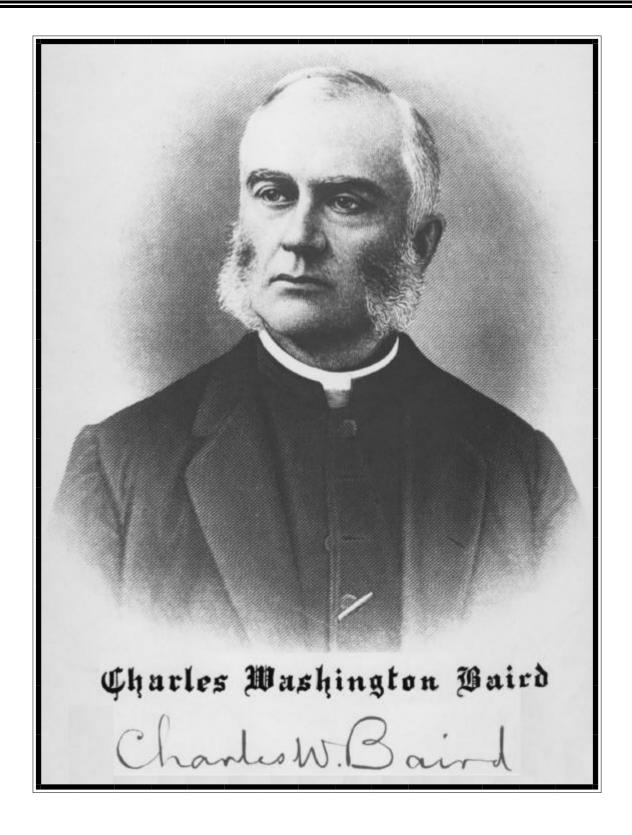


# The Cross of Canquedoc

A Publication of The National Huguenot Society

## Spring 2005

"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".



## Cover Story:

The portrait on the cover of this Spring 2005 issue of The Cross of Languedoc is from the Library and Archives of the Huguenot Society of Washington, D.C. The portrait is accompanied by the following narration by the donor, Louis Piers De Boer:

#### CHARLES WASHINGTON BAIRD

Centennial 1928

Charles Washington Baird, author of the <u>HISTORY OF THE</u> <u>HUGUENOT IMMIGRATION TO AMERICA</u> was born at Princeton, New Jersey, on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1828. He was a son of the Rev. Robert Baird and Fermine Ophelia Amaryllis Du Buisson, his wife.

Charles Washington Baird graduated at the University of the City of New York in 1848, and in 1852 at the Union Theological Seminary at New York.

Admitted to the Ministry in the Presbyterian Church, he officiated in 1853 as AMERICAN CHAPLAIN at Rome,

Italy. The Rev. Charles Washington Baird, in 1854, returned to his native country, and from 1854 till 1861 he was the PASTOR OF THE DUTCH REFORMED CHURCH at Brooklyn, New York.

From 1861 until his death in 1887 he was PASTOR OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH at Rye, New York.

His portrait was published by his widow in his "Memoirs". His main work, the <u>HISTORY OF THE HUGUENOT IMMIGRATION TO AMERICA</u>, in two volumes, was published in 1882.

Both his father, the Rev. Robert Baird (1798-1863), who from 1835 till 1842 labored for the Gospel in Southern Europe, and his brother, Henry Martin Baird, born in 1832, Professor of History in Princeton University, were authors on the Huguenot history.

This "trio" deserves to be commemorated for their great service rendered unto Huguenot history, not only by the Huguenots in America, but by those in the whole world.

As a small sign of recognition of the great debt which we, Huguenots in America, owe to the memory of the Rev. Charles Washington Baird, this portrait is presented to the Huguenot Society of Washington on Christmas, 1928.

By Louis Piers De Boer, LLB, A.M., a Member of the Society

It is indeed a great debt that is owed to those researchers and authors who kept alive the accurate history of our Huguenot fathers and mothers.

Rev. Baird's work has withstood the test of time. The two volumes referred to are a "must" for those who search for a scholarly and interesting record of those called "Huguenots".

Within these covers, one may well find a family name that you search, as well as the French geographical origin of that family.

Both volumes have recently (1998) been published under one cover. The publication is available from Genealogical Press, Baltimore, Maryland.

As a "postscript" reminder of useful and inspiring publication concerning our ancestry, we would be remiss if we did not cite our own (The National Huguenot Society) publication: <u>Huguenot Bible Records</u> (published during the administration of President General Travis DuPriest). That volume is available from Clearfield Publishers, Baltimore. The Society does now receive royalties from each sale of the <u>Huguenot Bible Records</u>.

To know "the subject" makes for better appreciation. Let us enjoy the knowledge of our heritage!

> Neoma O. O'Brien President General 2001 – 2003 Present Librarian and Historian Huguenot Society of Washington, D.C.

## The President General's Message

As my two-year term of office nears its end in April, 2005, it is a time for reflection on what has been accomplished, what still remains to be done, and to thank all the wonderful people in our beloved Society who have contributed so much to the successes we have had. If I should attempt to name each, this message would go on and on. And there are those who, in their own quiet way, serve with little public notice. So let us all share in our achievements and work to solve what remains to be solved.

During 2003 we recovered all our investment, and more, from the Advent Bankruptcy matter. Many, we have learned, were not so fortunate. By diligently keeping in touch with the executor of the will of Mrs. Jacqueline Wells Dickey, we were pleased to learn of, and to receive, an additional \$80,783 to add to that scholarship fund. Our dedicated Chaplain General, The Reverend Arnold Raymond Lewis, donated a total of \$20,000 during this term to establish a fund in memory of his parents, Ray and Anna Lewis. All funds were invested wisely and safely. I am pleased to report to you that our financial condition is sound and secure.

Notwithstanding the passing of beloved members, memorialized each April, we continue to receive many new members, greatly facilitated by the Application Form available at our website, maintained by our accomplished and dedicated Webmaster, Stephen Gerth. New members are the life-blood of any organization.

