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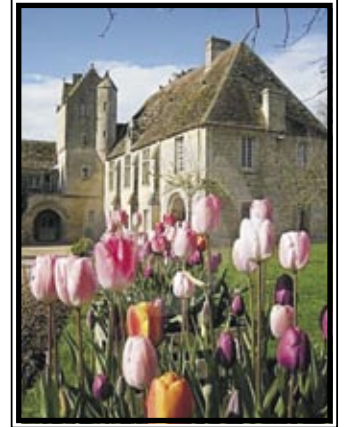
“May God keep us steadfast as He kept them steadfast, and in joy or in sorrow, may we know, as they knew, that underneath are the Everlasting Arms”.



COVER STORY –

By Janice Murphy Lorenz, Editor

Tulips! Our friends in Holland made them a national industry dating back to the 17th century, but did you know that the tulip is the official flower for Reformation theology? And did you know that “TULIP” also symbolizes the acronym attributed to the five major points of Calvinism? The tulip as a symbol of Calvin’s Reformed doctrine as it existed shortly after his lifetime is relevant today because on July 10, 2009, the world celebrated the 500th anniversary of Calvin’s birthday. Tulip-loving gardening author, Anna Pavord, even claims that Huguenots brought the first tulips into Britain. [Anna Pavord, *The Tulip: The Story of a Flower That Has Made Men Mad* (London: Bloomsbury, 1999)]. That contention is supported by our knowledge that Huguenots planted tulips and dahlias from France in their small yards after they settled in London. [“19 Princelet Street-Museum of Diversity,” eastlondonhistory.com.] Whether the Huguenots did so solely because of an awareness of the TULIP acronym is doubtful, because many Huguenots then and today do not ascribe to Calvin’s doctrine *in toto*. By the 1630’s, the tulip had become extremely popular, so much so, that there was a European “tulipomania” tulip bulb market bubble, followed by a crash. Their expense and beauty cast them as “the quintessential symbol of luxury, wealth, and prosperity in the history of art and antiques. Some socialites regarded the precious tulip bulbs as even too valuable to plant. It was so prized that the wealthy Dutch saved the bulbs and displayed them on tables as part of a high style centerpiece.” [“Art & Antiques: Tulipomania: Prosperity blooms in art and antiques.” Capital (Annapolis). Annapolis Capital. 2008. HighBeam Research, 2 Oct. 2009 <<http://www.highbeam.com>>.] Huguenot craftsmen incorporated tulips into cabinetry and other furniture and art. [See, e.g., Rita Reif, “ANTIQUES; From Royal Court To Rustic Colony” (The New York Times, November 20, 1988).



One of the world’s foremost leaders of the Reformed Christian movement, Jean Calvin was a French-born lawyer by training who was influenced while attending the University of Paris to convert from Catholicism to Protestantism. As a result, he found it necessary to leave France due to his religious beliefs, and went on to become one of the main powers to establish the Reformed Church in Geneva as an almost-governmental entity, or theocracy. While scholars might quibble with that characterization because Calvin believed in the separation of Church and State, it is beyond cavil that Calvin and his church sought to make Geneva a model Christian community, but were criticized even in his lifetime for exerting too much power over people’s daily lives because of the church’s imposition of various sanctions upon transgressors. It is for that reason that Calvin is remembered by many as a dour, strict personality rather than the compassionate, humanitarian intellectually-driven theologian that he indeed also was. As noted by Emidio Campi of Switzerland’s University of Zurich, the “pastoral Calvin” came into focus through the thousands of letters he wrote.” “Those letters,” says German Academic Michael Weinrich, “reveal Calvin’s ‘humanity and sensitivity.’” [“Calvin09 Patronage Committee gives positive evaluation of Calvin Jubilee year,” Calvin09.org].



Calvin rose to prominence when, at age 26 and despite his numerous travels, he published a guide for reading the Bible, a book entitled “The Institutes of the Christian Religion,” published in 1536. His legal training would have influenced his use of ancient philosophers to support his then-novel theories, which served as an even more solid scholarly foundation for the Reformed Church than the writings of Martin Luther. Today, Calvin is remembered for many reasons. The Rev. Nigel Massey, our friend at the French Church of Saint Esprit, commented that “people often forget two of his important legacies: he pioneered protestant schools attached to churches, and he had a lasting and profound influence on the development of the French language. He wrote in accessible and precise sentences, and turned French into an important language in which to discuss theology.” [The Rev. Nigel Massey, LE MESSENGER, Summer 2009].

The remarkable association between Calvinism, and thus the early Huguenots, and the tulip arose from the Synod of Dort, held in The Netherlands (1616-1619) –after Calvin’s lifetime– to address objections to five major points of Calvinism as it existed at that time. It is doubtful that all Calvinists of our current era still ascribe to all of the TULIP principles as espoused above. Nevertheless, it is unquestionable that it once was an accurate description of some of the points he made in his lifelong teachings. Here is what it stands for:

T is “total depravity:” We are sinners.

U is “unconditional election:” God chose to save selected people for reasons known only to God.

L is “limited atonement:” Christ died to save the elected few rather than everyone on Earth.

I is “irresistible grace” meaning that the Spirit changes the heart of the elected recipient and is irresistible.

P is “perseverance of the saints:” God preserves those whom He chooses so that they may persevere, and he equips His elect to accomplish this.

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CALL TO CONGRESS 2010

The National Huguenot Society, Inc.
Call to the General Council and the 74th Annual Congress
16-17 April 2010

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The 74th Annual Congress of The National Huguenot Society, Inc., will be held at the Renaissance M Street Hotel Saturday, 17 April 2010. General Officers and Delegates representing at least ten (10) different State Member Societies must be present to have a quorum for the conduct of business at the Congress. The Spring General Council meeting will be held the previous day, 16 April, 2010 at the same hotel. All members are encouraged to attend both the General Council meeting and the Annual Congress, and are invited to bring guests. The Board of General Officers will also meet on 16 April 2010, the day before the Congress convenes. Please, make every effort to attend. The fellowship and networking with fellow members and guests is most rewarding.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(Meeting rooms to be determined)

Friday, 16 April 2010	9:00 AM	General Council Meeting
	1:30 PM	Meeting of the Board of General Officers
	6:30 PM	Annual Reception
	7:00 PM	Annual Banquet
Saturday, 17 April 2010	8:30 AM	Registration
	9:30 AM	Congress Convenes
	12:00 Noon	Luncheon
	1:30 PM	Congress Reconvenes
		Placing of Huguenot Wreath at The WWII Memorial

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

REGISTRATION FEE, BANQUET, AND LUNCHEON COSTS: Registration fee, \$10.00, Friday night banquet, \$70.00, Saturday luncheon, \$45.00, the total being \$125.00. (Omit the \$10.00 registration fees for guests.) Please make checks payable to: The National Huguenot Society, Inc. Payment should be mailed by 12 March 2010 to:

Rex L. Gradeless NHS Treasurer General
1748 South 75 E
Washington, IN 47501-8014

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: Room reservations should be made directly with the Renaissance using the hyperlink listed above, or by using the telephone number above, no later than the cut-off date of Thursday, 12 March 2010. The rate is \$179.00, plus tax, per night, with a maximum of four people per room. Be sure to request the group rate for The National Huguenot Society, Inc., and request a confirmation number. Double check the confirmation number, rate, and dates of your stay.

DELEGATES: The President of each State Member Society should complete the Credentials Form with the names of Delegates and Alternates representing their Society. Blank forms will be mailed to all State Member Society Presidents. The completed Credentials forms should be mailed (if at all possible) before 12 March 2010 to the Credentials Committee Chairman, whose name and address will be printed on the forms.

