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Dates for State Huguenot Meetings Announced

State President **Linda L. Smith** is pleased to announce that the Executive Council of the Huguenot Society of Florida will meet on **Friday, October 30, 2009 from 3 pm to 5pm** at the Imperial Swan Hotel, 4141 South Florida Avenue, Lakeland, FL 33813 www.imperialswanhotel.com. Dinner is scheduled at 6:30 pm from the restaurant's menu. For those wishing overnight accommodations, a block of rooms has been reserved ranging in price from \$55 to \$100. Please call (863) 647-3000 for reservations.

The next day, **Saturday, October 31, 2009**, the Semi-Annual General Membership Meeting will be held five miles away at Club Eaglebrooke, 1300 Eaglebrooke Blvd., Lakeland, FL 33813. The meeting will start with a continental breakfast at **8:30 am** with a scheduled completion time of 11 am. The registration fee is \$10 and includes the breakfast. Please send a check by October 20 payable to The Huguenot Society of Florida, Inc. to Brett D. Brown, Treasurer, 3560 Lazy Pine Way, #B2, Lake Worth, FL 33463-3126. With the check, please note who will be attending as well as address and e-mail.

The Eighth Annual Gather of Hereditary Societies of Florida lunch meeting will follow the above meeting at the same location starting at 11:30 am. Harold Youman, an expert on the War of 1812, will be speaking. All Huguenot members and other lineage society members in Florida are welcome. Contact Linda Smith (LLSdarien@mac.com) for reservation information.

Pictured at right: a contribution from our treasurer Brett Dicken Brown. It is a scanned image of an envelope from the first day of issue of the 400 year celebration of the landing of Jean Ribault in 1562 in Florida



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Around the State

Jean Calvin The chapter's first meeting of the new season will be held on October 24 at Troyers Dutch Heritage House in Sarasota. The speaker will be Past Chapter President **Betsey Lambert** will share the history of one of her six Huguenot ancestors.

At the last meeting, the chapter had as its guest **Robert Kimble IV**, winner of the Jean Calvin Chapter Karlene Darling Scholarship and one of the state society's Alan Parker Scholarship. (See photo on page 4 of this issue.

President **Barbara Schulz** wants all members to know that the food and especially the pies are great at Troyers. Both the January and March 2010 meetings will be held there also. (Sarasota)

Fleur de Lis Violet Storer submitted the following: On February 10th and 11th 2009, the Fleur de Lis Chapter hosted the Huguenot Society of Florida's 56th Annual Meeting, held at the Miccosukee Resort near Miami. Chapter member and State President at that time, Mr. **Robert E. Burt**, presided and he presented his report for 2008. Mrs. Violet Storer, President of the Fleur de Lis Chapter, and Mr. **J.B. deRosset**, an officer of the same, welcomed the state members to the affair. At the end of the program, Dr. **Donald A. Randolph**, past President of the Huguenot Society of Florida and of the Fleur de Lis Chapter, installed the new state officers. The Fleur de Lis held its spring meeting on the 28th of March at the Surf Club in Surfside. During the program, Don Randolph brought forth as an item of discussion an article by Raymond A. Mentzer: "Masculinity and the Reformed Tradition in France". Mrs. Storer made possible the use of the club for our meeting. We expect to hold our fall meeting late in October or early in November at the Coral Reef Yacht Club in Coconut Grove. An article published in the May 4 edition of USA Today by Henry G. Brinton entitled "Calvin saw this coming: the Protestant Reformer, born 500 years ago, could teach us a thing or two about fiscal idolatry, diplomacy and democracy" will be the subject of discussion. (Miami)

Ernst d'Erlach The chapter met at Crispers in Ormond Beach in May. President **Lila Sandstrom** was unable to attend and Ann Register conducted the meeting in her absence. A new member, **Ken Carter**, was welcomed to the chapter. Guests were also welcomed, including **Kathleen Carter, Betsy Hanlon** and **Faye Council**. **Bill Thomas**, Historian, gave an interesting program on Ernst d'Erlach and brought the chapter's first scrapbook to show. There were eleven in attendance. The fall meeting will be at the Towers in DeLand on the 2nd Saturday in October (10/10/09) at 11:00 a.m. (DeLand)

Henry of Navarre Virginia Bailey, Chapter President, reports that at the June meeting was cancelled due to the lack of attendance. Virginia also states that one new member is in the process of filling out her papers. The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 3. (Naples)

Admiral Gaspard de Coligny Ed Neugaard, President, reports that the last chapter meeting was held on February 28, 2009 at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club. Officers (listed in the last newsletter) were installed. It was decided that the chapter would forego its usual October meeting due to a conflict with the state meeting to be held at the Eaglebrook Country Club in Lakeland on October 31. (Tampa)

Fort Caroline The following was communicated by **Judith Adams**, President. The chapter had its luncheon meeting on March 28 at Sticky Fingers Restaurant in Atlantic Beach, Florida with 14 members and guests present. Member **Seabie Rucker** was the program speaker. The next meeting will be Saturday, September 26, 2009 at the Selva Marina Country Club in Atlantic Beach, Florida. Speaker to be determined. The chapter has also received two new members so far this year, **Evelyn Smith** from Tallahassee and **Charles Goslin, Sr.** from Everett, Kansas, the father of our member, **Charles Goslin, Jr.** (Atlantic Beach)

Louis DuBois Next meeting date and time are to be announced. (Boynton Beach)

National Huguenot Council News

Our very own state president **Linda Smith** returned from the National Huguenot Council meeting with the following items of interest.

