



Communiqué

La Société des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux

Grande Voiture du Missouri



June 2020 - Grand Chef de Gare Janice Hartley L'Editeur Robert C. Emery



Well this is June and it should have been my last letter to all of you, but because of COVID-

19 our Grand Promenade was canceled. We have scheduled a quick promenade for the last Saturday in August for the main purpose of elections and installation. We will hold this at American Legion Post 331 at noon.

Now to touch on a sensitive subject:

MEMBERSHIP. We are still 46 short of the goal of 100%. We need to get those renewals in and start asking veterans that we know to join us. If each of us just brings in one new member, we'll surpass our 100% goal. I know some of you don't want to get out yet, but there's always the telephone, call your fellow voyagers, your veteran buddies ask them to renew or join with you. They can be obligated with the wreck later when your Chef feels it is safe to meet again. The Governor has said phase two is coming on the 15th of June – meaning up to 50 people can gather – still social distancing. National Box Car Association has reported that Missouri has cleared their consignment. Thank you, Ernie Parker, Grand Box Car Directeur. And I know Rose Noonan, Grand Nurses Training has clear that consignment. I haven't heard about our

other Grand Directeurs who had pins to sell. Hopefully all are cleared with Nationale.

I hope to be able to visit some more voitures before my term ends. If you want me to visit just let me know when and where. Don't forget time. God bless you; your family and God bless America. Pray for all our servicemen and women, first responders, and all the essential people that are trying their best to keep us safe. Keep them safe.

Janice Hartley

Grand Chef de Gare

Grande du Missouri

Annual Reports

Just a reminder to everyone all the Grand Directeurs still need the local reports by the original deadline date we still need to send our reports to Nationale. I have not received any at this time.

Thanks Kevin Johnson

Grande Promenade for June 19-21, 2020 Canceled

Due to the current state and extended impact of the COVID 19 Pandemic the Grand Chef de Gare Janice Hartley asked Grand Executive Committee and Grand Cheminot to vote on if the Grande should cancel the Grande Promenade on June 19-21, 2020 at the Oasis Hotel, Springfield Missouri. That vote was to cancel the Grande Promenade.

The Grand Executive Committee and Grand Cheminot were also asked if the current Grande Officers be retained for another year or have a Grande Promenade in August 2020.

The vote was to cancel the Grande Promenade for June 19-21, 2020 at the Oasis Hotel, Springfield Missouri and to have a Grande Promenade in August.

The Grande Promenade is set for Saturday August 29, 2020 at noon at American Legion Post 331, 484 St. Robert Outer Road, St. Robert, Mo 65584. There will not be a Grande Cheminot just a Grande Promenade. We will conduct the necessary business such as election of Officers and Delegates, Directeur's reports and the like. It is estimated it will last 2 to 3 hours. There will not be a banquet or any committee meetings.

Depending on the health situation at the time there will be health safety precautions in place at the August 29th Grande Promenade.

Hope to see you on August 29th at noon.

Terry Lanning

Grand Correspondant

Coins Left on Tombstones

While visiting some cemeteries you may notice that headstones marking certain graves have coins on them, left by previous visitors to the grave.

These coins have distinct meanings when left on the headstones of those who gave their life while serving in America's military, and these meanings vary depending on the denomination of coin.

A coin left on a headstone or at the grave site is meant as a message to the deceased soldier's family that someone else has visited the grave to pay respect.

Leaving a penny at the grave means simply that you visited.

Leaving a nickel indicates that you and the deceased trained at boot camp together.

Leaving a dime means you served together in some capacity.

Leaving a quarter at the grave, you are telling the family that you were with the soldier when they were killed.

According to tradition, the money left at graves in national cemeteries and state veterans cemeteries is eventually collected, and the funds are put toward maintaining the cemetery or paying burial costs for indigent veterans.

In the US, this practice became common during the Vietnam war, due to the political divide in the country over the war, leaving a coin was seen as a more practical way to communicate that you had visited the grave than contacting the soldier's family, which could devolve into an uncomfortable argument over politics relating to the war.

Some Vietnam veterans would leave coins as a "down payment" to buy their fallen comrades a beer or play a hand of cards when they would finally be reunited.

The tradition of leaving coins on the headstones of military men and women can be traced to as far back as the Roman Empire.

If anyone is interested in a Nationale Officer appointment then let Terry Lanning, Grand Chef Janice Hartley or Cheminot Nationale David Voyles know so you can be considered.