THE PRESIDENT GENERAL'S MESSAGE

The President General presided over the meeting of the General Council, the Board of General Officers meeting, and the 73rd Annual Congress at the Washington Marriott Hotel in Washington, D.C. on 10 and 11 April 2009. While in Washington, she was privileged to attend functions of several other heritage organizations as a representative of The National Huguenot Society, Inc.

Scheduling of the Annual Meeting of the General Council prior to the Board meeting in Washington, and the Open Forum format of the General Council meeting were again well received. Several excellent suggestions regarding membership development, meeting attendance, programs, and communications were discussed. A special committee on Membership Development, particularly of younger people, was appointed by the President General as a result of the suggestions.

The members of the 2009-2011 Executive Committee and Board of General Officers are an outstanding group of knowledgeable, capable individuals, and the President General is most appreciative of their advice, counsel, and support since their elections. This officer has and will continue to work closely with them to achieve the goals of this administration.

This officer has been in frequent communication with State Member Societies during the months since last reporting. Known corrections regarding the published names and contact information of the General Council members was transmitted to the State Society Presidents and to members of the Board of General Officers by the President General, as was the recommendation that came from the April meetings that State Societies inform the President General and Corresponding Secretary General of their meeting dates. They were reminded again to promptly report the names and contact information of their newly elected officers and committee appointments.

The President General corresponded with and had a very cordial personal conversation with the representative of the Virginia Huguenot "separatist group" in the hopes of achieving a reconciliation between it and the recognized State Member Society, the Huguenot Society of Virginia, and has kept the Board of General Officers informed of these activities. Proposals for reconciliation were submitted by the President General to its Virginia State Member Society and the "separatist group." This officer continues to have faith that an equitable solution to the "Virginia Situation" will soon be forthcoming.

This officer worked closely with the Huguenot Society of Mississippi in arranging accommodations for the Mid-year General Council and Board of General Officers meetings, and communicated frequently with its President, Penny Lotterhos regarding the arrangements.

The President General is pleased to report that the "Headquarters Office," having been moved from Bloomington, Minnesota, to San Antonio, Texas, at the first of the year is getting settled quite nicely, thanks to the major efforts of Nancy Wright Brennan, the Registrar General, and volunteers from the Languedoc Chapter of the Huguenot Society of Texas, a.k.a. The National Huguenot Society, Inc., Texas Division. Donations from members of that chapter of office furniture, a new all-in-one printer, and a great deal of man power are gratefully acknowledged. Another major contribution has been computer tech support donated by a consultant for the San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society. We are blessed!

This officer has continued to receive all bills and invoices, and using the voucher system, approve them for payment by the Treasurer General.

This officer has performed these and the many other duties of the Office of President General with humility and devotion to The National Huguenot Society, Inc., and the memory, principles, and virtues of our Huguenot ancestors.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara C. MacManus

REPORTS FROM GENERAL OFFICERS

Corresponding Secretary General

In May, at the direction of the President General Barbara MacManus, I mailed 31 letters to members of the Huguenot Society of Iowa regarding the decision to disband the Iowa Society and included a transfer application in each letter with instructions for transferring to another State Society.

I was unavailable to assist the President General with the same duty in regard to the Minnesota Society in August.

At the President General's request I emailed 48 General Council and Board Members regarding the Semi-annual Meeting of Board of General Officers and included a PDF attachment of the Official Call. The 10 board members without an email address were mailed personal letters with a copy of the Call included. Five email addresses were invalid. I re-emailed them with new addresses when they became available.

Part of my duty as Corresponding Secretary General is to have a current directory from each State Society. Of the 31 Societies, I have directories from Washington DC, Washington State, Arizona, California and Arkansas.

I will request that information from the remaining 26 Societies when I mail 46 copies of the 2009-2011 General Council Directory to those who were absent from this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy B. Askew

Registrar General

Since the Annual Assembly in April 2009, this officer has approved 49 new members by application and 2 supplemental applications. Twenty-one (21) transfers have been processed. These include 1 to Tennessee, 1 to Illinois, 1 to Arkansas which was a reinstatement and transfer, and 18 to Member at Large. The Members at Large were from disbanded chapters of Iowa and Minnesota. One (1) new Member at Large was approved for Louisiana. One (1) youth registration was processed. One additional reinstatement was processed for Florida. Certificates have been sent to all new members approved prior to October 15.

Two new ancestors have been identified.

Seventeen (17) state societies gained new members. North

Carolina excelled with 10 new members, twice as many as Texas which was second with 5 new members. Missouri and Illinois had 4 each.

All applications received (56) have been reviewed. Five (5) are being held for additional information and documentation.

Names and addresses of all new members have been added to the mailing list. The list was submitted to the mailing service in August for the Cross of Languedoc. Only 8 magazines were undeliverable at this time with "addressee unknown". The mailing service is required by the postal service to verify changes of address since our last mailing and nearly 50 changes were made.

Names of known deceased members have been submitted to the Chaplain General.

Jeannine Kallal is working on the new Register of Qualified Huguenot Ancestors. This is a massive undertaking to verify, correct and revise the previous Register and the 10 subsequent updates. In the meantime, there is a supply of the 1996-2006 Updates which may be purchased.

The State Registrar Reports will be sent in January and need to be returned to the Registrar General.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Wright Brennan

Historian General

Greetings my fellow Huguenots! Let me pass along the greetings not only from myself, but on the behalf of the entire Georgia Huguenot Society to all our members gathering in Clinton, Mississippi to do the great and important work of our national society.

I want to thank our previous Historian General, Carol Chew, for her invaluable efforts in that office. She has been compiling a catalog of Huguenot History, a task I hope to continue and which I hope future Historian Generals will continue. The Huguenot History includes important dates in Huguenot history, famous Americans and famous individuals with a Huguenot ancestor (including the name of that ancestor), places with a Huguenot connection or Huguenot name, and Huguenot contributions to society. The catalog is far from complete or comprehensive, but is a worthy undertaking that will be continued and expanded during my tenure as Historian General.

One aspect of this project I would like to expand is to create an annotated bibliography of books and articles about Huguenots, Huguenot history, Huguenot ancestry, descendents and lineage, Huguenot contributions to society, and all things related to the Huguenot experience. Ideally I would like to make this annotated bibliography available on our web site so as to aid historians, teachers, and the casually interested in resources that may be of use to their research.

I have also been in contact with the heirs of Sarah Dunaway, who was the compiler of Huguenot Historic Sites and Burials, Volume 1. They continue to receive submissions and have been kind enough to forward them on to me as they are received; something they have been doing since her passing in 2006, as a result of my past presidency of the Georgia Huguenot Society. I would like to again request submission of materials related to historic sites and burials in the hopes of preserving such materials and to perhaps gather enough to make a second volume possible.

In year which commemorates the 500th Anniversary of the birth of John Calvin, let us redouble our efforts to preserve our Huguenot ancestry, our heritage, and our history.

Respectfully submitted,
Todd B. D. Frary

Genealogist General

As Genealogist General this officer would like to ask that states and chapters study Huguenot history. Plan fun and interesting history programs for your meetings. Work to document and publish as much of your local genealogy in order to help others and gain interest. Study heraldry as it pertains to your genealogy. Write your own articles and try to get them published in newspapers and local magazines. Copy Bible records that you have and give them to repositories that will care for them and others may find these to be just the records they need. Document all you do.

This officer has tried to help prospective members who are having questions about their lineage and proofs. A prospective member in South Carolina is working to document a new lineage. He already has the proof of his Huguenot ancestor. In searching through books I have found the name of his ancestor and placed him in certain counties in Virginia so that he can try to connect the generations and prove this line. It is very exciting to think that we can add new names to those we already have and hopefully other

potential members can use this work. Not all possible lineages have been documented so work to find other lines if you are already a member. We need to increase our list of acceptable ancestors.

