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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

from
Daniel Ravenel

In our last newsletter I reported to you that we have a new Director in Bill Bates. Even though he has been with us just a short time, Bill is already proving to be well organized and is beginning to develop and implement his own style of leadership at 138 Logan Street.

Our Annual Fund was not as successful as we would like to have seen in 2002, however, we were able to retire out last little bit of debt (\$11,000), and with the national economy not great, I feel that you, our membership, should be proud that we raised over \$68,000 this year in annual undesignated contributions. Now with a new year, I hope the next order of business will be a thought to building a larger endowment to provide assurance that our Society will protect and preserve our Huguenot heritage forever!

The new Board members (Vice Presidents), Marion Rivers Cato and Lenora Kessler, have joined in to make their mark a positive one. The budget passed by the Board in December gives the green light to again buy some new equipment and software, do some needed repairs to our library, and to continue as the largest and most respected Society of our type in the Western Hemisphere.

Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for April 12th at which we will have a very interesting speaker from New York. I look forward to seeing you in Charleston.

THE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

from
William W. Bates, III

Greetings from 138 Logan Street! Having served as Director of your society for two months, I hope you understand that I am still very much in a "learning mode." Let me begin with thanks to the many people who have helped me in my transition. Your President, Dan Ravenel, and Treasurer, David Maybank, are the two Board members with whom I have had most contact. These two individuals, as well as all of your Executive Board, have been welcoming and helpful in getting me headed in the right direction. The Society's past two Executive Directors, Barbara Claypoole and Renée Marshall, have been quite generous in giving time, help, advice, and understanding. Cheves Leland, the Society's Archivist, served as Interim Director after Renée's resignation has been most helpful in bringing me up-to-date on day-to-day operations. The permanent Staff of the Society: Registrar Dot Huff, Publications Editor Susan Hemminger, and Office Assistant Phyllis Sinkler all welcomed me and made my first days pleasant and chocked full of learning experiences. Thank you, to All!

I am pleased to report that, as 2002 came to a close, we made the final payment on the loan taken out for renovation. This was a major step, and the Society now looks to the future without any debt to hamper us. A hearty Thanks and Well Done for making this step possible.

In the last few months many members contributed to our Annual Fund campaign. Membership dues do not cover our operational costs and this campaign is important to our over-all success. To date, a little less than 10% of our membership has contributed with honorariums, memorials, gifts to the library and building fund, or simply made undesignated gifts. I challenge each member to support the Annual Fund. Help secure the financial well-being of the Society.

In recent days it has been my pleasure to meet members visiting our office. Some have come to volunteer on projects to benefit the Society and others have come to visit for research. I want every member to feel welcome to visit whenever you are able.

Again, thanks for allowing me to serve in your Society. If you know of others who are eligible for membership, please help us get in contact with them.

ANNUAL MEETING and ANNUAL FRENCH SERVICE

Since Easter is so late this year, the Annual Meeting will be held on the weekend before Easter rather than the weekend after Easter. The date for the Annual Meeting is April 12, 2003, and will, as usual, be at The Charleston Museum at 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon. Bill Foster will again provide members and guests with his usual wonderful hors d'oeuvres for the Collation just after the meeting.

Paula W. Carlo, Ph.D., the speaker for this meeting is a history professor at Nassau Community College in New York and a recent speaker to the Huguenot Society of America. Her talk, "Train Up a Child: Educating Huguenot Young People in Colonial New York" will surely provide an insight into the lives of the Huguenots, especially the children, of the important Huguenot population of New York.

Special Note: The Charleston Museum will conduct a special program to highlight the 200th anniversary of the Joseph Manigault House. The program will be on April 12th, the day of our Annual Meeting, from 10:00 in the morning until 1:00 in the afternoon. Displays will emphasize the experiences and contributions of the Huguenots in South Carolina and will feature the Huguenot Society of South Carolina. For more information, visit The Museum's Web Site: www.charlestonmuseum.org.

The Annual French Service will be held the next day, Palm Sunday, at the Huguenot Church. The service will begin at 10:30 in the morning and will be followed by a Collation at 44 Queen Street. Members of the Church will provide the hors d'oeuvres for this occasion.

Last year's Guest Preacher, The Reverend Nigel Massey, will be back again this year. It is certain that his reading of the French Service and his Sermon will be top-notch! The Reverend Massey is Pastor of L'Eglise de St. Esprit in New York City.