Committees are as follows: **PLEASE SUPPLY THE NAME AND VOITURE #.**

Name	Voiture Number
AMERICANISM	
FLAGS (1 st GRADERS)	
BOX CAR	
CARVILLE STAR	
CHILD WELFARE	
YOUTH SPORTS	
NURSES TRAINING	
MEMBERSHIP	
POW/MIA	
PUBLIC RELATIONS	
RITUAL	
SPECIAL AWARDS	
HERO OF YR	
LAW OFFICER OF YR	
CITY/VOY OF YR	
VAVS	
VOITURE ACTIVITIES	

Please send your suggested appointments to Voiture Nationale, 250 E 38th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46205 no later than August 1, 2020.

Submitted By:

Name and title

Grande Voiture

FACEMASK FUNDRAISER

Dear fellow voyageurs,

I hope I spelled that correctly, old age has its downfall.

With this coronavirus still running rampant, all veteran organizations are having difficulty with planning their meetings and fund raising due to social distancing and masks. We all have our members 'health and safety as our primary concern. Many are rushing out to purchase face masks at ridiculous prices, and, for the most part they do not work. Three ply masks and homemade masks will not stop the virus or bacteria, and if you can find four ply, they are extremely expensive.

I have the solution. Patriot Outreach, the only authorized distributor in the US of surgical four ply masks, has authorized me to also offer them to any organization or person. These masks will stop 95% of any virus, 80% of bacteria, dust and pollen. The only other mask that will do better is the N95 which also stops 95% of virus and is extremely expensive, if you can even find them for sale.

We sell our masks for one dollar each, plus shipping and handling, which is minimal. That is the price for personal use (other than fund raising). The fund raising cost to the organization, for fund raising, is sixty-five cents each, plus shipping and handling.

These would be great for promenades, locale and grand. Also, you can use them for fund raising, For instance, seeing if the local church would like to purchase them for their members for services. Or, maybe your local police department or fire protection, or any other office. I just sold fifty to an insurance administrative center where my daughter works.

If you are interested or have any questions, feel free to contact me. Thank you

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REVISED OFFICIAL CALL

**TO: ALL GRAND CHEMINOTS
ALL GRAND OFFICERS
ALL GRAND CHEFS de GARE PASSE
ALL VOITURE'S CHEFS de GARE & CORRESPONDANTS
ALL VOYAGEURS OF GRANDE VOITURE du MISSOURI**

This is the REVISED OFFICIAL CALL for the Grande Promenade to be held August 29th at the American Legion Post 331, 484 St. Robert Outer Road, St. Robert, Mo 65584. The prior Grande Promenade for June 19-21, 2020 was cancelled.

There will not be an Executive Board Meeting or a Grande Cheminot.

The Grande Promenade will be held on Saturday, August 29th, 2020 starting at noon. Grand Officers, Directeurs and Committee Chairman will give a report if they so desire. Chairmen of the Grande Promenade Committees; Credentials Frank Angelo, Constitution Bob Phillips, Nominations Kevin Johnson and Resolutions Art Wilson, will give their reports at this time along with the election of new Officers, Delegates and Alternates for the 101st Promenade Nationale in September 15th-19th, 2020 in Sandusky, Ohio.

All Voyageurs are to be in proper attire. The following male Officers are expected to be in coat, tie, shirt, long pants, socks and shoes, whereas female Officers are expected to be in a dress or skirt and blouse or slacks and blouse and shoes: Grand Chef de Gare, Grand Chef de Train, Grand Commissaire Intendant, Grand Correspondant, Grand Garde de la Porte, Grand Lampiste, Grand Conducteur, Sous Grand Conducteurs, and Grand Aumonier.

Terry L. Lanning
Grand Correspondant

Janice Hartley
Grand Chef de Gare

Membership

Grande Voiture du Missouri

28-May-20

Voiture Name	Voiture	2019 Year End	2020 To-date	2020 Quota	Sh/Ov Quota	% of Quota
HEART OF AMERICA	3	43	39	43	-4	90.70%
SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS	38	74	68	74	-6	91.89%
JESSE JAMES	130	35	30	35	-5	85.71%
HEART OF MISSOURI	292	34	34	34	0	100.00%
STATE FAIR	333	115	109	115	-6	94.78%
GATEWAY	448	75	65	75	-10	86.67%
CENTRAL OZARK	460	57	52	57	-5	91.23%
KICKAPOO	760	35	28	35	-7	80.00%
MARK TWAIN	966	4	3	4	-1	75.00%
CAPITAL	1292	67	63	67	-4	94.03%
MINERAL AREA	1321	70	68	70	-2	97.14%
NEUF COMPT	1379	42	41	42	-1	97.62%
ATCHISON NODAWAY HOLT Counties	1402	11	19	11	8	172.73%
LAKE OF THE OZARK	1403	15	12	15	-3	80.00%
TWO RIVERS	1541	53	53	53	0	100.00%
Missouri Total		730	684	730	-46	93.70%