Respectfully submitted,
Alice J. Sweeney

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Special Committee on Youth

The Committee on Youth of The National Huguenot Society, Inc. presented a preliminary report at the Mid-year meeting in Clinton, Mississippi. The committee members are: Carol Chew, chairman, Jan Estelle Cordell, Jenifer Fomby, and Todd B. D. Frary.

The goal of this committee is to increase interest in our society in the younger eligible members and their families. This will be done through a variety of activities and contests that are age appropriate. There will be local, state and national recognition for the participants.

“Reading for Recognition” will present certificates to younger members for reading books about their Huguenot ancestors and heritage. Age-appropriate reading lists will be provided and read-along with parents is encouraged.

Older children will be able to enter essays and visual arts projects on the Huguenot experience. Judging will be at the state and national level, with national recognition given to the top three in each category.

You can begin now by registering your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews. The Youth Registration Certificate is available on the National Website under membership. The cost is \$5.00. These make excellent Christmas and birthday gifts.

CALIFORNIA NEWS

The La Rochelle Chapter of the Huguenot Society of California issues a regular newsletter, edited by its President, Wayne Rogers. The chapter is vibrantly active. Upcoming meetings for 2010 include topics entitled “Collections and Indexes at LDS Libraries,” George Washington’s Medical History,” and “Underground Railroad.”

REPORT ON THE NHS SEMI-ANNUAL MIDYEAR MEETING

Clinton, Mississippi 30 October 2009 – 31 October 2009

The Huguenot Society of Mississippi had the honor of hosting the National Huguenot Society Mid-Year meeting in Clinton, Mississippi October 30 and 31, 2009 at the Hampton Inn. The meeting started at two in the afternoon. Our guests were given gift bags with our State flower the magnolia. The bags contained information on Clinton and Jackson attractions. Also Mississippi label pins and pralines.

It was a most informative session discussing ways to attract new members. Jan Cordell discussed development of activities to involve youth and Junior Members. There will soon be a reading list to encourage young Huguenot descendants to learn about their ancestors. Also discussed were ways to meet with other societies on the same day to share cost of meals and meeting rooms.

This was the first time any of the Mississippi members had been to a Mid-Year meeting. We all enjoyed meeting people on the board and other State presidents and members. Friday evening we all enjoyed a delicious dinner with a Southern theme. During dinner Mississippi Huguenot Society President Penny Lotterhos presented President General Barbara MacManus a hand carved Cross of Languedoc made of Mississippi woods. This cross was given as gift for all the effort Mrs. MacManus invested in getting the Mississippi Society active again. I would say she has succeeded. The cross was made by Mitch Henning husband of Kathy Henning (secretary for the Mississippi Huguenot Society).

The Mississippi Society had their meeting on Saturday. President Penny Lotterhos presided. She gave a prayer honoring the Reformation. The guest speaker Mr. Pat Freeman recited the Lord's Prayer in French. Mr. Freeman gave a very interesting talk on the Huguenot influence on watch making in Switzerland. I will say that the guests were very impressed with his presentation and several asked him about speaking at their meetings in the future. Mr. Freeman has lived in Switzerland and is fluent in French. He was a very entertaining speaker as well.

President General Barbara MacManus was given some slides that had been with the Mississippi Society for many years. Lynn Meador had then transferred to a disc. The slides are about the history of the Huguenots. Penny Lotterhos informed the group that the Mississippi Society now has a web page. We are working on a yearbook and newsletter. Our next meeting will be March 12, 2010 at Providence Presbyterian Church at One in the afternoon. Our Registrar Mary Margaret Buck will have an informal workshop on credentials needed to become a member. We have several prospective members and will invite them. Lynn Meador lit a candle in remembrance of Pat Roebuck and Betty Bass Cleere. We all enjoyed a salad lunch after the meeting was adjourned.

We have 16 members and three prospective members. We are a very rural State and there are many miles for some to attend. Our registrar travels over four hours to attend a meeting. One of our goals is to increase membership. We would like to have one meeting in the North part of the State. However I would like to say to any State that does not think they can host a meeting look at the newly organized State of Mississippi Huguenot Society. We did it with four active members! There is no excuse now not to be the host.

When the meeting was over there were several who were leaving on Sunday. Penny Lotterhos gave them a tour of Clinton. We visited the visitors center, several gift shops, bookstore and antiques stores. In old town Clinton we had a pleasant surprise. Resident, and well know water color artist, Wyatt Waters was leading an art class out side on the brick streets. Our guests were able to visit with him and see some of his sketches. Our goal was to show our guests why we are called the hospitality state. We have received many complimentary calls and E-mails about the meeting. You all are starting to act like you are from the South. You are welcome anytime.

Penny Catron Lotterhos, President
Huguenot Society of Mississippi



Huguenot Cross Inlaid With Wood, by Mitch Henning, made from trees in Mississippi and accented with mother of pearl on the points, presented to Pres. Gen. Barbara C. MacManus on 30 October 2009.”

WHAT WOULD CALVIN HAVE THOUGHT ABOUT THE TULIP AS A SYMBOL?

By Janice Murphy Lorenz

As mentioned in the Cover Feature, an association between Huguenots and tulips was made which Calvin never knew about. What would Calvin have thought about the use of a symbol to evoke the essence of the beliefs he worked a lifetime to establish on an institutional basis? One of the most controversial aspects of the Reformation beliefs was disapproval of “icons.” In this issue of the Cross, we have discussed the use of the tulip as a symbol of Calvin’s doctrine. Throughout history, symbols have been used to evoke an association between the symbol and a product, an idea, a team, or a company, as in a company’s logo. The science of heraldry uses symbols. “Symbols were originally intended to provide an instantly recognizable representation of a concept and were typically familiar objects which stood for ideas, emotions, values, an aspiration, beliefs or a hope or fear. However, the traditional symbols from a once universal language are now less recognizable and may have begun to acquire wider meanings.” [REVIEW, Jack Tresidder, 1001 Symbols: The Illustrated Key to the World of Symbols (Duncan Baird Publishers 2003). Book Review, M2 Best Books, M2 Communications Ltd. 2003. HighBeam Research, 2 Oct 2009 <<http://www.highbeam.com>>]

Calvin was reportedly “preoccupied with the dangers of idolatry” because he believed that “paying undue attention to physical, visible objects obscured the worship of God” and was distracting. [Diarmaid MacCulloch, *THE REFORMATION: A History* (Penguin Books, 2003) at 248-249.] He believed, “like the mainstream tradition of Judaism, ... that imagery in relation to the divine was best restricted to words, where it could be as extravagant or as startling as he pleased.” [Id. at 249]. That may dispositively answer the question, what would Calvin have thought of the use of the word “tulip” to describe his doctrine, insofar as using the acronym “tulip” may have been fine with him, but probably not the visual image of a tulip because there, it might be intended as an indirect attempt to evoke worship, rather than to evoke a recollection of the five major points of his doctrine. That raises the question, what is the difference between a mere symbol intended to evoke one’s memory or to inform, and a religious icon?

Much has been written about symbolism, and the study of symbolism has been popularized by wildly-bestselling books such as Dan Brown’s *The Davinci Code* and his more recent *The Lost Symbol*. “Iconography originally referred specifically to Orthodox Christian liturgical art, which began in the ninth century.” [Article, Modern iconography: “Michael Peters argues that today’s branding world should realise that ‘one picture is worth a thousand words’ and that the language of icons will play a greater role in future communications.” From Brand Strategy, Centaur Communications Limited, March 1, 2003. HighBeam Research 2 Oct 2009 <<http://www.highbeam.com>>.] It arises from two Old Testament passages forbidding the bowing down to or serving of carved images of any likeness of anything that is in heaven, the earth or the water under the earth. [Exodus 20:4-20:5 and Deuteronomy 4:15-19] In other words, The Second Commandment. Although this topic can be one of heated disagreement, the answer to the question what is the difference between a symbol and a religious icon would appear to be one of the purpose for which the symbol is to be used and the degree of reverence directed toward it. When a symbol is used as an object of worship in and of itself, it becomes a religious icon. When used merely to focus one’s thoughts, or to evoke a certain mood, it remains a mere symbol. That may seem to cut a fine line of distinction which for some might be difficult to do. For a church serving a population that is not likely to be capable of such nuance, it might be easier to simply forbid the use of all images that could be potentially “misused,” since idolatry is a form of misguided worship.