Our Semi-Annual and Annual Meetings have been well attended. Particular note should be made of the October 2004 meeting in Bloomington, MN. It was unusually well attended and productive. As previously scheduled, we visited our National office and storeroom and the contents of each were identified by Miss Grace Rice, our Archivist, assisted by Herbert Doty, Jr. Our thanks to Miss Rice, Mr. Doty and Robert Mirick, all of the Minnesota Society. The Minnesota Society is in agreement that an effort should be made to try to locate at a more convenient place. Moreover, the MN Society has done its share and we will all be eternally grateful to them. The most important unfinished items of business are: relocation of the office, getting The Cross to our members on time, and keeping membership lists current in order that all members receive The Cross. Those tasks are not easy.

As I near the end of my term, words cannot fully express what is in my heart. My service has renewed my faith, which was ever there, in our truly unique Society and its dedicated officers and members. Though my term will end next April, I will continue to be of what service I can. My greatest hope is that the next President General will receive the wonderful support and assistance that I have had. That is not only my hope, it is my prayer for my successor and for our very special Society.

I urge each and every State Society to make every effort to be represented at the April, 2005 Annual Congress, thus ensuring that the officers to be elected represent you. God be with you all in our continuing endeavor!

Nadine S. Hardin President General 2003-2005

## THE NATIONAL HUGUENOT SOCIETY

## GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 02 OCTOBER 2004 BLOOMINGTON, MN.

The Fall 2004 General Council Meeting of The National Huguenot Society, held at the Holiday Inn, Bloomington, MN, was called to order by President General Nadine Strang Hardin at 9:04 AM. The Invocation was given by The Rev. Dr. Arnold Raymond Lewis, Chaplain General, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the Huguenot Pledge to the Flag. The introduction of guests followed. The President General appointed Mrs. June Walters and Mrs. Sylvia McAuliffe as readers of the Minutes, to serve with the President General.

Reports of the General Officers were received from the following Officers and accompany these Minutes:

| Honorary President General   | Neoma O. O'Brien              | Presented: On File |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| President General            | Nadine S. Hardin              | Presented: On File |
| First Vice President General | Robert W. Storm               | Presented: On File |
| Chaplain General             | Rev. Dr. Arnold Raymond Lewis | Presented: On File |
| Recording Secretary General  | James F. Barr                 | Presented: On File |
| Organizing Secretary General | Sylvia F. McAuliffe           | Presented: On File |
| Registrar General            | Jeaninne S. Kallal            | Presented: On File |
| Assistant Registrar General  | June Walters                  | Presented: On File |
| Assistant Historian General  | Carol Chew                    | Presented: Orally  |
| Genealogist General          | Alice J. Sweeney              | Presented: On File |

Reports were not received from the following absent Officers:

| Second Vice President General   | William Swinford       | Not present: No Report |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Third Vice President General    | MarJo Thornton Dill    | Not present: No Report |
| Corresponding Secretary General | Mrs. Frances McNenny   | Not present: No Report |
| Treasurer General               | Peter Morgan Adams     | Not present: No Report |
| Counselor General               | David S. Hope          | Not present: No Repor- |
| Surgeon General                 | Dr. Chas. Tourtellotte | Not present: No Report |

The President General called for the Reports of the Standing Committee Chairpersons: James Dewey O'Brien was the only Chairperson to submit a written report, as attached hereto. Other Special Committee Reports were orally received from:

Publicity Committee Steven B. Gerth
Assistant Registrar June Walters
History Committee Carol Chew
Archivist Report Grace Rice

Book Award Committee Jean Hyde Presented: On File

Nominating Committee Hershel Walters

Reports of the State Societies were then received in writing from the Illinois Society (Carey Downing Myers) and the Texas Society (Hershel Walters). Oral reports were received from the following State Societies:

Arkansas Nadine S. Hardin

Illinois James F. Barr (for Mrs. Myers)

Texas Hershel Walters
Kansas Betty Bernsdorf
Wisconsin Carol Chew

Under Unfinished Business, the President General announced that her new mailing address was: Post Office Box 11820, Fort Smith, AR 72917-1820. Under New Business, a Motion was received from Dr. Lewis for the adoption of a National Huguenot Hymn, he having suggested "O God, Our Help In Ages Past". An Ad Hoc Committee was appointed, to be Chaired by Dr. Lewis, and members to be Alice J. Sweeney, Sylvia McAuliffe and Andrée H. Orsina (an attending member from Eau Claire, Wisconsin).

Under further New Business, Neoma O'Brien presented the Huguenot Distinguished Service Medal (In Silver) to Miss Grace Virginia Rice, Archivist and to Mrs. Nancy Harris (in absentia), former Treasurer General. President General Nadine Hardin then presented the Huguenot Distinguished Service Medal (In Gold) to Neoma O'Kelley O'Brien, Past President General.

There being no further business, the General Council Meeting was adjourned by the President General at 11:26 AM following a Benediction by the Chaplain General.

James F. Barr Recording Secretary

## REPORTS OF GENERAL OFFICERS

General Council Meeting 02 October 2004

#### First Vice President General

The First Vice President General continued to make himself available for consultation and assistance to the President General, other general officers, and the various state societies. In addition to close work with the Connecticut Society, he, through the courtesy of the Maine Society (and most especially the generous diligence of Edwin Garrett, a member of the International Commission), participated as the representative of The National Huguenot Society in the celebration in June of the quadricentennial of the commencement of permanent French settlement in the Americas. By the invitation of Duane Cornell, the First Vice President General is to address the Kentucky Society on October 16<sup>th</sup>, he will speak on the celebration of the establishment of the Huguenot-led settlement in Ile Ste. Croix in 1604. *Robert Storm* 

### Chaplain General

I have a proposal which, if accepted, could result in attracting new members into our National Huguenot Society. The idea is to adopt an official song or hymn, which might be sung whenever Huguenots gather and so desire.

Also, even on other occasions when it would be used, in churches and elsewhere, we Huguenots could seize the opportunity to announce that it is officially "ours," and thusly get the word out that we exist and are well.

The hymn I am suggesting is, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past". It has been embraced by the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution, and is the well-known, beloved work of Isaac Watts, who had Huguenot ancestors.