So, plan to be with us for the special program at the Manigault House as well as the business meeting, the talk by Dr. Paula Carlo, and the friendship and activities of our Annual Meeting. See you in April!

CONFERENCES

Comité Protestant Des Amitiés Françaises a L'Étranger Thirteenth International Meeting of Huguenot Descendants

The XIIIth International meeting of Huguenot descendants will be held September 4-10, 2003, in the Cévennes, the historic region of the Camisards' resistance to the King's dragoons in the eighteenth century. The meeting will include attendance at the Assemblée du Désert which commemorates the secret assemblies that gathered together the Protestants who remained in France and endangered their lives to worship God. For details, please contact the Comité at 47 rue de Clinchy, Paris 75311, Cedex 09.

WORTHWHILE PUBLICATIONS

Memory and Identity: The Huguenots in France and the Atlantic Diaspora

Publication of this collection of some of the presentations given at the conference on the Huguenots at the College of Charleston in 1997 has been set for May of this year. Bertrand Van Ruymbeke and Randy J. Sparks, editors, have gathered together a number of the presentations at the conference that provide significant new material on the world-wide effects of the Huguenot movement. Once the volume is published, the Society will have the pertinent information for those who would like to purchase the book.

Studies of Three Great Huguenot Generals (This is not the real title.)

On November 11, 2002, The Huguenot Society of Great Britain and Ireland (in London) convened a one-day conference on Huguenot Soldiering from 1660 to 1780. An outgrowth of this conference is a booklet of reprinted studies of three great Huguenot generals. One of the reprints is the speech given by Randolph Vigne of the Huguenot Society of Great Britain and Ireland to the Annual Meeting in 1998 entitled "Marshall Ligonier (1680-1770): Britain's Forgotten Hero: An Essay on his Later Life and Its American Connexions" and published first in *Transactions No. 103*. The other two generals are James II's commander-in-chief Louis Durfort-Duras, Earl of Feversham, and Henri de Ruvigny, Earl of Galway. Again, the Society will have the pertinent information on how to obtain this booklet once it is available.

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

The Huguenot Society of South Carolina Graduate Scholarship

The Huguenot Society of South Carolina offers a scholarship to graduate students in history. The scholarship awards \$1000.00 to the winning author of an essay based on any aspect of the religious, political, economic, social, or intellectual history of the French or Walloon Protestants from the sixteenth century to the present. The essay may deal with any appropriate geographical area.

Essays must be submitted to the Huguenot Society no later than December 31, 2003. The 2003 award will be presented at the Annual Meeting in April of 2003. The chosen essay will be published in *Transactions 108*.

For details can be found on page 115 of *Transactions 106*. Or, information can be obtained from the Society office.

The James and Charlotte Gignilliat Scholarship

The South Carolina Historical Society, administrator of this scholarship, has made awards to Louisa Grant Carter (Furman University), George Benjamin Milam (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), Pauline Lanier Simmons (University of South Carolina), and Benjamin DeKalb Byrd (College of Charleston). Jennifer Burton Gervais and Daniel Ravenel University of the South at Sewanee, Tennessee) are new scholars that have been designated.

Specifics on this one can be found at the South Carolina Historical Society, 100 Meeting Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29401. The deadline for applications is February 15, 2003.

Other Scholarships

The Marie L. Rose Scholarship is administered through the Financial Aid office of various colleges and universities. Check with that office for information, or for a list of colleges involved, call this Society.

And, the Founders of Manakin in the Colony of Virginia offers two awards for essays. One award is given to a graduate student and one to an undergraduate student or a high school senior who has been accepted at a college. Detailed information can be found on the Web Site—<http://huguenot-manakin.org/natscholarship.htm>, or by contacting this Society's office. The deadline is April 1, 2003.

GENEALOGICAL NEWS

First Families of South Carolina

A sister organization, The Society of First Families of South Carolina 1670-1700, derives its membership from those (18 or over) who can trace descent from someone who arrived in South Carolina before 1700. Huguenots who arrived during that time are eligible ancestors. For a complete list of eligible ancestors, check *First Settlers of South Carolina 1670-1700* by Agnes Baldwin. The Huguenot Society has information on First Families as well as Mrs. Baldwin's book. Or, write The Society of First Families of South Carolina, 1670-1700, P. O. Box 21328, Charleston, S. C. 29413.

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