In an educated church populace rational, intelligent people should be able to make the necessary distinction. That could explain why it is usually not considered irreverent, even to a Calvinist, for a Cross to be used in church or even in the home, or for bread and wine to be used at the Eucharist. In fact, even Calvin believed the “signs” of bread and wine were an “instrument” of God’s grace rather than iconography, so it can probably be said that he was able to distinguish between “symbolic instrumentation” and religious iconography when it suited him in order to make an important point of his own. [THE REFORMATION at 250].

To explain why the use of the symbolic bread and wine at the Eucharist was fine, Calvin needed to use all of his legal prowess and knowledge of history and philosophy. His logic was as follows:

–he advocated that a distinction but not a separation existed between the two natures of Christ (as God the divine Son, and as Jesus the human being);

–he distinguished between “reality” and symbols;

–he argued that the Catholic Church had confused them by attributing worship to the symbolic bread and wine;

–he quoted Augustine of Hippo’s definitions of the sacraments as “a visible sign of a sacred thing” or a “visible form of an invisible grace;”

–he found that the symbolic bread and wine were an instrument of God’s grace in uniting the believer to Christ (symbolic instrumentation);

–he concluded that God’s grace unites Eucharistic sign and reality and makes that sign an instrument of god’s presence (but offered only to God’s elect);

–from there, he goes on to say that God’s grace lifts the elect to Christ’s presence in heaven.

[Information obtained from MacCulloch’s THE REFORMATION at 249-251]

According to MacCulloch, most leading Reformers during Calvin’s day did not object to the architectural setting of the sacred Mass, once they had purged their churches of what they believed to be the sacred power of its images. They did not object to people owning and displaying images once their superstitious power had been satisfactorily “purged.” Successful purging of sacred power was accomplished not by destruction of the image, but rather by damaging them so as to marginalize their influence. In this, leading Reformers are to be distinguished from the mobs of populace Reformers who, unfortunately, did actually storm churches and destroy “icons,” leaving a path of death and destruction in their wake. An example of the type of damage that would effectively kill an image’s adverse power might be to obscure the faces in a painting or in stained glass artwork, or to chisel off some of the carving from an inscription found in the interior of a church. It was fine to display pictures of angels at home and at church, because angels were recognized as effective, benevolent symbolic instruments. This is how Reformist church interior decoration entered a new era, as Reformists diluted the superstitious influence of images, substituting word pictures depicting biblical passages. In addition, the illustration of biblical texts was encouraged and also became an art form for Reformists. [THE REFORMATION AT 558-560].

Calvin was a complex person and to discuss his views on idolatry without also mentioning some of the other facets of his views could portray him inaccurately. Moreover, the topic of symbolism, religious symbolism, and iconography has fascinated and fractured for so many centuries that it must be acknowledged that the topic is unlikely to be readily resolved in this publication. So this discussion will end with two observations. First, Calvin once quoted, “There is not one blade of grass, there is no color in this world that is not intended to make us rejoice.” That remark demonstrates that he saw beauty in the world around him, and that beauty evoked his sense of gratitude to God for the beautiful gifts He gave us. Secondly, the well-known Huguenot Cross is a symbol of the Reformed Church of France. It is a four-petal lily of France in the form of a Maltese cross. The four petals represent the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Connecting the four petals are four fleurs de lys, an old symbol of France. A descending dove, representing the Spirit, is suspended from the lower lily petal on a ring of gold.

In future issues of the Cross, more will be said about the Huguenots and their descendants, and how they may or may not have used symbolism in their lives. If you have any examples or comments to share, please send them to the Editor via the email address provided on the back page of the Cross.

MINUTES of the NATIONAL HUGUENOT SOCIETY, INC. SEMIANNUAL GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

30 October 2009 Clinton, Mississippi

The regular meeting of the General Council of The National Huguenot Society, Inc., was held at the Hampton Inn Hotel in Clinton, Mississippi on October 30, 2009. It was called to order at 2:10 PM, by Barbara C. MacManus, President General of The National Huguenot Society, Inc.

Invocation was offered by President General MacManus.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by: Mary Margaret Buck.

The Huguenot Pledge to The Flag of the United States of America was led by: Nancy Carr.

Recitation of the "Sacred Oath" was led by: Nancy Brennan.

President General MacManus welcomed members and guests and introduced Penny Lotterhos, President of the Huguenot Society of Mississippi. Members of the Huguenot Society of Mississippi were recognized.

Program: Open Forum Workshop led by President General Barbara C. MacManus.

Topic: Membership Development

-Janice Lorenz, 2nd Vice President General, reported on plans to make the society more visible through "social media" on the Internet. This is expected to reach a younger audience.

-Jan Estelle Cordell, Recording Secretary General, Youth Committee Member, gave a report from the committee on initial plans to develop youth members through reading and contests. Todd B. Frary, Historian General, will be added to the committee. Report is attached.

Topic: Dues Collection

-Discussion of mechanics and important dates for dues collection. Also, method for re-instating members: Dues are to be collected from October 1 – December 31 with paid members declared on January 1. Dues are collected in advance for the coming year.

Topic: Meeting Attendance

-Methods of increasing attendance at State meetings was discussed.

Meeting was recessed at 3:10 PM.

Meeting Reconvened at 3:30 PM for the Business Meeting.

Roll Call determined the presence of (7) General Officers, one (1) Honorary President General, and four (4) State Presidents. There were a number of other officers, members, and guests present from various states.

The minutes of the General Council meeting that was held in Chattanooga, Tennessee in October 2008 were approved as read.

The Chair appointed Penny Lotterhos, President of the Huguenot Society of Mississippi and Nancy Carr, Registrar of the Huguenot Society of Tennessee to serve as a Reading Committee.

Reports of the General Officers

President General Barbara C. MacManus – Report will be filed.

First Vice President General Allen W. Moore – Oral report.

Second Vice President General Janice M. Lorenz – No report.

Recording Secretary General Jan E. Cordell – Read letter from Simone Oppen, Scholarship Recipient. Letter filed.

Corresponding Secretary General Nancy B. Askew – No report.

Registrar General Nancy W. Brennan – Oral and written report. Report filed.

Historian General Todd B. Frary – Oral and written report. Report filed.

Genealogist General Alice J. Sweeney – Written report read by President General MacManus. Report filed.

Honorary President General Nadine Hardin-Miller – No report.

Standing Committee Reports - No Reports.

Special Committees-

“The Huguenot Collection” Books and Archives Review Committee

Letter read from the Daughters of the American Revolution thanking the National Huguenot Society for books. These were from the Washington DC State Society.

New Edition of the “Register of Huguenot Ancestors,” Fifth Edition, Jeannine S. Kallal – Summary of report read by President General.

Recovery of Escheat Funds: Report of Third Vice President General Peter Adams on recovery of Massachusetts Funds read by President General MacManus.

Member Society Reports-

The following state reports were filed: Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, and Virginia. Oral reports were given for Illinois and Mississippi.

Motion made and seconded to limit read reports to two (2) minutes. Motion carried.

Other Business-

The President General gave an update on the Virginia Society and the actions taken relative to the divisions in that state. The President General’s full report will be printed in “The Cross of Languedoc”.