Watts' mother's family "had fled to England to escape the persecution which led to the St. Bartholomew Massacre". (McCutchan, Guy H., <u>Our Hymnody</u>, N.Y., Abingdon Press, 1937, page 22)

A favorite hymn among many of us is, "Faith of Our Fathers", but its background is not even Protestant, much less Huguenot. Author Faber was Catholic, and one of his original stanzas reads:

"Faith of our fathers! Mary's prayers
Shall win our country back to Thee,
And through the truth that comes from God,
England shall then indeed be free." (ibid)

I welcome questions and other input regarding my recommendation.

Thank you kindly for your consideration.

Yours in Huguenot faith,

Dr. Arnold R. Lewis

#### Recording Secretary General

As the Recording Secretary General was absent from the Annual Congress of The National Huguenot Society, he would like to express publicly his appreciation to Mrs. Sylvia F. McAuliffe of the Florida Society for performing such duties in his absence. She is to be commended for her fortitude and precision in their execution. *James F. Barr* 

## Organizing Secretary General

This officer has received no inquiries concerning the organization of new Huguenot Member Societies in States where none currently exist although she has tried to interest Louisiana, New Jersey and West Virginia in Reorganizing their Societies. The National Huguenot Society placed an advertisement in the "Louisiana Genie" which has a wide circulation nationally. This officer has received several invitations to speak to groups about the Huguenots – who they were, what they did, and why – and has accepted all of them. The first was from the Brevard County Genealogical Society in Cocoa Beach.

The next opportunity to spread the word about the Huguenots was from the De Land (Florida) Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. The topic was "The Influence of the Huguenots on United States History". There was newspaper publicity with a picture in color of the SAR President presenting this officer with a framed Certificate of Appreciation for being their guest speaker at their July 12<sup>th</sup> 2004 meeting. This officer also enjoyed a delicious lunch.

Two more opportunities to speak about the Huguenots are scheduled for January and May of 2005, to the Abigail Bartholomew Chapter of DAR and to the P.E.O. Sisterhood. This DAR Chapter is the one that placed the Jean Ribaut bronze marker on Daytona Beach commemorating the destruction of the French Fleet due to a hurricane in 1566. This officer's husband discovered the marker and the Chapter had forgotten they had placed this marker over fifty years ago. This officer suggested they should have a rededication and contact the City to point up the stone work in the wall around the marker. They became very interested and found information in their minutes about having placed it and now want to know more about the history of the French Huguenots and their presence on the East Coast of Florida.

This officer attended the 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress and encouraged three Florida members to attend. She served as recording secretary pro-tem in that officer's absence and wrote the minutes of those meetings. She serves as Parliamentarian for the Huguenot Society of Florida, President of Ernst d'Erlach Chapter, and is a member of the Florida State nominating committee. She has had contact with Huguenot Societies of Michigan, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Vermont and West Virginia in addition to Florida.

The West Virginia Society was officially disbanded by the 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress for failure to pay dues for more than two years. An attempt was made to secure an interested and capable person to prepare her Application for Membership papers so that she could begin to organize and pick up the Members-At-Large who remain in West Virginia, but serious family illness prevented those plans from getting off the ground.

This officer notified all known West Virginia members of the disbandment, and invited them to become Members-At-Large. Six paid 2005 Membership At Large dues which have been sent to the Treasurer General, Mr. Peter Morgan Adams, together with a list of names and addresses of these members.

Madam President General, it is a privilege and an honor to serve this fine organization as Organizing Secretary General, and a pleasure working with you.

Sylvia F. McAuliffe

## The National Huguenot Society, Inc.

Financial Position as of October 31, 2004 All amounts are FDIC guaranteed.

#### RESTRICTED FUNDS

| Dickey Bequest      | \$285,510.24     |
|---------------------|------------------|
| Lewis Memorial Fund | <u>20,547.42</u> |
| TOTAL RESTRICTED    | \$306.057.66     |

#### UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

| Advent Funds Recovered | \$ 77,791.60     |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Operating Funds        | <u>51,339.44</u> |
| TOTAL UNRESTRICTED     | \$129,131.04     |

TOTAL CASH AND SAVINGS ASSETS \$435,188,70

## Financial Commentary:

Our Society's financial position continues to strengthen. We have no debt and more than \$435,000 in liquid assets. We are truly blessed.

### Registrar General

From 1 April 2004 to 22 September 2004, this officer approved 38 applications and 11 supplemental papers. One transfer was approved. Fifteen state societies have new members and there were three members-at-large. Lists of the new members have been given to the President General, the Recording Secretary General and the Editor of *The Cross*.

The total number of papers approved since April 2003, 137 applications and 30 supplementals. A total of 167 papers have been processed and approved. Twenty-six state societies have had applications approved and there are currently six new members-at-large.

Currently, 12 applications are on hold pending additional documentation.

Three Youth Registrations were approved and certificates sent. The total number of Youth Registrations to date: 24.

Additional membership certificates were printed. Barry Gerth of Illinois is continuing to do the calligraphy. When he finishes the ones he currently has, all but one approved member will have a certificate.

State Registrar forms will be sent to the registrars in late November/early December. All changes known to this officer were sent to the editor of *The Cross*; notifications of deaths were sent to the Chaplain General. All monies have been collected, tabulated and sent to the Treasurer General.

Jewelry forms and the new trifold were sent to all the State Registrars. A copy of the jewelry form was also sent to the editor of *The Cross*. This has resulted in several orders.

This officer has attended all meetings and carried all the duties of her office.

Madam President General, it is an honor to serve the Society.

Jeannine Sheldon Kallal

#### Assistant Registrar General

The following actions have been taken:

- An informational trifold for The National Huguenot Society, a trifold for all state societies, and a dual membership form are now on line. Both of the trifolds are printable and can be customized. My thanks go to Steve Gerth for his patience and expertise in completing this project so efficiently.
- 2) This officer has been forwarding membership changes to the President General, editor of *The Cross of Languedoc*, and the Registrar General.
- 3) This officer has given assistance when a member or state society calls to request help in membership problems. These problems include transfers, dual membership, problems with dues, deaths, and especially, address changes.
- 4) By request, this officer has brought a sample Welcome Packet for new members to share with the Board.

Madam President General, it is a pleasure to serve you and The National Huguenot Society as Assistant Registrar General.

