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PRESIDENTS LETTER

It has been a busy year for the Ohio Chapter. A great deal of effort went into the preparations for the 10th Annual Conference of the National Organization of the PALATINES TO AMERICA. By any reckoning the conference was highly successful, informative, and well attended. Because of the national conference date the election of officers was held early in 1985. The actual installation of officers did not occur until July and we immediately began planning for our Chapter's fall conference in Bluffton, Ohio. Under the guidance of Vice Pres. Ted Cunningham, and Program Chairman Ernie Thode, the fall conference was also a success being well attended and offering interesting and informative talks.

In September your President and his wife, Audron made a tour of Holland, Belgium, France, and Luxembourg. Then on to the Pfalz for a week of visiting family members in the town of Queidersbach, near Kaiserslautern. My family, then named Simonis, left there in 1830. It was not until 1981 that the name of the home town was discovered and contact with the Simonis still living there was made. We were entertained in the old family home by its current occupant, Anton Simonis. During our visit we were hosted by Roland Paul on several occasions. Those of you who heard Roland speak at the National Conference, and remember the bad fall he had during the conference, will be pleased to know that he has mended and suffers no apparent lasting problems.

The Ohio Chapter executive Committee met in October and again in early December. At these meetings several actions were taken to improve the operation of the Chapter. A committee was established under the Chairmanship of Robert Schnetzer to rewrite the Chapter By-Laws. The existing By-Laws were badly out of date. We also needed By-Laws that do not conflict with the newly adopted national By-Laws.

Their deliberations were completed January 8 and the final draft is printed in this newsletter. This new By-Laws will be put to the vote of Chapter members at our Annual Meeting which will be held April 12. The election of new officers for the coming year will also be held at that meeting. I hope you will plan to be there.

Another significant development is the establishment of a Library Committee under the chairmanship of Philip Beltz. This committee will determine what new acquisitions should be made, both books and equipment. They will also develop operating procedures for the Library. Their first meeting was held. January 18th.

LIBRARY DONATIONS WANTED

You can help! Donations are needed regularly to increase the usefulness of your PAL-AM Library. Over the past 10 years, interested and generous donors have provided many genealogically pertinent new/used books, family histories, magazines, pamphlets, and newspaper columns. Our Conference book-sale activity has also provided some net funds used to acquire a few outstanding collections.

However, there are pressing needs and abundant opportunities to increase library usefulness for research on German-speaking ancestors. Just look at some of the items included in our "Wish List":

- *Basic ref. books (printed Census or Deed Abstracts or indexes; "Handy Book for Genealogists", for example).
- *Book shelves-adjustable; steel bookends; magazine files
- *Microfiche/microfilm readers.
- *Computer and accessories/compatible gen. programs.

Library hours are being doubled--open Wednesday from 1-9p.m.--Rm. #339, Renner Hall, Capital University campus. Ohio Chapter volunteers contribute all of this service. Some books have been designated "National" property. For donations (money or material items) that are to remain indefinitely in the custody of the Ohio Chapter, please indicate "Ohio". Or, indentify them as "National", if that is your desire. **Thank you very much for your gift(s).**

Library donations or donation questions -- send to: OHIO PAL-AM Library Committee, Box 106, Capital Univ., Columbus, OH 43209-2394.

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By-Laws of the OHIO CHAPTER
PALATINES TO AMERICA
(A non-profit organization)

ARTICLE I - NAME

Section 1 The name of the Society is the OHIO CHAPTER of the PALATINES TO AMERICA.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

Section 1 The purpose of the OHIO CHAPTER shall be identical with that of ARTICLE II of the National By-Laws.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section 1 Membership shall be open to all interested in the purposes of the Society.

Section 2 Types of membership available:

- a-Individual, Library, Society.
- b-Family, as defined in the Operating Policy.
- c-Foreign.
- d-Contributing.
- e-Life.
- f-Associate.

Section 3 The amount of dues and method of payment shall be determined by the Board.

Section 4 The membership year shall be 01 October to 30 September. The fiscal year shall be 01 June to 31 May.

Section 5 Any member paying dues during the membership year shall enjoy all rights and privileges.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

Section 1 The elected officers of the CHAPTER shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Membership Registrar, and Treasurer. These officers shall perform duties prescribed in these By-Laws, by the authority of the Operating Policy and the parliamentary procedure adopted by the CHAPTER.

Section 2 All officers shall be elected to serve for one (1) year or until a successor is elected. The term of office shall be concurrent with the fiscal year.

Section 3 Vacancies in any office other than President shall be filled by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board. The Vice-President succeeds to the vacant office of President.

