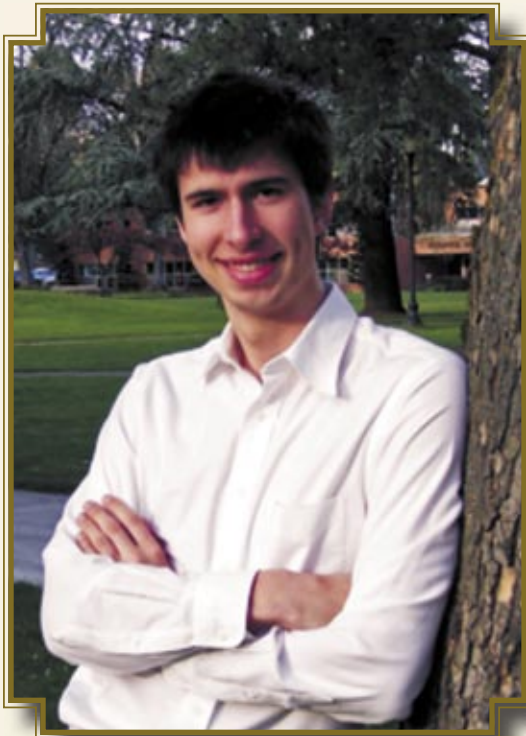
John works part-time on campus and has worked during the summer. He is presently 20 years of age. His personal statement, submitted with his application, reads in part: *"I am a descendant of Pierre Bacot, a Huguenot from Tours, France. On multiple levels, I find myself grateful for my ancestors, and personally, I believe that it would be altogether careless of me to neglect their values and let what they stood for fall by the wayside, forgotten in disuse."*

The National Huguenot Society extends sincere congratulation to John!

Joseph Preston Holland, a member of the Huguenot Society of Georgia, is enrolled at The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, majoring in Aerospace Engineering and has maintained a grade point average of 3.751. His Huguenot ancestor is Pierre LeGrand.

Joseph works on campus as a tutor. He is presently 21 years of age and his personal statement reads in part: *"This scholarship award would be both financially advantageous, and personally meaningful to me. I am proud of my Huguenot ancestry, and what it means. Standing up for what one believes in is something that the world could use much more of, and I am proud to say that I belong to a group which has a storied history of such action."*

When contacted and told that he was a winner of our Huguenot Scholarship, Joseph said that the scholarship was one of two great things that had happened to him recently. Joseph has been selected as a Research Associate for the summer's 2008 NASA Academy in Huntsville, AL. There are four locations for the NASA Academy nationwide and Joseph is one of only 13 who have been accepted for the 10 week program. Congratulations, Joseph!



WASHINGTON THE HUGUENOT

Peter M. Adams

Past Treasurer General, NHS

We are truly very special people. From the very beginning, the Huguenots have been closely associated with the history of our nation. Few indeed are the men revered, as is George Washington. More than thirty-six years after our Bicentennial, what are our thoughts for this man who gave so much for his country? Without his leadership during a trying moment of our history, it is doubtful that America would be as it is today. In February 1732 -some 276 years ago- Washington entered this world. His place in history is so important, that a few words bear repeating on the life of this great American; the "Father of our Country" and his being "First in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen."

My research indicates his background formed a significant part of his philosophy of life. Many people are aware of Washington's English ancestry but few are aware that Washington also had a proud French heritage. He was a descendent of Nicholas Martiau, a French Huguenot who immigrated to the United States in 1620. The high moral and industrious qualities of the Huguenots- a freedom-seeking people - have left their mark upon American history. Huguenots were known to be self-reliant businessmen and skilled craftsmen. I believe the principles for which they were persecuted, were the same principles, on which the United States of America was founded. Washington's deep regard for human liberty and the dignity of man gave strength to our cause at a moment when strength was needed. The qualities of character in the early Huguenots were passed down through succeeding generations to Washington. He fought for liberty, justice and freedom and because of these principles the American Revolution and its offspring, the French Revolution, were fought. Strange indeed are the ironies of history that a Frenchman, General Lafayette, standing side by side with Washington, would make so many contributions that would prove so vital to our successful outcome.

It was inevitable after Washington's contributions to

the nation during our Revolution that he should be named a Virginia Delegate in the 1787 Constitutional Convention. He was its Presiding Officer and carried out a vital role by leading a path toward success. From these efforts in 1789 he ultimately became our first President. On becoming President, his words of acceptance reflect his philosophy: "Integrity and firmness are all that I can promise." What more could a young nation ask? Washington had a deep sense of national union. Washington stated, "The fabric of our freedom is placed on the enduring basis of public virtue, and will, I fondly hope, long continue to protect the prosperity of the architects who raised it." Finally, in Washington's famous Farewell Address on his retirement from public life, he emphasized that America's destiny is the direct responsibility of its citizens. He urged Americans to forge a nation of the highest principles when he said, "Observe good faith and justice toward all nations and cultivate peace and harmony with all. Religion and morality enjoin this conduct."