Motion made and seconded to ratify the actions of the President General with respect to the “Virginia Situation”. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded to keep the 74th Annual Congress on the 15 & 16th of April 2010 and find a different hotel that can hold the event. Motion carried.

Recording Secretary General confirmed the invitation of the Huguenot Society of Arizona to host the next Mid-year meeting in Phoenix Arizona the fourth weekend of October 2010.

Motion made and seconded to hold the next Mid-year meeting in Phoenix on October 22 & 23, 2010. Motion carried.

Announcements-

Members and guests were reminded to begin gathering for dinner at 6:30, dinner to be served at 7:00.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Jan Estelle Cordell
Recording Secretary General

Memories From Our



L to R: Fay Charpentier-Ford, Pres. KY Society; Barbara C. MacManus, Pres. General, NHS.



Midyear Meeting in Progress



L to R: Mitch Henning (Kathy Henning's husband), Huguenot Cross; Barbara C. MacManus, Pres. General, NHS; Mitch Henning, Secretary, Mississippi Society.

Midyear Meeting 2009



L to R standing: NHS PG Barbara C. MacManus; KY Pres. Fay Charpentier-Ford; Mississippi Registrar Mary Margaret Buck. Seated: Allen Moore, NHS 1st V.P. General, Indiana Registrar and Treasurer.



(husband), creator of the Wooden
us, Pres. General; and Kathy



Midyear Meeting in Progress

MEMBER (STATE) SOCIETY REPORTS

Florida

Florida State Registrar Charles Baker reported The Huguenot Society of Florida has added 5 new members to the roster since December 31, 2008. New members to the Fort Caroline Chapter are: Evelyn Springer Smith; Lauralyn Ann Smith; Rosalyn Amy Smith, and Charles E. Goslin. Ernst d'Erlach chapter has added Kenneth E. Carter and has another application in the hands of the National Registrar. One Transfer into the Jean Calvin Chapter is pending paperwork completion. The membership count tallied 190 on Dec 31, 2008.

Since then 5 new have been approved. However, through death, we lost 3 members, bringing our count to a total of 192.

Florida State Chaplain Atwood Abbitt Brewton reported with regret, the death of the 3 following members: Marjoree Van Duyer Campell from Fort Caroline Chapter; Thomas Deitrick and Thomas Courtney from the Jean Calvin Chapter. Their many talents and smiling faces will be missed. All had served s officers of their Chapters. Mr. Deitrick's knowledge and collection of stamps and coins embossed with Huguenot names and faces provided many interesting programs.

We are also sad to report the death of Associate Member Raymond J. McAuliffe, Jr. who passed away on June 13, 2009. Mr. McAuliffe was the husband of Past National President General Sylvia F. McAuliffe. Our deepest sympathies go to Past President General McAuliffe and her family on the loss of husband and father. All we who knew Ray agreed he was a kind and gentle many with a wonderful sense of humor.

Florida State Scholarship Chairman Monica Darling Douglas announced Emily Potts, sponsored by the Jean Calvin Chapter, and Mary Kate Harvey, sponsored by the Admiral Gaspard de Coligny Chapter, have completed all requirements and were each awarded \$750.00 as winners of the State's Allen Parker Scholarship.

Florida State Corresponding Secretary Judith Jones Adams has had her hands full since the 2009 February State meeting. In addition to working full time, she has updated and mailed out new State Rosters as well as the "Call" for the October 30th / 31st meetings and the Fall 2009 Huguenot Newsletter.

Henry of Navarre Chapter President Virginia Bailey announced the Chapter has reorganized and plans a Fall meeting October 3rd in Naples.

The Huguenot Society of Florida is proud to provide a website at: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flhuguen/>

The website contains the published State Newsletters; a list of Florida Chapters; the application form for the Allen Parker Scholarship; a link to the National Website; and a listing of the State officers.

Since many of our Huguenot and Walloon ancestors worshiped at the Vrouwkerk Church in Leiden, Holland before departing to America, a donation was requested by Muriel Cushing to help with the restoration and plaque installation being done under the direction of international historian Jeremy Bangs. Various family lineage organizations have made contributions. Muriel felt it would be suitable for the FL Huguenot Society, Inc to have recognition on the plaque being installed. A donation was given.

The Florida Semi Annual Executive Council and General Membership meetings are being held the weekend of October 30 and 31st in Lakeland. The meetings were planned to be held the same weekend as the "8th Annual Gathering of Hereditary Societies in Florida" and in the same location for the convenience of members who want to attend both. Unfortunately, the same dates conflict with the Mid Year Meeting of the Huguenot General Council being held in Mississippi. James Bailey deRosset, Florida Huguenot Newsletter editor, has produced another informative and colorful "Florida Huguenot Newsletter" with the Fall 2009 edition.

It has been a pleasure working with the officers and chairmen of the Huguenot Society of Florida and an honor and privilege to serve the President General.

In Huguenot Faith,
Linda L. Smith, Florida State President

Georgia

The Huguenot Society of Georgia is now 38 years since its beginning in Metter, Georgia in 1971. We are active and strong Society with 160 members; we meet twice yearly the last Saturday of April and October in various cities of Georgia. About 50 members attend each meeting.

Since 1978, we have sponsored the Zada Bird Brannen Scholarship Fund, named in honor of our founder and first President. The Fund's current value is \$20,000. The monies from this Fund are used to defray in part the burdensome cost of college expenses. We are connected to the Internet with our website of www.huguenotsocietyofgeorgia.org.

We especially interested in perpetuating the memory, deeds and suffering of our forebear Huguenots. Like our Jewish

friend who suffered a ten year Holocaust between 1935 and 1945, our ancestors suffered a Huguenot Holocaust which lasted intermittently for over 250 years, beginning in 1525, when Jacques Pavenne and Louis de Berquin, the first Huguenot martyrs, were burned at the stake. During the 16th and 17th centuries there were eleven Huguenot and civil wars in France, each lasting about one to one and a half years. Thousands of Huguenots were slaughtered during these times, and the result of these religious persecutions was a worldwide scattering of Huguenots to religious havens in Switzerland, Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Holland, South Africa, England and North America. No people through the ages of history have endured more persecutions. The Huguenot persecutions ended in 1787, when French King Louis the XVI of the Royalist government signed the Edict of Toleration. In order to perpetuate the memory of our Huguenot ancestors, the Society supports three libraries to a total amount of \$1,200.00 per year. Each library is asked to acquire and preserve books about Huguenot history. The libraries are: Statesboro Regional Library, Statesboro, Georgia; Cobb County Public Library, Marietta, Georgia, and the Library of the National Huguenot Society, now housed in the Library of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Washington, D.C.

Our Society is financially strong and debt free. The Society's LeRoy-Upshaw Foundation Fund is currently valued at \$104,000.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles B. Upshaw Jr., M.D., President

Indiana

The Huguenot Society of Indiana meets twice a year at the beautiful Meridian 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.

The spring meeting this year was held on Saturday, April 18, 2009. The speaker was Dr. Merle Strege, Professor of Religious Studies at Anderson University. His topic was "Religious War and Peace in France: Huguenots and Religious Toleration." There were 23 present.

Our recent fall meeting was held on October 3, 2009. The speaker was Dr. Alan Winkvist, Professor of History and Department Chair at Taylor University. His topic was "The French Connection with Ireland." A by-laws committee was appointed to make sure our by-laws are in agreement with national by-laws. New membership directories were distributed to the 22 persons in attendance. Our 2010 spring meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 24.

Currently we have 62 members and 5 associate members. Two membership applications are being checked for approval.

Recruitment is an on-going process, and on September 28 I spoke to the Delaware County Historical Society at Muncie, Indiana and distributed some literature about our society.

In Huguenot Faith and Devotion,
Allen W. Moore, Registrar and Treasurer

Kentucky

Our spring 2009 meeting was held at the Lexington Country Club, Lexington, Kentucky. Officers for the next two years were installed, which included some who consented to extension of service, some who responded again after a brief rest, and some new to the jobs.

