



Communiqué
La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Cheveaux
Grande Voiture du Missouri



December 2007- Grand Chef de Gare Leslie (Grant) Willis, Jr - L'Editeur Terry Lanning

The Grand Chef Sez

I want to start off by congratulating Voiture 1395 for going over the top in membership by November 1. We have some Voiture's that are real close (needing 1 or 2), but remember when you reach your 100% do not stop, keep going and let's increase Missouri membership.

Speaking of membership, I went to Indianapolis, Indiana at the beginning of the month to discuss membership. We had over thirty eight Grandes participate in this brainstorming session. The number one conclusion to membership and our strained relations with the American Legion is to change the criteria for membership. This idea was discussed in length, along with others. You will find in this months newsletter a sample Resolution to be used for a change to the membership criteria. The resolution needs to be approved by the local and sent to the Grande. I encourage all Voiture's to submit a copy of the resolution to the Grande if your Voiture does agree with this change. The resolution will then be read at the Grande Promenade in June to be acted on by the Grande before being sent to Promenade National. If anyone does not fully agree with the intent of the resolution, then

please speak your peace and let the votes be counted. I will be giving a full report at the Spring Wreck and Cheminot in March.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season and as we embark on a new year may your dreams come true and may you find happiness in your heart.

The Grande is once again sending out raffle tickets to everyone in an endeavor to raise a little money for the operation of the Grande. If you can please take the time to send your tickets back, it will be very much appreciated.

Let's all have fun this year

**Sous Grand
Correspondants Notes**

Each of the Directeurs should write at least one article for the Grand Newsletter. Articles are due by the last day of the month. The up coming months assigned is:

February 2008 – Americanism Directeur
– Sam Guenther
February 2008 – Publiciste Directeur –
William Hilker
February 2008 – Nurses Training
Directeur – Clarence Buckley

Directeurs and Voitures can email me
their articles, announcements, or
anything of interest to
t_lanning@charter.net, or mail it to 2045
Granada Dr., Florissant, MO 63033.

**THERE WILL NOT BE A JANUARY
2008 NEWSLETTER.**



**UPCOMING
DATES**

- Voiture 1541 Coon Supper 1/26/08 at
Wentzville American Legion Post,
Happy hour 6-7PM, meal at 7PM.
Donations accepted after the meal.
 - Voiture 1541 Night at the Races 3/1/08
at St. Charles American Legion Doors
open 6PM, Races start at 7PM.
 - Spring Wreck and Grand Cheminot
3/28-3/30/08 at Holiday Inn Wentzville
 - Southland Dixie Promenade at
Pascagoula, MS April 23 – 26, 2008
 - Central States Promenade at
Oklahoma City, OK May 1-3, 2008
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**Grand Chef de Gare William H.
Moore passed away November 24,
2007, in Texas.**

Following is an email I received.

To William's Dear Friend's,

I will be closing Wm's email box soon. I
am trying to pass on this info for his
people.

Wm had a gall bladder attack in Sept..
The Drs. searched futher and found
cancer of the duodenum at the end of Oct.

The Dr's told us it was in Stage 1 and it
was confined. He went in the VA Hosp.
Tues the 20th and had a Whipple. This
was radical surgery but we were told two
days later (thursday) that they got it all
and he was to go home and recover and
be cancer free. Early Sat. I went in and
he was already in trouble...he threw clots,
and they shut down his heart, he left us
4:30 pm Sat..

Sincerely,
Joanne Moore

SPECIAL AWARDS
Grand Directeur, Dave Brazie

Fellow Voyageurs. There are 16 Voitures
of the 40 & 8 in Missouri. We cover the
whole state. We hear of many acts of
heroism through the news media, but
very seldom do we receive any
nominations For Hero of The Year.
Likewise, there are thousands of Law
Enforcement Officers in Missouri. Surely
there is one who should be nominated for
Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.

Each Voiture should have a Directeur
Locale for Special Awards. It is their
responsibility to keep a lookout for
worthy nominees for these awards. When
any Voyageur becomes aware of someone
who could be nominated for one of these
awards, they should notify the Directeur
Locale for Special Awards. The
Directeur Locale for Special Awards in
turn should contact either the Grand Sous

Directeur Special Awards for Hero of the Year, or the Grand Sous Directeur Special Awards for Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, whichever applies, or contact me directly.

We will be glad to provide you with the necessary forms, and advise you how to go about making a nomination. You should consider such things as news accounts of the event, community involvement by the nominee, background of the nominee, etc. We will be glad to do what we can to help.