June Walters

#### Genealogist General

This officer has attended all National and semi-annual meetings since taking office. Many letters have been written, material copied and sent so that someone could have their ancestor verified and a review of a number of ancestor files, proofs in the National Headquarters have been read. Too many of our names in our Register of Qualified Huguenot Ancestors of The National Huguenot Society Fourth Edition are without good (or in some cases, very little or no) documentation. This means that our "qualified" ancestors may not be qualified.

It has been a personal pleasure to rework some ancestors who needed further proofs. A mistake in the Gabriel Maupin entry has been corrected by obtaining the copy of the actual marriage bann in the Netherlands, his headright, where he applied for Dutch citizenship and copies of the Baptism of three of his children.

Dates in the entry of Peter Rucker were incorrect and have been straightened out with proof and another son who was left out has been added to his list of children. Peter Rucker's naturalization has also been added.

Another ancestor's proof has been pursued to try to set the record straight.

Members in Pennsylvania, Arkansas, and several other states have written for help in finding or proving a Huguenot ancestor. This officer wishes for many more hours in a day to help these people.

We also have problems with many states charging very high prices for one document of proof saying that to copy a death or other record means they are doing genealogy. In spite of this, people are finding new records everyday. With census records and so many documents on CD's or the Internet (my library has census records on the Internet if you have a library card (Heritage Quest) so that helps. Investigate what your library can do for you to help members get their proofs.

More information is available on microfilm for foreign sources, which can be used. State registrars need to have certain tools to work with and be sure that member's papers are fully documented.

When a new ancestor list is published some ancestors may say, "Future applicants must prove that their ancestor is a Huguenot". We need to use all the information available to prove that they are. The proof is lurking somewhere. *Alice J. Sweeney* 

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## Report for the October meeting of the General Council and Board of General Officers

The principal matters of business that have been undertaken since the April, 2004 Annual Congress have been to have the books audited, the 2003 federal tax return filed, and a Certificate of Good Standing as a Maryland corporation obtained. Our Committee has also consulted on all investment decisions during this period.

The Audit Committee was unable to complete its work in time to make sure that a timely return (Form 990) was filed. However, I talked to the primary auditor and was assured that what remained to be done was of such minor significance that it should not delay the filing of the return. Our Committee agreed that the filing of the return should proceed and that a CPA firm should be retained. The Treasurer General was authorized to obtain multiple estimates on the cost of filing the return for 2003 and the lowest offer by a well-qualified firm of \$1500 was approved by the Committee and the President General. The firm of Morris J. Cohen & Co., P.C. of Philadelphia, PA was retained and the return has been filed. It is believed that the detailed return will help lead to an early audit report.

The return reports that net assets at the beginning of 2003 totaled \$247,943 and the net assets at the end of the year was \$423,648. The largest two items included in this substantial increase in net assets were \$75,989 which is generally termed the Advent Trust Bankruptcy Recovery and the final large distribution by Sun Trust of Florida from the legacy of Jacqueline Wells Dickey to The National Huguenot Society of \$80,783.

As reported earlier, we found that our corporate status in Maryland was "not in good standing". As reported in the current issue of THE CROSS, we obtained the pro bono services of Mr. William Riddle, Esq., of Elkton, MD as Agent for the Service of Process and as the required office within the State. I talked to members of the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation and got a list of all the things that needed to be done to obtain a Certificate in Good Standing. Although we do not have to file MD income tax returns, we have to file Personal Property Tax Returns annually although we owe no tax. We filed delinquent returns, without penalties, and now have received a Certificate of Good Standing as a Maryland Corporation.

Thank you, Madame President General, for allowing me to serve our great Society!

James Dewey O'Brien, Chairman Chairman, Finance Committee

## REPORT OF BOOK AWARD COMMITTEE

In a letter to President General Hardin dated September 7, 2004, Chairman Jean M. Hyde reported the following:

- The Committee has received nine inquiries to date for the current period.
- The Committee has received two submissions: one is an excellent book of family history and genealogy and the other is a screenplay about fiction and history of her ancestors. We have told the writer of the screenplay that it should be a factual study of some aspect of Huguenot history. She has requested that it be accepted for the library as a part of the genealogy of her ancestor. She plans to have a movie depicting Huguenot struggles if possible.
- Approximately 135 letters have been sent by the chairman to universities and presses and she has answered all inquiries.

Other Committee members are Dr. Travis DuPriest, WI, and Chad Means, IL.



Washington, D.C., April 8, 9, 10, 2005

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## Plan to join us to celebrate

Mary Cassatt; Fabergé; Cecilia Beaux; Commodore Matthew Fontaine Maury, "Pathfinder of the Seas"; General Claire Chennault and the Flying Tigers;

and

other Huguenots notable in history in collaboration with the Hillwood Museum, the U.S. Naval Observatory, the National Air & Space Museum, and the National Museum of Women in the Arts.

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# THE NATIONAL HUGUENOT SOCIETY OFFICIAL CALL

Members and Friends are cordially invited to attend this 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress Friday, 8 April 2005 – Board of General Officers meeting Saturday, 9 April 2005 – 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress

#### DELEGATES:

The Presidents of member Societies should complete the Credentials Form with the names of Delegates and Alternates of their Society. (The blank form will be mailed to all State Presidents.) The Credentials Form should be completed and mailed before 15 March 2005 to Credentials Chair:

Mr. Barrett L. McKown 3580 South River Terrace Edgewater, MD 21037-3245

## **SCHEDULE**

|            |                     | Friday, 8 April 2005   |              |
|------------|---------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| 2:00 PM    | Board Meeting       | Board Room, (subject   | t to change) |
| 6:30 PM    | Annual Reception    | East Room              |              |
| 7:00 PM    | Annual Banquet      | East Room              | \$65.00      |
|            |                     |                        |              |
|            |                     | Saturday, 9 April 2005 |              |
| 8:30 AM    | Registration        | Colonial Theater       | \$ 5.00      |
| 9:30 AM    | Congress Convenes   | Colonial Theater       |              |
| 12:00 Noon | Luncheon            | Colonial Terrace       | \$48.00      |
| 1:30 PM    | Congress Reconvenes | Colonial Theater       |              |
|            |                     |                        |              |

## REGISTRATION FEE, BANQUET, AND LUNCHEON COST:

Checks for: Registration Fee, \$5.00; Banquet, \$65.00; Luncheon, \$48.00 – a total of \$118.00 for all events. Checks should be made payable to The National Huguenot Society and mailed before 15 March 2005 to Barrett L. McKown at the above address.