It is humbling to work with all the special individuals who have given so much for the Huguenot Society of Kentucky. Many have worked without much credit. They will be invited to functions where we will honor them for their hard work and unselfish service with personalized certificates and an adapted Mereau (formerly used to identify early Huguenot believers).

Bill Buckaway, Kentucky Huguenot President 2007-2009, received the first Mereau ITomour Society. We hope it will remind him of both our early Huguenot ancestors and the appreciative descendants today.

Lucille Haney and Bettie Tuttle are the second and third recipients of the Mereau. Lucille kept the books, billed, collected, and reported over fifty meetings as Treasurer. Meanwhile Lucille has identified more Huguenot ancestors in Kentucky than any other member. Ten Kentucky Huguenot ancestors is the record.

Bettie Tuttle always excels at whatever the task, elected or in just helpful roles. As testimony to her perseverance, Bettie has single-handedly identified and marked between 500-600 graves of 1812 Patriots, sometimes in remote, unattended areas. Her efforts also have helped locate thousands of heretofore unknown graves of Confederate soldiers in Kentucky. There may be a book published about them. Bettie, we salute you!

We continue to upgrade and expand information in our state yearbook. Further, we have added newsletters that are mailed twice a year with our meeting notices spring and fall, thus conserving postage.

Our Registrar for several years recently resigned for family health reasons. We wish him well.

We are excited about the new prospects for Kentucky Huguenot membership, which could be as many as ten additions. That would match our total increase over the past five years. Initially we will function as a Registrar

Committee to identify and screen new applications. As that process proceeds, there will be training for future registrars, combined with mini-training sessions of registrars of other societies, who may give further insight into the work and communications expected for the tasks.

The Rev. Dr. Dixon A. Barr, our beloved Kentucky Huguenot Society member, unexpectedly passed away October 15, 2009. We lost an irreplaceable mend and, for many of us, a mentor. He served as Kentucky President 1993-1995 and as President General 1999-2001. Dixon was responsible for encouraging many of us to step up our service in numerous societies. He led by example. We will always honor his memory.

Peace and joy,
Fay Charpentier-Ford, President

Tennessee

The Huguenot Society of Tennessee will mark its 50th Anniversary in March 2010. A special Spring Assembly is planned for Saturday, March 20, 2010, to celebrate the occasion. Note the change of date from our usual Spring assembly, which conflicts with Easter weekend. We hope members will plan to join our celebration at the historic Fairyland Club on Lookout Mountain.

Our Fall Assembly on November 7, 2009 was a success, welcoming Dr. Randy Wood, Professor of Humanities at Lee University, Cleveland, TN, and his wife, Audri. His presentation, "Huguenots in England," pointed out the influence and importance of Huguenot immigration on religion and on the English business culture with the founding of the Bank of England and the insurance industry.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Guilbert, President

Virginia

The year 2009 has been unusually eventful for the Huguenot Society of Virginia. The March 28 Annual meeting was held in Williamsburg at the Ford's Colony Country Club with approximately twenty members, prospective members and guests present. Alice and Elmer Birdseye hosted. Our treasurer and her husband, arrived early only to be called away to greet their first grandchild, a grandson, born earlier than anticipated in Charleston, SC. The grandparents, Susan and George Webber report that their grandson is doing very well.

Our program, a Q & A period taken from one of Dr. Galen Kline's efforts, brought questions from President Wills regarding our pluralistic society which allows all religions

to practice as they see fit because, for over 200 years, the Constitution has guaranteed freedom of worship. The early settlers of America came looking for freedom, none more ardently than the Huguenots. Their exodus from France was a major contribution to the cause of religious liberty in America. Enlightening answers to the questions were provided by the members.

April found State President Wills and her husband and Vice President Sweeney and her husband attending The Annual Congress of The National Huguenot Society, Inc. held at the Marriott Washington Hotel, in Washington, DC. President Wills attended the General Council Meeting on Friday morning and she and her husband joined the Sweeneys for the Annual Reception and Banquet that evening. The two Virginia officers attended the Annual Congress on Saturday, where Mrs. Sweeney was elected and installed in the office of Genealogist General. Virginia can be proud of the representation on the Board of General Officers of The National Huguenot Society. Alice is a seasoned genealogist who will now be able to assist our societies all over the country.

May 1 found State President Wills representing the State Society in a parade held in Warrenton, Virginia, celebrating the 250th anniversary of Fauquier County, named for the grandson of a French Huguenot who had fled to England after the revocation of the Edict of Nantes. Francis Fauquier attracted other Huguenot descendants to his part of Virginia. There were many interesting interpreters of history, but the one that stood out was Lafayette, who portrayed his costumed character extremely well. The popular Willard Scott was Master of Ceremonies and Virginia Congressman Frank Wolf was present.

President General, Barbara MacManus, has been in touch with the breakaway group and has written a letter to the members of the Huguenot Society of Virginia explaining the situation as it has been revealed over the past few months. There have been some changes and a proposal has been presented. Once again, we are waiting for their response.

It was decided to postpone our fall Service of Remembrance for deceased members, Ashley Montgomery and Col. Kenneth Lemley, to November 7. We are looking forward to a delightful meeting at the Wynham Virginia Crossings Hotel and Conference Center in Glen Allen, Virginia, centrally located in the Richmond area. Our program will be presented by two Huguenot ladies who are traveling by time machine to join us. It is reported they have worked all summer on their costumes. Our nominating committee will present the new slate for the term, 2010-2012.

Rachel L. Wills

NOTICE OF 2010 MIDYEAR MEETING LOCATION

Save the Idea!

The Huguenot Society of Arizona invites you to visit them for the Mid-year meeting in 2010. State President Mrs. Lee Thomasson Nelson and Event Coordinator Jan Estelle Cordell, extend warm wishes from sunny Arizona and look forward to visiting with you in Phoenix, October 22 & 23, 2010. Save these dates and plan to join us for some fun in “the Valley of the Sun”.

While you are here plan to visit world famous Heard Museum, Historic Tombstone or the scenic Red Rock Country of Sedona. You may also wish to play a round of golf at one of the area’s championship courses or just relax in the sun.

Event location and additional details will be announced at the 74th Annual Congress in Washington DC in April and be printed in the Fall 2010 “The Cross of Languedoc”.



***Honorary President General 1991-1993, Dr. Arthur F. Stocker,
died at age 95 on January 13, 2010 in Charlottesville, Virginia.***

NEW MEMBERS

Alabama

David Richard Finch
#1 supplemental
Ancestor: Hester Mahieu

Benjamin Garrett Cheney
Ancestor: Pierre Dutoit

Arkansas

Marie C. Dugan
Ancestor: Laurent Flournoy

Jerrie Jones Townsend
Ancestor: Jean deJarnat
(John DeJarnette)

California

Judith Ellen Ellsworth Cunningham
Ancestor: Joris Jansen Rapalje

Howard Ray Lawrence
Ancestor: Andre L'Amoreaux

Katherine Ann Oatas
Ancestor: Guleyn Vigne

DC

Mabel Branham Akers
Ancestor: Jean Bricquett

Florida

Evelyn Springer Smith
Ancestor: Jacob Balliet

Lauralyn Ann Smith
Ancestor: Jacob Balliet

Rosalyn Amy Smith
Ancestor: Jacob Balliet

Georgia

Robert Lee Smith, Jr.
Ancestor: Pierre Philippe Leroy

Renee Anne-Louise Smith
Ancestor: Pierre Philippe Leroy

Adam Michael Smith
Ancestor: Pierre Philippe Leroy

Illinois

Orpha Darlene Woodford Weybright
Ancestor: Jacques duBois

Mary Kathryn Thompson Carey
Ancestor: Jacques duBois

Kelly Karol Carey
Ancestor: Jacques duBois

Lauri Carey
Ancestor: Jacques duBois

Kentucky

Mary Jewell Murray
Ancestor: Abraham Sublett (Soblet)

