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One Hundredth Eleventh Anniversary Meeting
Huguenot Society of South Carolina

April 27, 1996, 4 p.m.
The Charleston Musuem- 360 Meeting St.

Charleston, South Carolina

Address to be given by: Canon Jacques P. Bossière
Founder of *Rencontres*
Topic: Huguenot Massacre at St. Augustine, Florida

Collation follows: Charleston Musuem
Guest fee: \$10.00-to be mailed in advance

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

If there are any of you out there wondering what is happening at the Society, things are rolling. First of all, the mortgage is paid off!! Four years ago this March we precariously ventured into a loan at the Bank of South Carolina never assuming that the loan would be paid off so quickly. Through your kind generosity and committed giving, we have succeeded!

We have worked hard in the last few years to put the Society on a sound financial footing and to expand and improve service to members, students, and researchers. We have finished last year and this year within our budget and we now have paid down our debt.

What we need to concentrate on is the direction we want the Society to take. Are we going to be a regional research library mainly researching South Carolina Huguenots or an internationally renowned facility researching all Huguenots and Huguenot history? The Board met this past January to ponder just this question. The decision was unanimous to be an international research library. We had to devise a plan of action. We began by authorizing the Director to purchase a new microfilm/fiche reader/printer and a fourth computer for public use in the library with Internet hookup. We are now on line and have an E-mail address. We will soon have a web page and will be able to take requests for applications, research letters, etc. We have had several donations to the library to buy microfilm of censuses. Melissa will begin purchasing this soon and we already have Automated Archives on CD-rom. The wave of the future is at hand and we are excited about the projects. Please come to the April meeting at the Musuem and hear all about it!

Arthur M. Wilcox
President



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BONJOUR, MES AMIS!! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday! Settle down into your favorite chair now because I have lots of news to tell you and you need to give me your best undivided attention!

First of all, we have a super weekend scheduled for this annual meeting, **SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 1996**. It will be held at the Charleston Musuem at 360 Meeting Street. Canon Jacques P. Bossière will be our speaker and the minister at the annual French service the next day. In 1985, Canon Bossière founded *Rencontres* an international organization that serves as a means of networking, communicating, and supporting the French-speaking Anglican/Episcopal communities throughout the world. We are thrilled to have him.

Last year, several of you tactfully told us the food wasn't that good and so we listened. This year we are having the collation catered by Mr. Walter Prause. Because the cost is going to be higher than normal, the Board has set the guest fee at \$10.00. It must be sent in ahead of the meeting because we have to let Mr. Prause know how many to prepare for. All guests are welcome, but **PLEASE** help us with collecting the guest fees!

Then, on Saturday morning, April 27th, from 9-12 p.m., we will be having a bus tour. It will be on the Huguenot Influence in Charleston. We have arranged for two air-conditioned buses to take us around with several guides. This tour also needs to be paid for in advance, so if you want to go, please send in your money as soon as possible. If we don't need the second bus, I would like to know and cancel it.

The annual French service at the French Huguenot Church will take place Sunday, April 28, at 10:30 p.m. Canon Bossière will be the French speaking minister. A collation will follow at 44 Queen St.

Anyone interested in the Nova Scotia tour, please contact McIntosh Travel, Miss Eleanor Simons, 1890 Sam Rittenberg Blvd., #223, Chas., S.C. 29407 or telephone 803-571-7000. I hear they are almost filled up again!!

We have some information put together for us on leaving the Huguenot Society in your wills if anyone would like a copy. **PLEASE** call Barbara.

For our new members, I would like to briefly review some of our procedures. First of all, if you did not get your dues bill already, it is due. **PLEASE** MAKE SURE YOUR DUES (\$40) HAVE BEEN SENT. The *Transactions* were sent in December and it included your dues bill. If you didn't get it, it was returned to us or the post office destroyed it. It will cost you \$2.70 to have a new one mailed. Also, **REMEMBER**, if you are moving, we would appreciate you sending your new address to us so you will stay on our active mailing list. Most of what we mail is bulk mail and **WILL NOT BE FORWARDED!!!** When the post office sends us a notice that you have moved with no forwarding address, **WE MAKE YOU INACTIVE** to save postage.

Don't forget our annual fall service at the Huguenot Church in Charleston on October 20, 1996. The minister will be Rev. Dr. William C. Simpson, Jr., Minister of the Edenton Street United Methodist Church in Burlington, North Carolina. He is a descendant of Claude Philippe de Richebourg and wants very much to have a reunion of this family. Our own Rev.