# PLEASE MAIL CREDENTIALS FORMS AND MAKE RESERVATIONS BY THE REQUIRED DATE OF 15 MARCH 2005.

#### HOTEL RESERVATIONS:

Room reservations should be made with the Renaissance Mayflower Hotel before the cut-off date of 10 March 2005, by calling 202-347-3000 and asking for the reservations desk. Request the rate for Genealogical Related Societies. That rate is \$210.00 plus tax per night for single, double or up to four persons in a room. Request a confirmation number. If you wish, you might ask for a confirmation by mail. Check carefully the written confirmation date and rate. Please make reservations as early as possible. Annual Congress is for everyone.

Come and enjoy the company of fellow Huguenots and Friends!

## **NEW MEMBERS and SUPPLEMENTALS**

| Admire, Ann Pamela            | FL  | Pierre Gibert        |
|-------------------------------|-----|----------------------|
| Admire, Robert Andrew         | FL  | Pierre Gibert        |
| Brown, Christy Beth           | TX  | Joris Jansen Rapalje |
| Carpenter, Annie-Kate Brengle | FL  | Richard Burdine      |
| Carpenter, Barbara Elaine     | DC  | Gabriel Maupin       |
| Chwirka, Kari Ann             | WI  | Jean LaTourette      |
| Clostermery, Mary Lee Holmes  | IL  | Jean Bouton          |
| Coyne, Lida Simmons Gregory   | AR  | Jean Gaston          |
| Darst, Ann Harrison Booker    | VA  | Mathieu Agee         |
| Gannon, Kathleen Deborah      | MAL | Rene LaForce         |
| Julian, Frank Miles           | DE  | Rene St. Julian      |
| Kemp, Kathleen Flaspoller     | MAL | Rene LaForce         |
| Krohn, Elva Hazlehurst        | MD  | Hester Mahieu        |
| Miller, Rona Janice Baker     | IN  | Peter Rucker         |
| Nye, Barbara Duvergne Phelps  | AL  | Mareen Duvall        |
| Olson, Olivia Lou             | AR  | Jean Brevard         |
| Olson, Richard Curtis         | AR  | Jean Brevard         |
| Perryman, Frank lee           | DC  | Isaac Porcher        |
| Sandstrom, Lila Katherine     | FL  | Pierre Bacot (S)     |
| Saxon, Steven James           | AL  | James Thelaball      |
| Schoonover, Lynda Sparks      | FL  | Laurent Flournoy     |
| Svoren, Shelley Ann           | CA  | Jean Vermeille       |
| •                             |     | Robert Brasseur (S)  |
| Treat, Jane Littlejohn        | AR  | Pierre Chastain      |
| Via, John William III         | TX  | Pierre Amer Via      |
| Williams, Janet Leah          | TN  | William Pickens      |
|                               |     |                      |

## **TRANSFERS**

| Reitz, Alice | CT | Griffin, Wanda Marie Long | NC |
|--------------|----|---------------------------|----|
|              |    |                           |    |

Chaplain General Arnold R. Lewis is issuing a special invitation to all Huguenots and their friends who are veterans of World War II to consider joining our Washington, D.C. Huguenot Congress, April 8 and 9, and remain for our service on Sunday, April 10 at the World War II Memorial.

Dr. Lewis will preside and personalize the occasion by recognizing these dear veterans during the service. Please let him know in advance if you can attend.

## **State President's Reports**

#### **ALABAMA**

The Alabama Chapter of The National Huguenot Society met in September at the Birmingham Country Club in Birmingham, Alabama. The President, Leigh Pegues, presided, and welcomed everyone. After the pledge to the Flag of the United States, the Vice President, Barbara Hunt, introduced the speaker, Dr. Gerald Bray of Samford University. He spoke to the group about the various Huguenot colonies and why some were successful and some were not. He has spoken to the group before about the Huguenots and their migrations and their history.

The President announced he would attend the National meeting in Washington, DC, in April.

Next March, the Alabama Chapter will have a Huguenot Service at the South Highlands Presbyterian Church. These services are very meaningful to the group. A reception is held after the service.

The Huguenot Society of Alabama meets twice a year and our membership is from around the State. We have gained several new members this past year.

Barbara D. Garner, Publicity Chairman

## **ILLINOIS**

Recently Joe Smith, past IL Vice President, reminded me of what a wonderful speaker we had in May. The Honorable Thomas Pelham Curtis was well received by the members in attendance and spoke about myriad military genealogical organizations. We hosted the Illinois Society of the Order of Founders and Patriots at our luncheon meeting: our special guest was His Excellency, Governor General Alden Atwood. Two of our Illinois members are heads of the OFPA here. Kimberly Nagy, MD is President of the Illinois Society, NSDFPA and James Barr is Governor of the Illinois Society, OFPA.

We are pleased and honored to have the Reverend Travis DuPriest, former President General of NHS as speaker at our November meeting. He has spoken to our group in the past and I have heard him speak at other gatherings and his presentation is always knowledgeable, thought provoking and just a bit humorous.

Many thanks to those of you who contributed to our scholarship fund. We currently have two scholarship recipients, Mason Hugus and Ryan Worrell. New applications need to be received by Scholarship Chairman, Bernie Hugus, no later than March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Our Registrar, June Chapek, reports that we have three new members: Edward Overton Cailleteau of Baton Rouge, LA, Ruth Ann Witter of O'Fallon, IL and Leslie Kay Reynolds of Barry, IL.

Ken Robison, who has served on our IL Board in many capacities, sent a picture from the magazine section of the Chicago Tribune featuring IL Huguenot member, Margaret Nagel, Helen Sowa's daughter. Our Recording Secretary, Michele Boyer, and family recently attended a ceremony at Norskadelan in Wisconsin that honored their Huguenot ancestor.