Denise Faye Patton Hall
Ancestor: Louis Guion

Member At Large

Amelia Baldwin Fromherz
Ancestor: Jean Vairin

Missouri

Beverly Elaine Brickey
Ancestor: Jean Bricquet/John Brickey

Anna Marie Julian Sharp
Ancestor: Hillaire Rousseau

Faye Nell Miles Kleeman
Ancestor: John Vivian

Susan Faye DeCarlo
Ancestor: John Vivian

North Carolina

Neil Larry Rozier
#1 supplemental
Ancestor: John Rozier

Olivia Hayes Tilson
Ancestor: Jérémie Cothonneau/Cuttino

Robert Lee Wade, III
Ancestor: Gideon LaPlante Merlet

Charles Robert Wade
Ancestor: Gideon LaPlante Merlet

Thomas Edward Wade
Ancestor: Gideon LaPlante Merlet

Donna Jean Wade Doak
Ancestor: Gideon LaPlante Merlet

Teri Lynn Wade Como
Ancestor: Gideon LaPlante Merlet

Aaron John Como
Ancestor: Gideon LaPlante Merlet

Michael Brett Como
Ancestor: Gideon LaPlante Merlet

Kevin Edward Como
Ancestor: Gideon LaPlante Merlet

Desma Jean Wade
Ancestor: Gideon LaPlante Merlet

Ohio

Kyle Dewees
Ancestor: Leuren des Cos

Catherine Ericsson Mackey
Ancestor: Christian Riblet

Pennsylvania

Richard Kent LeVan
Ancestor: Daniel LeVan

Eleni Miranda LeVan
Ancestor: Daniel LeVan

Tennessee

Patricia Louise Miller Pelfrey
Ancestor: Jacques de Chiel

Sarah Jane Cash Roach
Ancestor: Leonard Dozier

Noella Mae Jarvis Oberlin
Ancestor: Ambroise Sicard

Texas

Marie Mathilde Bousquet Anderson
Ancestor: Daniel Trezevant

Barbara Marie Pankey Ulvestad
Ancestor: Jean Panetier (Pankey)

Maurice McAshan Adams
Ancestor: Robert Brashear (Brassieur)

Daniel B. Stauffer
Ancestor: Daniel LeVan

Laura A. Stover
Ancestor: Robert Brashear (Brassieur)

Zachary Carroll Potts
Ancestor: Suzanne Couillandeu

Virginia

Patricia Wright Strati
Ancestor: Jacques Garrigues

Washington

Heidel Kristen Goldenman
Ancestor: Pierre Butin

Wisconsin

Kay Lenore Gnagy Briski
Ancestor: René LaForce

REINSTATEMENTS

Florida
Ivor Lois Wetherby

Texas
Shirley Frances Ochsner

TRANSFERS

Tamia Cloud Bible
From Iowa
To Tennessee

Alice Lois Cameron Bostrom
From Minnesota
To MAL

Leila Dorothy Williams Carlo
From Iowa
To MAL

Donna Elizabeth Walter Liske
From Iowa
To MAL

Shirley Kay Montgomery
From Iowa
To MAL

Sandra M. Clark
From Minnesota
To MAL

Walter Herbert Doty, Jr.
From Minnesota
To MAL

Theodore Epton
From Minnesota
To MAL

Alice Elizabeth Loomis Guiher
From Minnesota
To MAL

Peter Lea Heineman
From Minnesota
To MAL

Alberta Frances Bart Holaday
From Minnesota
To MAL

Janet Lucile Holaday
From Minnesota
To MAL

John Hallberg Jones
From Minnesota
To MAL

Philip Robert Livingston, Jr.
From Minnesota
To MAL

Sanford Kingsley Loomis
From Minnesota
To MAL

Christi A Noble
From Iowa
To IL

Grace Virginia Rice
From Minnesota
To MAL

Van Drescher Sindelar
From Minnesota
To MAL

George Dewey Wright
From Georgia
To TN

Margaret Elizabeth Zimmer
From Minnesota
To MAL

Shirley Ritchie Ochsner
From Texas
To AR

Sarah Jane Strong Voas
From Iowa
To MAL

Darlene LaVon Walter Williams
From Iowa
To MAL

YOUTH REGISTRATION

Texas
Dakota Schiel

MEMORIAL ROLL CALL OF NECROLOGY

Alabama

George M. Cooper
Joseph Dudley Patrick

California

Clifton Rowland Brooks, Sr., MD

District of Columbia

Samuel DeCou

Florida

Marjorie Vanduzer Campbell
Thomas Courtney

Kentucky

Dixon A. Barr, Honorary President General, National Huguenot Society

Mississippi

Patricia Ann Roebuck

Missouri

Dallie O. Miles Howerton
Aileen Russell Mantooth
Billie Sue McGill
Sally Rakestraw

Nevada

Paul A. Wright
North Carolina
Dr. W. Keats Sparrow

Pennsylvania

John T. Frantz
Sara Faison Hart
Jane Ludwig Worley

South Carolina

Edwin Marotte

Tennessee

Edna Bush Bless
Mary Trammell Lewis Haynes
Ruth Reynolds Hulsey
Mattie Lowell Wardlaw Mettetal
Grace Shepherd Prince

Virginia

Sally Young Leaman
Col. Kenneth McRae Lemley
Ashley H. Montgomery

– *continued from Cover Story*

Although celebrations occurred in many different locations, the ones drawing the most international attention probably occurred in Geneva, Calvin's adopted home. The international "Calvin09 Patronage Committee's" jubilee "exceeded our expectations," according to Clifton Kirkpatrick, the head of the International Patronage Committee. He is the President of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, so it is he who very astutely pointed out some of the reasons Calvin's doctrine is important today. Some of those reasons include: (1) striking similarities between current political priorities in the US and Calvin's social agenda, of immigration, health care, and economic justice; (2) economic and social ethics, which emphasize regulating capital growth for the benefit of all; (3) his commitment to unifying Reformed churches from the French and German speaking regions of Switzerland ensured that there are not two separate Swiss Reformed church denominations today. ["Calvin09 Patronage Committee gives positive evaluation of Calvin Jubilee year," Calvin09.org]. Other activities in Geneva included an exhibition at the International Museum of the Reformation (www.musee-reforme.ch), as well as an event entitled "A Day in the Life of Calvin."

A statement issued by the President and the General Secretary of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches commemorating John Calvin's 500th birthday, provides us with a number of additional considerations that render Calvin still relevant today. [Statement released by the President and General Secretary of WARC, 8 July 2009]. It may be difficult today, just as it was in Calvin's time, to find any two or more people who completely agree upon each and every element of Calvin's (or anyone else's) doctrine. Whether one totally agrees with all of Calvin's doctrine or not, we Huguenots are certainly proud of his accomplishments and are proud of our Society's patriotic, historical, educational and religious mission. One need not agree with Calvin's doctrine in order to join the National Huguenot Society.

A NETWORKING NOTE FROM FLORIDA

By Linda L. Smith, Florida State President

Florida Huguenot members are involved in many other lineage societies in addition to our Florida State Society. Our Florida State and Chapter Presidents and Officers share their time and talents with other local, state and national groups.

Florida Huguenot Society Vice President, Edward J. Neugaard, has been elected the Governor of the Florida Society of Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims.

Florida State Recording Secretary Barbara Schulz is the President of the William Bassett Chapter of Colonial Dames of the 17th Century, President of the Jean Calvin Chapter of the Huguenot Society of Florida, and the State Chaplain for Southern Dames of America.