* President General **Barbara MacManus** presided and was re-elected for another term of office.
* Pictured at right is Mrs. MacManus with **Eric Grundset** from the DAR Library. Two books received the 2009 award and will be placed in the DAR Library in the National Huguenot Society collection: "Painter in a Savage Land" and "Beyond the Border - Huguenot Goldsmiths in Northern Europe and North America."

* The National Registrar **Jeannine Kallal** reported that 202 new applications were approved along with 41 supplemental applications.

* The Iowa Society was granted disbandment and a committee was appointed to work with Massachusetts before granting them disbandment.

* There were five state presidents in attendance and overall, 17 states were represented. Besides Linda, **Roger Smith, Audrey Peacock, and Barbara Schulz** (all from the Jean Calvin Chapter) represented Florida.

* Linda was chosen to be Credentials Chairman for the meeting and those Council meetings to follow during Mrs. MacManus's term in office.

* The list of new officers and further articles can be found in the fall 2009 issue of The Cross of Languedoc recently mailed to members.



President General MacManus and DAR Library's Eric Grundset



Credentials Chairman Linda L. Smith

Brett D. Brown to Speak at Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Florida Meeting

Our members might be interested to know that Brett will be speaking on the history of the Huguenots at the Mayflower meeting to be held November 20-21 at 1105 Lakeshore Drive, The Villages, FL. For Brett, history is a living, vibrant thing and a source of endless fascination. He has been involved in genealogical research since 1964, when his great-aunt captured his interest in their family tree. During research for his two self-published books, Mr. Brown discovered that he is related to 13 American presidents, including Millard Fillmore, Franklin Delano Roosevelt and George W. Bush.



Brett D. Brown



In Memoriam Raymond J. McAuliffe

Our deepest sympathies go to our Past National President General Sylvia F. McAuliffe and her family on the loss of husband and father **Raymond J. McAuliffe, Jr.** Raymond passed away on June 13, 2009. All who knew him agreed he was a kind and gentle man with a wonderful sense of humor.

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The Big Question: What would have happened if Henry VIII had obtained his divorce from Catherine of Aragon?

By Paul Vallely, published on-line

Why are we asking this now?

Because the Vatican has just announced that it will market 200 facsimile copies of the elaborately decorated parchment from 1530, which bore an appeal by English peers to Pope Clement VII asking for the annulment of the marriage of Henry VIII to Catherine of Aragon.

The document is key, historians said, to understanding the formation of the English national character. It marks, said Professor David Starkey in Rome yesterday, the most important event in English history. "This is the moment at which England ceases to be a normal European Catholic country and goes off on this strange path," he said, "that leads it to the Atlantic, to the New World, to Protestantism, to Euro-skepticism."

Why did Henry want a divorce in the first place?

It wasn't a divorce, it was an annulment. To cement an alliance with Europe's most powerful country, Spain, Henry's father, Henry VII, had arranged a marriage between Henry's elder brother Arthur and the daughter of the Spanish monarchs, Queen Isabella of Castile and King Ferdinand of Aragon. When Arthur died she was married off to Henry. But by the end of the 1520s, Henry's wife, Catherine of Aragon, was in her forties and he was desperate for a son to secure the Tudor dynasty. Henry applied to the Pope for an annulment of the marriage, on the grounds that it was not lawful in those days for someone to marry his brother's widow. Technically that was correct. And royal annulments had happened before: Louis XII of France had been granted one in 1499. But, by then, Catherine's nephew had become the Holy Roman Emperor, Charles V, and he did not want to see his aunt humiliated. So the Pope dilly-dallied.

What happened?

Henry fell in love with Anne Boleyn and by 1533 she was pregnant. He married her in secret. Meanwhile he had pushed through Parliament a series of Acts cutting back papal power and influence in England. Several months after the wedding he got the Archbishop of Canterbury, Thomas Cranmer to unilaterally declare his first marriage invalid. Anne Boleyn was crowned queen a week later. A year later the Pope declared that Henry's second marriage was invalid. Henry declared that the Pope no longer had authority in England and in 1534, Parliament passed an act that stated that Henry VIII was now the Head of "The Church of England".

To read the rest of this fascinating publication, click your browser on:

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/this-britain/the-big-question-what-would-have-happened-if-henry-viii-had-obtained-his-divorce-1717976.html>

Allen Parker Scholarship Winner



The Jean Calvin Chapter was proud to be the sponsor of one of the 2009 winners of the Huguenot Society of Florida's scholarship. Pictured from left to right are: Curtis **Bradley** (husband of now deceased Huguenot member **Patricia Kimble Bradley**), parents **Robert Kimble III** and **Elaine Kimble**, winner **Robert Kimble IV**, and his sister **Elicia Kimble**, who won the same award in 2004. Congratulations Robert !