Carey Downing Myers, President

## **TEXAS**

The Huguenot Society of Texas continues to grow; however the growth is not what should be expected. Why are we experiencing labored growth? Are other states experiencing the same problems with their growth? If so, what is the cause and are there remedies for this situation?

In my opinion, the cause is apathy. Of forty letters mailed to state societies requesting suggestions for national officers, three responses were received. One response had no suggestions but did want an address change that they had been unable to affect. The other responses actually had suggestions for officers.

I will ask a series of questions to illustrate my conclusion for our root problem.

How many state presidents do you see in attendance here today? This meeting is suppose to be a forum to incorporate the ideas of the state presidents into the long range planning of The National Huguenot Society.

Does The National Huguenot Society present a transparent and coordinated focus for the society? I was told by a general officer that state presidents should not attend General officer meetings as some things might be said that state presidents should not hear.

Does leadership come from the top?

Do all General Officers participate in leading the society?

Are member societies recognized for their accomplishments?

Is there strict adherence to the bylaws of the society?

Are duties of the General officers defined?

Could the society operate more effectively and more efficiently with fewer officers?

Thomas H. Walters, President

#### **INDIANA**

The Huguenot Society of Indiana held its fall meeting on October 9, 2004, at the Marquette Manor in Indianapolis. Dr. Rachel H. Smith, Chairman of the Visual Arts Department at Taylor University gave an interesting narrated slide presentation on French gothic cathedrals. Seventeen members and guests were in attendance.

\*\*Allen Moore, 1st Vice President\*\*.



Huguenot Society of Indiana at October meeting.

## Huguenot Society of California

LaRochelle Chapter 2004



Presentation of chapter scholarship to La Rochelle Chaplain, Rev. Giovan King. Chapter President Barbara Jeanne Whatley (right) Wayne Jerome Rogers (left)

## **NORTH CAROLINA**

The Huguenot Society of North Carolina has a spring meeting during April and a fall meeting during November in Raleigh, NC.

At our spring meeting on April 3, 2004 at the University Club at N.C. State University, Deborah Shoop gave an upto-date report on the "French Huguenots in North Carolina". Deborah is a candidate for her masters degree with the French History Department at East Carolina University, Greenville, NC.

At our fall meeting on November 6, 2004 at the University Club at N.C.S.U., we had a business meeting. The N.C. Society has initiated a new scholarship at the high school level for the best written paper on Huguenot History. New yearbooks (2004-2005) were distributed to our members present. Mary Ann Groome Helper was elected as our new State Secretary. A memorial was held for two of our members who passed away during the last year.

Larry Rozier, State Registrar

Deborah Shoop and Jim Blocker, State President



## RECOMMENDATION FOR SILVER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

In the calendar year of 2001 The National Huguenot Society had three different Treasurers General. A new Treasurer General was elected in April 2001, the former Treasurer General having served for approximately six years. The Society was experiencing a shortage of operating funds and it was not an easy time for any of us. The newly elected Treasurer General resigned after approximately five months in office.

Mrs. Nancy Harris had served the Society in many capacities, including two terms as a general officer. She had also held the office of National President in another organization. While Nancy was quite active in the Huguenot Society of Washington, DC at the time, she had expressed her wish to serve no longer at the national level in any of her beloved organizations.

Because of her known skills, the President General did approach her about the possibility of serving as Treasurer General, explaining the urgent need, as well as the difficulty of the job at that particular time. Nancy listened and then said, "I would be honored to serve". The Board approved her for the office in October 2001.

Serve - Nancy did! Any check that arrived at her house before the bank closed was deposited that day. Each and every month she sent to the President General her Treasurer General's Report, including detailed accounting of deposits, checks written, and an update of all investment accounts. Immediately upon receipt of a voucher for payment from the President General – she wrote the check and mailed it the same day.

Nancy pulled together all the information necessary for the filing of the Society's Tax Return of 2002 and it was actually possible to file the return in February! Nancy is a very good business woman. She is also a caring, compassionate, warm and understanding human being. Her chosen profession was nursing – no one could ask to be in better hands.

The Society was indeed in very good hands because of Nancy's dedication and love of this Society. It was a very special time requiring special skills. Our thanks can be expressed by awarding the Distinguished Service Medal in Silver to Nancy Harris.

## RECOMMENDATION FOR SILVER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

The National Huguenot Society is fortunate indeed to have individuals who rise to the occasion of particular need.

We had such an occasion following the resignation, 31 December 2001, of the Registrar General, who also served as paid Executive Director at our Headquarters Office in Bloomington, MN. The Society had no means with which to pay the salary previously contracted.

In order to meet the necessary demands for the National Society to continue to serve its present members and make it possible for applicants to become members, the President General took heart and decided to speak to the most recent President of the Minnesota Society, Miss Grace Virginia Rice. Some of Miss Rice's background was already known, but what was not known was the extent of her individual dedication and what her own time schedule would permit.

Understanding full well the enormity of the request, the President General asked whether it would be possible for Miss Rice to serve as Registrar General and to spend some time with the office responsibilities. After a short discussion in which Miss Rice discussed both her experience and lack of experience in some areas she said, "If the Society wishes me to serve, I can only say that I will do my best". The Board approved her for the office in January 2002.

Grace Virginia Rice's best was a blessing to the National Society. She enlisted the aid of two gentlemen members of the Minnesota Society to help with the computer work, saying from the outset that she did not "do computers". She went about the Registrar's job with thorough attention and a business like approach.

Understanding that the Huguenot Library housed at the Headquarters Office received little or no use for researchers, Grace

agreed that we should look for a better place for the library to serve its intended purpose. She worked closely with the President General and contact was made with the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. It was Grace's personal conversation with that organization's President General that most likely brought the invitation to house the Huguenot Collection with the DAR Library in Washington, DC.

Because of Grace Virginia Rice's distinctive contributions to the National Society during a time of special need it is proposed that she be awarded the Distinguished Service Medal in Silver.

## RECOMMENDATION FOR GOLD DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

The National Huguenot Society's gold medallion for distinguished service may be presented to a person who has made distinctive contributions to the National Society or to the cause of our country.

Our candidate is indeed one of us, having served as a National Committee Chairman in excess of 12 years; as a General officer for eight years. She has not missed an Annual Congress in 16 years. While serving as Organizing Secretary General, two Member Societies, Mississippi and Nevada, were re-organized. During her term as First Vice President General her constant and voiced concern was the financial well being of the Society.