Washington served both man and God with the firmness of his convictions. During the darkest days of the Revolution and that cruel winter at Valley Forge, it was Washington who stood firm in the face of adversity and we believe he knelt for prayer in the snow to reaffirm his faith in God and seek divine assistance in the justice of his cause. As his hope was in God, so must we, too, place our hope in God. Washington carried in his heart the ideals of liberty, justice and freedom. As Huguenots, we must likewise carry forward those same ideals.

One of the pleasures of being the editor of a newsletter is the correspondence received from other societies who share our interests. Ms. Grace E. Cameron, Book Publishing, Huguenot Heritage, noticed the reference to Daniel Marot in our last issue of *The Cross*. She wrote to advise our readers that "there is a magnificent Marot bed in the Metropolitan Museum of Art here in New York." She was also kind enough to enclose her organization's publication, *Huguenot Heritage*, Issue 4, dated Autumn 1999, featuring that incredibly talented artist.

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Dr. Fomby left Boatman's to enter medical school at the University of Kansas, graduating in 1993. She served her internship and residency in Family Medicine at the University of Missouri, where she was named Chief Resident in 1996. While a resident, Dr. Fomby co-authored a breakthrough paper on Myofascial Pain Syndrome with Dr. Morris Mellion.

After graduation, Dr. Fomby practiced with Scripps Clinics in San Diego, where she served on Scripp's Quality Assurance Committee. She joined Scott & White Clinics in 2000, where she continues to practice out of the Sun City clinic in Georgetown, Tx, and serves on Scott & White's Quality Assurance Committee. In addition, Dr. Fomby founded the San Gabriel Center in Georgetown, TX, in 2001, focusing on cosmetic and therapeutic care for the skin; the San Gabriel Center was sold to Scott & White in 2002, and Dr. Fomby continued serving the Center as Medical Director until her appointment as Professor of Medicine in 2007.

Dr. Fomby has been married to her husband Howard Fomby for 27 years this May, and they have two beautiful children, Adam and Jenny, who are currently attending the University of Texas at Austin.

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As Jamestown is history, so now is the world's celebration of its 400th Anniversary. It was truly a glorious year-long celebration of the 1607 founding of English America and the United States of America. I was honored, as a member of the National Council of the Jamestown Society, to have a part in the celebration as well as to have been in on some of the planning.

It was only 93 years after 1607 that King William of England (William of Orange), showed his appreciation of the Huguenots by granting 10,000 acres of good Virginia river land to them to settle Manakintowne. This was the largest settlement of Huguenots in America. Among those settlers was my 6th great-grandfather, Jacob Flournoy, or Flournois, of Geneva, Switzerland. Jacob was of a notable Genevese family of jewelers,

bankers and goldsmiths and silversmiths. He settled his crown-grant land and moved to Williamsburg and was one of some fourteen silversmiths at colonial Williamsburg in the 18th century. His property on Duke of Gloucester Street is now the Alexander House and Gardens, a tourist destination right next to the famous Raleigh Tavern and across from the Capitol. Like all of our Huguenot ancestors, he "kept the Faith" which built this great nation.

It is alive today in America in the good people of America, and those whom we memorialize today were some of those good people. May their souls rest in peace and may we continue in that same Faith, the "Faith of our Fathers living Still."

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The Association of Graduates (West Point) presented its 2007 Distinguished Graduate Award to a member of the Huguenot Society of California, John MacNair Wright, Jr., Lieutenant General (Ret.). "A distinguished soldier whose shining qualities of leadership, patriotism, and courage were annealed by more than three years as a prisoner of war of the Japanese in World War II; a far-thinking and innovative pioneer in the development of air assault forces and tactics for the Vietnam War; a commander whose first thoughts were always for the soldiers he led; and a lifelong and preeminent leader of the Boy Scouts of America, John M Wright, Jr., has served his country with distinction, integrity, and an unswerving commitment to the ideals expressed in the West Point motto: Duty, Honor, Country." ASSEMBLY, A West Point Assoc. of Graduates Newsletter July/August 2007.

Jack Wright graduated from West Point in 1940, fought in World War II and was captured on Corregidor by the Japanese and was held as a prisoner of war for three years and four months. After his liberation in September 1945 and a year of hospitalization, he returned to service of the United States military in a number of capacities, including international assignments. His final active duty assignment was as Comptroller General of the Army. In retirement, he led the Boy Scouts in highly influential ways.

He is a member of numerous lineage societies including the Order of Founders and Patriots of America, the Huguenot Society of California-La Rochelle Chapter, the Ancient and Honorable Artillery, the Sons of the Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution, and the Society of Cincinnati.

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