**The Grand Sous Directeur Special Awards for Hero of The Year is Tony Gallagher--Phone # 660-827-4016--E-Mail Address: irishsgt@charter.net
The Grand Sous Directeur Special Awards for Law Enforcement Officer Of the Year is Jack Fink--Phone #314-423-0003--E-Mail Address: johnjack117@aol.com**

Or contact me direct at 573-374-2787 or E-Mail Address: dbrazie@charter.net

**Sous Grand Directeur - Law & Order
John "Jack" Fink**

It's that time of year to check with your local Police Department, Sheriff's Office or State Highway Patrol Troop, to see if any of their officers have done anything fearless, gallant, courageous or noble. Each year we look for an outstanding officer to receive the Grand Award for his or her service to their community or in the area patrolled by them. Special Award forms (Law & Order) can be obtained from me when you find an officer worthy of this award. Either call or fax me with you request along with your name, Voiture, address, telephone number, etc. I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE DOCUMENTS IN MY HAND NO LATER THAN MARCH 3, 2008.

I would like to hear from all 20 Voitures whether you have a nominee or not. Please send all information to:

**John "Jack" Fink
Sous Grand Directeur - Law & Order
8515 Midland Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63114
Fax: 314-429-1839
Tel: 314-423-0003**

Policy Change

Do to new computer software we will no longer be able to accept orders without the correct payment amount for that purchase. The use of account credits for Emblem Sales can no longer be accepted. Credits can only be used for membership or upon your request a check can be sent to you.

**Thank you
Voiture Nationale**

Shirley Hanks was released from the Hospital today (November 22) and is doing terrific. She is having a little bit of a problem with her speech, but the doctor's say that was expected since the tumor was on that part of her brain that control's speech.

On the next page is a Sample Resolution to be used for a change to the membership criteria:

Resolution

WHEREAS, The membership of La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux has continued to decline over the past several years and

WHEREAS, The reduction in membership is hindering our ability to maintain our programs as well as our ability to support the American Legion and

WHEREAS, La Societe became a fully independent veterans group in 1959, and

WHEREAS, Broadening La Societe's membership criteria harms no group or person, and

WHEREAS, This measure does not diminish the ritual, charity, selectivity, or honor at the heart of La Societe, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That Article IV Section 1 - WHO MAY BECOME MEMBERS be changed to read as follows:

Membership is open to all American Legion Members and all Honorably Discharged Veterans and all Military Personnel currently serving our country,

and be it further RESOLVED, that the Avocat National make all changes necessary to bring the balance of the constitution in agreement with the changes made to Article IV, Section 1.

And be it further RESOLVED, that this Resolution be presented to the Grande Promenade in June, 2008, for consideration and voted on for adoption and passed to Voiture Nationale for presentation to the Nationale Promenade to be held in Orlando Florida, September 2008 for consideration.

This Resolution was unanimously adopted this ___ Day of _____ 2007 at a regular held Promenade of _____

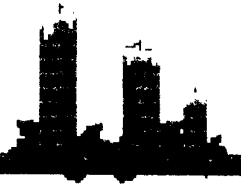
Chef de Gare

Correspondent

Merry Christmas

And a

Happy New Year!



THE BOTTOM LINE

Face it, nobody owes you a living,
What you achieve or fail to achieve in your lifetime
is directly related to what you do.

No one chooses his parents or childhood,
but you can choose your direction.
Everyone has problems and obstacles to overcome,
but that too is relative to each individual.

NOTHING is carved in stone,
you can change anything in your life,
if you want to badly enough.

EXCUSES ARE FOR LOSES:
Those who take responsibility for their actions
are the real winners in life.
Winners meet life challenges head on
knowing there are no guarantees,
and give it all they've got,
and never think it's too late or too early to begin.

TIME PLAYS NO FAVORITES
and will pass whether you act or not
dare to dream and take risks.

COMPETE
If you aren't willing to work for your goals
don't expect others to.
BELIVE IN YOURSELF

40/8 Coon Supper

**Voiture #1541 would like to invite you to our
annual Coon Supper**

WHEN: Saturday January 26, 2008

TIME: 6-7PM Cocktail Hour. Meal 7PM

LOCATION: Wentzville American Legion

**Menu includes- Coon, Ham, German Potato
Salad, Cole Slaw, Green Beans and Dessert.**

Donations will be accepted after the meal.