A number of problems faced the newly elected President General in April 2001. The largest member society within the National Society planned to withdraw from the Society. Due to bankruptcy proceedings of an investment company, unsecured certificates of deposit seemed lost to the Society. Margin trading in the stock market had left the Society with scant resources and no hope of meeting financial expenses that the Society had presently contracted.

The President General worked with individual members of the Texas State Society which at first glance seemed lost to us. She sent letters to every member of that society on at least two occasions and attended two Texas State meetings. Although reduced in number the Texas State Society is still very much with us.

During the first nine months of 2001, the Society had three Treasurers General. The President General put into place a pre-numbered (duplicate copy) voucher system whereby each check was authorized in writing and an explanation given of purpose. She made one appeal to all members, giving them the opportunity to contribute to the general fund, since funds were needed until such time as the new increased dues could be collected. Willing contributions of \$12,750 came from members and State Societies.

The President General made every attempt to secure the royalties for books previously published by the society and was successful in that attempt.

Contact with The Board of General officers was a top priority during this administration. With Board recommendation and approval by the Annual Congress of April 2003 our Huguenot Library was placed as a special collection with the Daughters of the American Revolution Library in Washington, DC, where it is accessible for research by the public and our own members.

Following her term of office, she continued to serve and largely through her efforts certain invested funds in the amount of \$76,000 were recovered despite serious doubts of recovery. Her continued contacts with administrators of the Dickey estate expedited a final distribution of an additional \$80,000 for the Dickey Scholarship Fund.

The dedication, evidenced by concentrated long hours of work, and the obvious affection that Neoma O'Kelley O'Brien holds for this organization is much appreciated and it is proposed that she be awarded the well deserved Distinguished Service Medal in gold.

## Two Huguenot stories, two David Gillys

By birth, one was French and the other German. They were, nonetheless, somewhat distantly related. Indeed, the two men had several things in common: apart from sharing the same name—David Gilly—they were highly intelligent, superb communicators, and both would leave a significant mark on the history and the culture of their times.

By far the earlier of the pair chronologically, the French Gilly was born in the city of Nimes in 1648. His extensive educational background would prepare him professionally for theology, with initial schooling at Nimes and Montauban, and advanced studies thereafter at Saumur.

The protestant academy at Saumur was the finest of its kind in France. The consummate training the budding scholar received in this enlightened setting readied him for elevation to the religious life and for ascendance, eventually, to the pulpit and the clergy.

Gilly, then, was able to initiate a career as pastor upon the completion of his studies. That first step towards achievement did not occur, however, back home again in Nimes. Rather, he had to go elsewhere for this purpose, relocating in the province of Anjoy. There, in Baue, a district center, his service as a minister now began.

His performance from the outset seemed auspicious. Swiftly he proved himself exercising ministry. Successful in winning over hearts, he uplifted the devotion of his flock. Furthermore, with an eloquence that was moving, he gained for God and Calvinism many new believers. With churchly writings he supplemented his propounding of the Gospel, his most notable work being at this time *Christianity's true idea* (*La veritable idée de Christianisme*).

These were halcyon beginnings that all too soon would end. They would crumble, regrettably, with the revocation of the Edict of Nantes and the loss of its protections. As an active minister of the Reformed religion, David Gilly now found himself beset, threatened by authorities, harassed by dragonnades. Finally, whether out of fear for his very life—an anxiety he could base on the reality of events, on the martyrdom of many fellow preachers—or, whether differently, more privately, as a solemn act of conscience, whatever the true reason, Gilly yielded to this oppression and abjured.

His apostasy was desertion in many people's eyes. Dismayed by the loss of such a leader, angry with his choice, fearful, too, of the sequential possibility of the wrath of God, they called for action for atonement and for general fasting.

Catholics, on the other hand, understandably were pleased. Sensing an opportune opening to exploit, they hastened to award Gilly 1000 livres. And to this considerable sum the king's treasury provided, the clergy added more. This finalized, his new supporters returned him to Languedoc, to preach there against his former faith. His next task took him then to Paris. In that city he offered spiritual guidance to others who had recently converted. This counseling, for the most part, was reserved for gentlemen of the upper class.

In 1687 his scholarly endeavors were recognized and he was elected to the Academy of Angers. Now he plunged more keenly into writing, composing the book, *Distinguishing what truly is of faith (Sur la distinction de cé qui est veritablement de foi)*, along with histories of the Old and New Testaments and other disquisitions on doctrine and morality. Fully delivered over to meditative study, he would never return again to Protestant belief.

During campaigns that favored the Church of Rome, Gilly had directed formidable powers of persuasion not only to the protestant community as a whole, but, more intimately, to the members of his own extended family. A household that bore his surname, from Languedoc, staunchly resisted such exhorta-

tions. In order to preserve steadfast their religion and their protestant way of life, they preferred to leave France, forever abandoning it for refuge. They fled far away, to north-central Europe, to an area in those parts called *Pommern*, and in English Pomerania. This was a small rural region, located on the Baltic Sea. Its bigger, more powerful neighbor to the south was the fast-emerging state of Brandenburg.

The Germanic David Gilly was descended from these Huguenots, from these same migrants from France who had arrived in Pomerania in 1689. His place of birth was Schwedt-an-der-Oder, in 1748. This German, like his namesake from France, was gifted and acutely endowed with mental prowess. He, too would rise rapidly in life. The field, however, that he would pursue was architecture, rather than theology.

A designer of structures of all types (churches, mills, hospitals, bridges, canals), already by the age of 31 he held the office of Superintendent of Works of Pomerania. Four years later, 1783, in Stettin, he would found his own private school for architecture. Then, in 1788, along with only two others, he was summoned to Berlin by the king. This monarch, Friedrich Wilhelm II, selected him to head the building control office for his realm.

The royal family worked closely with Gilly, being in the '90s the patron for several of his works. He designed for the queen mother a summer house in Potsdam, for instance, and an even more stately residence for the Crown Prince.

No less important were his contributions as a teacher and a writer. For he would found still another institute of learning, and it would be elevated in 1799, to be the architectural academy of Berlin. Many of the graduates of this school would enjoy the success and fame of illustrious careers.