ARTICLE V - GOVERNING BOARD

Section 1 The elected officers, the immediate Past-President and three (3) members elected from the membership at the Annual (Spring) Meeting shall constitute the Governing Board.

Section 2 The Board shall:

- a-hold at least three (3) meetings per year to conduct the general business of the CHAPTER.
- b-perform such other duties as specified in the By-laws and Operating Policy.
- c-determine the amount of bond for the treasurer and pay for such bond from CHAPTER funds.

ARTICLE V - GOVERNING BOARD.....continued

Section 3 Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President or by five (5) members of the Board.

Section 4 A quorum for Board meetings shall consist of five (5) members.

Section 5 Board meetings and the minutes of such meetings shall be open to the general membership.

ARTICLE VI - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1 The members of the Governing Board shall compose the membership of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS

Section 1 There shall be an Annual Meeting of the CHAPTER to be held no later than 30 June. At these meetings the membership shall:

- a-accept reports of the Officers.
- b-act upon recommendations of the Board.
- c-elect new officers.

Section 2 Special meetings of the CHAPTER shall be held when requested by five (5) members of the Board or by a petition signed by twenty-five (25) members. The purpose of such a meeting shall be stated and must be mailed to all members thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.

Section 3 A quorum shall consist of twenty-five (25) members.

ARTICLE VIII - COMMITTEES

Section 1 The President shall appoint the Chairpersons of the Standing Committees:

- a-CHAPTER PROGRAM COMMITTEE
- b-FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE
- c-LIBRARY COMMITTEE
- d-PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

Section 2 Special Committees, as needed, may be appointed by the President with the approval of the Board. Two (2) such Special Committees:

- a-AUDITING COMMITTEE
- b-NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Section 3 The President shall be an ex officio member of all committees except the Auditing and Nominating Committee(s).

ARTICLE IX - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section 1 The rules contained in the current edition of ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER shall govern the CHAPTER in all cases to which they apply and are not inconsistent with these By-Laws.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

Section 1 These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the membership of the CHAPTER by a two-thirds (2/3) vote providing such amendment has been submitted in writing to the membership thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.

NEW OHIO CHAPTER BY-LAWS

A major item to be voted on at our Annual meeting, April 12, will be the new Ohio Chapter by-laws. These proposed by-laws are published in this issue on page 2. They are intended to replace existing by-laws and to bring the Ohio Chapter By-Laws into accord with those of the National. Please read them carefully. If you feel revisions are necessary please prepare them in writing for discussion at the Annual Meeting.

The By-Law Committee was formed last fall. The Chairman was Robert F. Schnetzer, 2nd V.P. Ohio Chapter. Committee members were: Jean B. Hall, Anna M. Hudgins, Robert S. Rudy, and Richard H. Wilson. Their conscientious work produced this concise By-Laws.

ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

Officers for the Ohio Chapter will be elected at the April 12th meeting. The nominating committee was chaired by Dr. Helen L. Wikoff. Committee members were; Florence W. Beck, Jean B. Hall, George Munsch, Richard H. Wilson. The committees nominations were:

President- Ira W. Simons
 Vice Pres.- Ted W. Cunningham
 Treasurer- Clara Harsh
 Secretary- Dorothy A. Limbach
 * Membership Registrar Florence W. Beck

* In Proposed By-Laws

The Proposed By-Laws also call for 3 members to be elected at the Annual Meeting to the governing board. The nominating committee is currently seeking nominees for these positions.

Nominations will be accepted from the floor during the meeting.

NEW MEMBERS*WELCOME!

C. Nelson and Irene Black, Barbara Cheney, Michael J. Hamacher, Ruth Ann Hostetter, Judy Khachatoorian, Donald A. Knipper, Ben(M.D.) and Emily Lenhart, Thomas Marbaugh, Georgina O'Day, Judith Ann Shafer, Alice M. Shaffer, L. Virginia Stephan, Marilyn F. Weidner, Charles F. Himmelspach Jr., Lois Schiffke,

Ohio Chapter members living elsewhere;

West Germany: Roland Paul
 California: Oldean Beckman, Don M. & Lois Leshner
 Delaware: Orval & Vera Fink
 Illinois: Wilda M. Kimble, Kenneth W. Parent
 Maryland: Ardyce Harrison
 Tennessee: Frances O. McLaughlin, Mary E. Turman
 Virginia: Dr. Richard B. Simons
 Washington: Eileen Tripple

DIED: Rev. E. Rudolph Walborn, January 13, 1986. Reverend Walborn was always ready to help us in chapter work. He worked on the Ancestor Charts doing indexing for Volume II. Rev. Walborn gave the invocations at the main banquets at the 1982 and 1985 Annual meetings.

Total membership in the Ohio Chapter is now over 570 and still growing!