Florida State Treasurer Brett Dicken Brown will be presenting the story of the Huguenots with a slide presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Mayflower Society of Florida being held in November.

The presentation is entitled: "The Story of the Huguenots: Fighters For Freedom." The program was written by Richard L. Goodbar, past Corresponding Secretary General at the direction of The National Huguenot Society. The presentation had been sent to the Presidents of Member Societies and Chapters in 1995 with a letter to accompany the text and slides.

Florida members Virginia Bailey and Linda Smith, both presidents of their respective 1812 Chapters, are on the committee for this year's "8th Annual Gathering of Hereditary Societies in Florida." Members of Daughters of 1812 are cosponsors of the "Gathering." The luncheon meeting will feature author and expert researcher on the FSSD 1812, Harold Youmans, as the speaker. Any member of any lineage society in FL is eligible to attend the October 31st meeting. Unfortunately, it coincides with the National Huguenot Society, Inc.'s General Council meeting being held in Mississippi.

Ernst d'Erlach President Lila Sandstrom and Scholarship Chairman Monica Darling Douglas are both on the State Board for Florida Colonial Dames 17th Century.

Muriel Cushing, registrar of the Jean Calvin Chapter, also serves as the Historian of the Florida State Mayflower Society.

Past Florida Huguenot Society President Robbie Burt was elected the leadership position as Governor of the Florida State Mayflower Society.

Note from the Editor: A sharing of the celebration of joint events by lineage societies has become an increasingly common practice. Sharing resources not only reduces expenses, it also capitalizes on the similarity of interests held by the various groups' members, and promotes "cross-pollination" of membership between groups, which enriches all.

GENEVA

Geneva is Jean Calvin's adopted home. It borders on France and is located where Lake Geneva flows into the Rhône River. The Alps and the Jura Mountains envelop it. Geneva is the most populous French-speaking city in Switzerland, and is the location of the International Monument to the Reformation, the Reformation Wall where Jean Calvin is represented. It is the European Headquarters of the European Union. Reformation Wall, an international monument dedicated to Guillaume Farel (Calvin's dear friend), Jean Calvin, Théodore de Bèze, and John Knox, is located in Bastions Park.



Pictured left is the historic Reformation Wall and above is Lake Geneva, Switzerland.

"Reformation Wall, Geneva, Switzerland. Jean Calvin is the second from the left. Image Reformation Wall in Geneva © Shadow69/Dreamstime.com.

WAS A WHITE SCARF A HUGUENOT SYMBOL?

A book by Denise Turrel, *Le Blanc de France: La construction des signes identitaires pendant les guerres de religion (1562-1629)*, (Travaux d'Humanisme et Renaissance, number 396, Geneva, 2005). The evolution of the use of the white scarf by various parties, as garnered from a variety of sources and an examination of art, is the topic of the book. It includes a discussion of the Huguenots' use of the white scarf as a symbol of their resistance to royal authority at one point during that period.

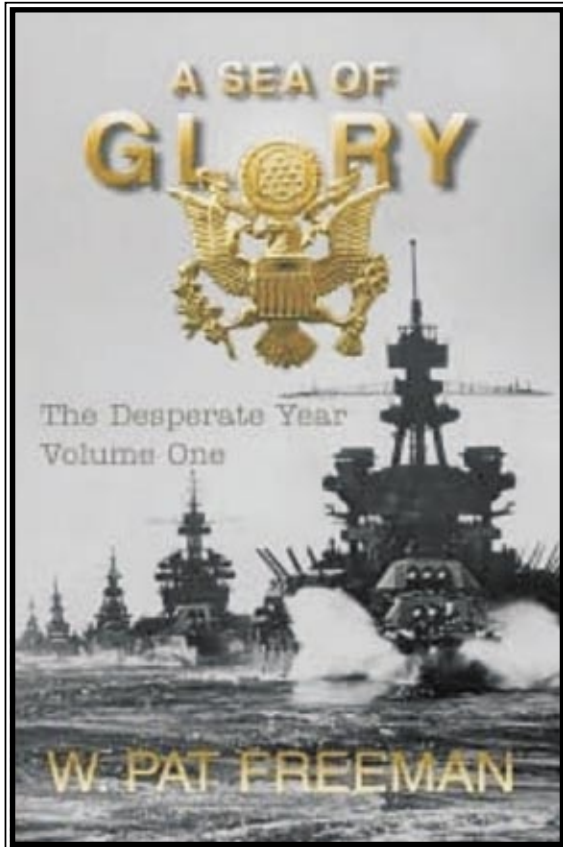
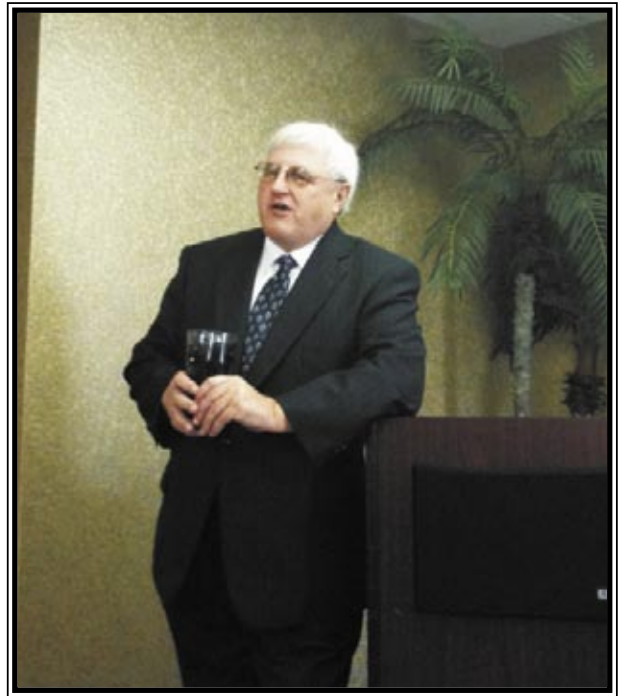
RELIGIOUS ART THAT HAS INSPIRED CREATIVITY

- Francis Bernadone of Assisi: Before becoming "St. Francis of Assisi" Francis Bernadone, the son of a successful fabric merchant, was a master reveler (a medieval entertainer). One day when he saw the Crucifix of San Damiano in Assisi, he was inspired at that moment to change his "career" from that of a reveler to one of rebuilding and refurbishing churches.

- Dante Alighieri: It is believed that the mosaic of Satan in Hell at the Baptistry of San Giovanni, Florence, Italy inspired Dante when he wrote *Divine Comedy*.

MORE ABOUT OUR MIDYEAR MEETING SPEAKER

W. Pat Freeman, our speaker at the midyear meeting, is a businessman and author whose passion is history. He has a Russian Studies degree from University of Houston, has studied and worked in Geneva, Switzerland and earned a graduate degree from Reformed Theological Seminary. He and his wife currently live in Clinton, Mississippi and are the parents of three sons.



His most recently published book is *A Sea of Glory: Volume One* (2007 iUniverse, Incorporated). It explores what would have happened in world history were the US Navy to have defeated the attack on Pearl Harbor.

COMMENTS AND QUERIES FROM OUR READERS

Regarding The Rev. Nigel Massey's speech in the January 2009 issue about the Huguenots and Acadia and the lack of women in their settlement: Could there be any connection between Huguenots who came to North America (either to Acadia or elsewhere) and the "lost dauphin of France," who was written about by Mark Twain? Please send any information you have to the Editor.

Regarding Huguenot furniture makers in America: A reader from Foxboro, Massachusetts wrote that she has inherited pieces of furniture that belonged to her great-grandmother, whose mother was a "French Huguenot." Her husband's last name was Lord and they settled around Lord's Valley, PA. This reader is interested in any publication about authentic memorabilia that might be relevant.



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