Gilly was a prolific, much consulted writer. By 1806 he was editing and producing a journal so advanced in style, that today it is considered a prototype for the genre, for the modern magazine on construction. Many of the articles it presented were his own.

The final years before his death in Berlin, in 1808, were probably the saddest of what was otherwise a vigorous, well-rewarded life. He lived in the period of the Napoleonic expansion, when fearsome French troops came to Berlin to occupy and plunder. One can imagine the feelings of a Huguenot descendant with regard to this bellicose intrusion. One spoil hauled back to Paris from Berlin related to a colleague and friend of Gilly, Karl Langhans. A bronze quadriga was confiscated, a four-horse chariot of victory. Langhans had crowned with it his great masterpiece, the glorious and beautiful new Gate of Brandenburg.

Earlier in 1800 there was something worse still. Friedrich, Gilly's son, after a prolonged pulmonary illness, had expired secluded in a spa. He was only 28 when he died. Yet his exquisite drawings and designs were the major influence architecturally for an entire generation of younger Germans in the field. Friedrich Gill, of neoclassic bent, ranked then and still ranks high in the annals of his art. His own short life was also intriguing. But that's one more Gilly story, one more biography of a brilliant mind.

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For further reading, see:

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Submitted by Donald A. Randolph, Past President, Huguenot Society of Florida.

## **QUADRICENTENNIAL CEREMONY**

On Saturday, June 26, 2004, over 2,500 people attended a commemorative event marking the quadricentennial of the French colony of St. Croix, the first settlement in Acadia. This event was sponsored by the Government of Canada. Various Acadian singers and other musical groups celebrated Acadian survival.

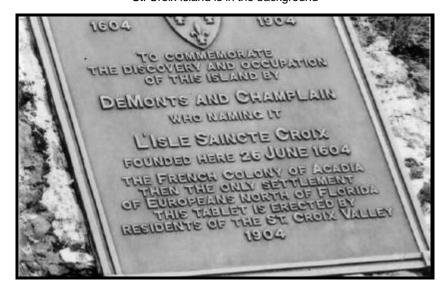
An Ecumenical Service was held Sunday afternoon, the 27<sup>th</sup>. The New Brunswick Youth Symphony performed on Sunday evening.

Those in attendance for most activities were The Reverend Nigel Massey, Rector (Pasteur) of l'Eglise du Saint-Esprit of New York, The National Huguenot Society Vice-President General Robert Storm, Kathryn Hilder of the Huguenot Society of Canada, President of the Huguenot Society of America, Mrs. Firth H. Fabend, The Reverend Cannon Gerald Carroon, President of the Huguenot Society of Connecticut, and Edwin A. Garrett of the Huguenot Society of Maine and a member of the St. Croix 2004 Committee.

(For more information concerning the anniversary celebration, see THE CROSS OF LANGUEDOC, Spring 2004 pp 22-25.)



Left to right: Robert M. Storm, The Reverend Massey, The Reverend Cannon Carroon, Edwin Garrett, Mrs. Firth H. Fabend, and Kathryn Hilder.
St. Croix Island is in the background





Sylvia F. McAuliffe, organizing Secretary General, received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Deland (FL) Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution presented by SAR President H. Vann Rhodes for being their guest speaker at their July 12, 2004 luncheon meeting. The requested topic was, "The Influence of the Huguenots on United States History".

Sylvia also spoke at the Brevard County (FL) Genealogical Society meeting on June 14th in Cocoa, Florida and is scheduled to speak at the Abigail Bartholomew Chapter DAR of Daytona Beach in January 2005.

Sylvia and husband, Ray, recently discovered a bronze marker on Daytona Beach placed fifty-two years ago by this DAR Chapter commemorating the destruction of the French Fleet commanded by Jean Ribault in a hurricane in 1565.

## **Brochures at Headquarters**

The National Office has received a set of brochures listing Protestants of Tours, France:

"Les Protestants En Touraine: (Les ancíennes familles reformées de Tour, aux VXI et XVII siècles)

Tome I: A et B
Tome II: C et D
Tome III: E á G
Tome IV: H á L
Tome: V: M á Q
Tome: VI: R á Z

Tome: VII: (sauf ceux de Preuilly-sur-Claise et Tours)

Tome VIII: (Familles ayant fréquenté l'Eglise Réformée de Preully-sur-Clasie)

Compléments et corrections

This set was sent to us by:

Centre Genealogique de Touraine 11 bis, rue des Tanneurs

37000 Tours

The set will be retained in the National Society office for the present. It will later be forwarded to the DAR Library in Washington, DC, to be included with our Library section. Copies of ancestor information from this set will be provided for \$3.00 per name; request and payment to be sent to 9033 Lyndale Ave So Suite 108, Bloomington, MN 55420-3535.

## GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

October 1-2, 2004



First Vice President General Rob Storm (CT) and Mary Lewis



President General Nadine Hardin and and her husband, Bob Miller



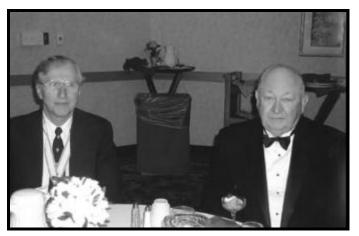
Honorary President General Philip W. Bernstorf (KS) and wife, Betty (KS)  $\,$ 



Grace Rice and John Halbert Jones (both MN)

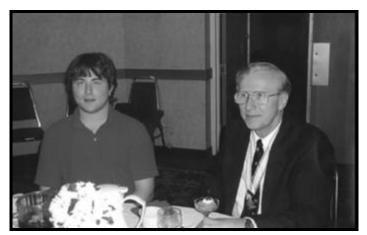


Bonnie Gerth and Recording Secretary General Jim Barr (IL)



Steve Gerth, (IL) and Ralph Sweeney (VA)

## GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING



Barry Gerth and Steve Gerth (both IL)



Hershel Walters (TX State President) and June Walters (TX)

## **STATE TREASURERS**

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This should include member's name\*, address\*, phone number, national\* and state\* numbers, and email . (\*indicates necessary items)

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Thank you



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