The Palatines To America Library is located in the Ohio Chapter offices in room 339, Renner Hall, Capital University, Columbus, Ohio. The library is currently open on Wednesday from 1-9PM.

The Library houses the collections of the National Society and the Ohio Chapter. In November 1985 the National Society requested the Ohio Chapter sign a "Memorandum of Understanding" which will clarify the ownership of the books. The Ohio Chapter has prepared lists of books in their own collection as well as those in the National Library. These lists have been presented to the National. When the lists have been mutually agreed upon this agreement will be signed. The agreement gives the National the right to remove their books from the Library at any time.

As of November, 1985 all books received by the Library will be deemed the property of the National Society-unless specified for the Ohio Chapter.

This agreement is an orderly and necessary procedure to establish control of the books by their respective owners. There is no threat of removal of the National books at this time and it is hoped the collection will remain intact in Ohio.

If you feel that your contribution to the Library should remain in Ohio please specify that it is for the Ohio Library.

The Ohio Chapter gratefully acknowledges a generous donation from Preston Wolfe in December. This cash donation is the second one from Mr. Wolfe this year.

NEWSLETTER- SORRY WE'RE LATE !

A valuable, enjoyable, and necessary item for a society such as ours is the production of the newsletter. It keeps us posted on our activities and helps bind us together.

For several years Paul T. Millikin did an admirable job in his capacity as Editor. We thank him for his efforts. Paul resigned last summer. He produced the September Newsletter which had a call for Volunteers to replace him. He also produced an excellent guide book to help the new Editor.

To date this request, phone calls, letters and an appeal at the Bluffton meeting, has not brought forth a volunteer editor. The job is a demanding one but rewarding. Only four newsletters are produced by the Chapter yearly.

WE NEED A VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER EDITOR!

Please contact- Ira W. Simons, 975 Amberly Pl. Columbus, Ohio, 43220- Ph. (614) 451-3796

BOOKSALES VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We all enjoy the availability of books for sale at our conferences. For a number of years Phil Beltz has had charge of this and has done a terrific job. Phil has resigned this position. He has accepted chairmanship of the library committee. He has agreed to serve in an advisory capacity to the new person in charge of book sales. We hope someone will come forward to volunteer for this important job. Contact I. W. Simons

MEETINGS:

- April 12 Ohio Chapter , Palatines To America, Annual meeting. Details on separate sheet of this newsletter.
- May 3 9:30 A.M.. Western Reserve Historical Society. Cleveland, Ohio. Two Speakers. Dr. Arta F. Johnson. Maralynn Wellauer. German immigration and researching Germans in the U.S.
Contact: Joy wade Moulton, The Manor House, Manor Farms
8001 Morley Road., Mentor, Ohio 44060
- May 29-31 Begins 8:00 A.M. Thur. three day session. The 1986 Annual Conference In The States of THE NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY. Columbus, Ohio. The following Palatine members are scheduled to address the conference: David Berry, Ellen Berry, Charles Banet, Donald R. Bowman, Delbert Gratz, Julie Overton, Dr. William B. Saxbe.
Contact NGS Conference, P.O. Box 2625, Mansfield, Ohio 44906
- June 19-21 The National Convention of the Palatines to America

The National Convention of The Palatines To America will be held on the campus of West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV in the Towers Dormitory. The program will begin on Thursday evening June 19, and end on Saturday noon June 21st. The program schedule and registration form will be mailed to all members between March one and ten.

The program will feature four major lectures, nine mini-session "how to" group discussions, an "ask the experts" panel, and an interesting speaker for the Friday banquet. In addition there will be the usual book room and related materials. Mrs. Peggy Shomo Joyner, a certified genealogist, will speak on "Researching Land Records in Maryland and Virginia"; Mr. Klaus Wust, an authority on German genealogy, will present two lectures: "Charleston, S.C., Second Largest Palatine Immigration Port" and "Direct Palatine Immigration through Maryland and Virginia Ports" and Dr. Richard MacMaster, an authority on German Mennonite movement will talk on a topic of this subject. The mini-group discussions will be focused on "how to" ranging from researching German Lutheran Churches to how to reach the Mormon resources through the regional Latter Day Saints libraries. The panel of experts, composed of program speakers, will respond to questions submitted in advance. A special "howto" session will be held especially for chapter presidents, present and future.

The West Virginia University Collection, a very large archival collection, is a primary genealogy source in this State and the Region for published and original materials. It is available to all on Mondays thru Saturday, 9 to 5.

Volunteer needed Someone, preferably in the Columbus Area, to accept nomination as National Membership registrar. Contact F. Beck, 4940 Fuller Dr. Co. 43214

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