**All proceeds benefit Child Welfare and
Nurses Training Programs**

**If you have any questions contact Chef de
Gare Bob Eisenbath (636)673-0006**

Thank you in advance for your support

La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux

Le Quartier Locale de la Two Rivers Voiture 1541

RESOLUTION

Whereas: Two Rivers Voiture Locale 1541, Grande Voiture du Missouri, La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux, has a Voyageur Militaire who is deserving of your consideration for the high office of

Grand Chef de Gare du Missouri

And

Whereas: Voyageur Robert W. Phillips was initiated into Voiture 1541 in May 1979, served as Directeur of Voiture Activities, Directeur of Americanism, Commissaire Intendant, Chef de Train, Chef de Gare for 3 years and is currently serving as Conducteur and Cheminot Locale, and

Whereas: Voyageur Robert W. Phillips has served the Grand Voiture du Missouri as Grand Cheminot, Grand Sous Chef de Train, Grand Lampiste for 3 years, Grand Directeur of Voiture Activities for 8 years, Grand Commissaire Intendant and currently serving as Grand Chef de Train,

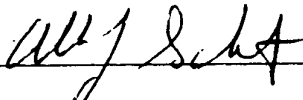
Whereas: Voyageur Robert W. Phillips has been a member of the American Legion for 32 years and served as Color Guard Commander, member of the Executive Board Committee and St. Charles Veterans Committee for Post 312, Corporation Board President for 3 years and Scholarship Committee Chairman for Post 323

Now, Therefore be it Resolved:

that we, the members of Two Rivers Voiture Locale 1541, at a regular Promenade assembled this 28th day of November 2007 do enthusiastically and unanimously endorse Voyageur Robert W. Phillips for the high office of Grand Chef de Gare, Grand Voiture du Missouri for the year 2008-2009 to be voted on at the Grande Promenade du Missouri, held on 29 June 2008.

Adopted Unanimously,

this 28th day of November 2007 by Two Rivers Voiture Locale 1541, St. Charles County, Missouri, at it's regular Promenade assembled.



Allen Schultz, Correspondant
Two Rivers Voiture Locale 1541



Robert G. Eisenbath, Chef de Gare
Two Rivers Voiture Locale 1541

GRANDE VOITURE DU MISSOURI

GRANDE SPRING WRECK AND CHEMINOT

March 28 through 30, 2008

Will be held at the
Holiday Inn
900 Corporate Parkway
Wentzville, MO 63385
Tel (636) 327-7001
Fax (636) 327-7019

Hotel rates are as follows:
\$72.00 For Single and Double Occupancy
\$72.00 For Triple and Quad Occupancy
Current Tax rate will apply

Make all reservations directly with the Hotel by **February 28, 2008**.
When you make reservations please mention that you are with the
40/8 Honor Society.

Friday March 28, 2008

Registration 3:00 til 5:00PM
Hospitality Room 3:00PM til ???

Saturday March 29, 2008

Registration 8:00AM til noon
Spring Wreck 9:00AM
Lunch 11:30AM
Cheminot will start at 1:00PM
Cocktails starting at 6:00PM
Banquet will start at 7:00PM
Hospitality Room opened after Banquet

Sunday March 30, 2008

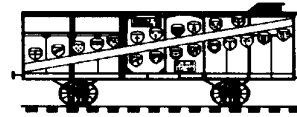
Donuts/Coffee 7:00 til 9:00AM

Make checks payable to Voiture 1541 and send to Leon Hill,
1011 Pegasus Circle, St. Peters, MO 63376

Last Name _____ First _____ Spouse _____

Voiture Number _____ Banquet per Person \$25.00 _____
Registration Fee \$10.00 _____
(Per Voyageur)

Choice of _____ Roast Top Sirloin Beef _____ Chicken Cordon Bleu



**MEMBERSHIP GRAND VOITURE DU MISSOURI
as of November 30, 2007**

LOCALE	2007	2008	PERCENT	Short/Over
3	130	97	74%	-33
38	156	110	70%	-46
130	32	25	78%	-7
292	61	49	80%	-12
293	15	10	66%	-5
333	83	77	92%	-6
447	9	2	22%	-7
448	211	124	58%	-87
460	67	54	80%	-13
520	14	13	92%	-1
760	90	81	90%	-9
848	14	13	92%	-1
966	11	0	0%	-11
1292	69	41	59%	-28
1321	87	66	75%	-21
1379	32	30	93%	-2
1395	20	21	105%	1
1402	44	31	70%	-13
1403	57	30	52%	-27
1541	65	59	90%	-6
Totals	1,267	933	74%	-334

Grand Voiture du Missouri
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