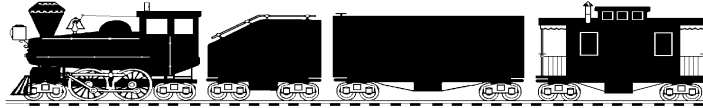


Communiqué
La Société des 40 Hommes et 8 Cheveaux
Grande Voiture du Missouri



May 2014 - Grand Chef de Gare Ralph Turner

- L'Editeur Grant Willis

The Grand Chef Sez

Fellow Voyageurs:

Here it is May already. Where has the year gone? Now is the time to get your year-end reports prepared and turned in to the Directeurs as soon as possible. We need to get a 100% participation in reporting for the Grande this year. It will let everyone know how hard your Voiture is working to advance the programs of La Société.

As of writing this article, the Grande currently stands at 93.80%. We are only 67 Voyageurs short of 100%. There are several Voitures only a few short of achieving 100%. If you are a member of one of those Voiture's, the Voiture can pay their dues and collect them later. If any Voiture is "sitting" on dues; by all means send them to Nationale right away. *Let's get a final push on to achieve our 100% as a Grande.*

On the road this past month, I attended Voiture 520's Promenade. Thanks to Chef Dennis Van Bibber and the Voyageurs for the great hospitality. Also past weekend, Tina and I attended Central States Promenade in Omaha, Ne. The event was very well attended. Unfortunately, Missouri did not win the covered wagon. A special thanks to John Kopp, Edward Schmidt, Kevin Johnson, Ed Jones, and Steven Hoffrogge for attending for Missouri. We

could have used a few more Voyageurs in attendance. No one likes to come in second. Perhaps we can win it back next year in Oklahoma.

As a reminder; do not forget about the forty-first annual Truman Pilgrimage. President Harry Truman will posthumously awarded Chef de Chemin de Fer honorary title. This dedication would be held on Truman Day Pilgrimage May 7 & 8 2014. I encourage all to come and see this probably once in a lifetime event of a past president receiving this high honor.

I hope to see everyone at the Grande Cheminot and Promenade that will be held at the Doubletree Hotel in St Louis- 18-20 July, 2014. Thanks for all the hard work that you do for *La Société des Quarante Hommes et Huit Cheveaux!*

Ralph Turner
Grand Chef de Gare

**Sous Grand
Correspondants Notes**

Articles for the Newsletter are due at the end of each month. May 28 and June 25.

**"LET'S GET ALL THE REPORTS
TURNED IN TO THE GRANDE
DIRECTURS"**

GRANDE VOITURE DU MISSOURI GRANDE CHEMINOT and PROMENADE

July 18, 19 and 20, 2014

DOUBLETREE HOTEL ST. LOUIS AT WESTPORT
1973 Craigshire
ST. Louis, MO 63146
Phone: (314) 434-0100
1-866-786-8088

Fax: (314) 434-0140

Room Rate is \$79.00 (plus tax) per night
For Standard King or Standard Double Queen Occupancy

So Register EARLY

Handicap rooms available

Make Hotel reservations directly with Doubletree Hotel by **May 30, 2014**
Mention 40 & 8 Honor Society, for special rates when making reservation.

Friday, July 18, 2014

Registration: 3:00 until 6:00 P.M. (In Hospitality Room)
Hospitality Room 3:00 P.M. - ????

Saturday, July 19, 2014

Registration 9:00 A.M, until Noon
Committee Meetings 9:00 A.M, until 11:30A.M.
LUNCH 11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
Grande Cheminot 1 P.M.- 4 P.M.
Grand Chef de Gare Passe' Social Hour – 5:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.
Social Hour 6:00 P.M. – Cash Bar
Banquet: 7:00 P.M.
Hospitality Room: After Banquet – ???????

Sunday, July 20, 2014

Grande Promenade 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
Guests will be admitted for Installation and Memorial Ceremony around 10:15 A.M.

ALL GUESTS TRY TO CHECK OUT BEFORE 12:00 P.M.

HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME

You may make Hotel Reservations Grande Cheminot and Homecoming October 3, 4, and 5, 2014 at this time. **Deadline for registration for the banquet is July 11th, NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**

To register for the Cheminot, make Check payable to Voiture 1541

Send to:

Allen Schultz
1427 Summergate Parkway
ST.Charles, MO 63303-6384

Last Name _____ First _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Title: _____ Voiture Number _____

Banquet/Person \$35.00 X No. Guests _____ = _____

Registration Fee \$5.00 (Voyageurs Only) _____

Total \$ _____

Meal Choice (circle) Chicken Marsala or Grill Flat Iron Steak



40/8

A Veterans Organization

TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday August 16th 2014

At Genesis Banquet Hall

2651 Telegraph Road

Saint Louis, MO 63125

The Night Includes

- Full Open Bar all evening long
- 10 rounds of great trivia questions

Doors open at 6:30PM with Trivia starting at 7PM

Several silent auction items will be available

Seating is in tables of eight for \$160

For any additional information call or e-mail

Jim Dwyer at 636-296-8504 or james-dwyer@att.net

To reserve your table, complete the form below and mail it
with your check for \$160 to the address below

_____ out here _____
Team Name _____ Captain _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone Number _____ Email _____

Mail to:

Jim Dwyer

3719 Dutch Hollow Road

Arnold, MO 63010

Make check payable to: Vulture Lodge No. 38

SPRING GRAND CHEMINOT, MARCH 30, 2014
DOUBLETREE Hotel, ST. LOUIS, Missouri

With a rap of the gavel, Grand Chef de Gare Ralph Turner, opened the Spring Grand Cheminot sharply at 9:00 AM with a salute to the Flag, the Pledge of Allegiance, and a much needed prayer by Grand Aumonier John Kopp.

Roll call of officers showed more absent than excused and the rest were asleep. Roll call of Grand Chefs de Gare Passe showed that ten answered. Roll call of Grand Cheminots showed that we had a quorum. Voyageurs don't know how to answer roll call and paid fines for it. Absent were Voitures 3, 293, 333, 447, 966, 1395, 1402, and 1403.

Grand Avocat Richard Heigert said the rules of procedure are the same as last time.

Notion offered by Kevin Johnson, seconded by Art Wilson, that the Grand Fall Cheminot minutes are accepted as printed and sent out...passed.

Grand Chef de Gare Ralph Turner thanked Chris Bryson for stepping up to be acting Grand Conducteur and for the help of John Paul Kopp, Jim and Janise Hartley, and Kevin Johnson for putting the wreck together.

Grand Correspondant Terry Lanning said there were envelopes for the Grand Directeurs and Locale Correspondants in the back of the room. Terry received notice the following are running for Chef de Chemin de Fer - Mike Wood from Virginia and Preston Olson from South Dakota. The IRS has new guidelines where they will not ask for a copy of the DD214 to prove membership requirements unless the IRS agent has contradictory information that the organization fails to satisfy a reasonable request. An organization can satisfy the IRS membership requirements if it: has the names of the members, service dates and the status of each member; document that shows the dues structure and classes of membership; information used to create the membership; and organizations policies and procedures on who can be a member.

Terry stated everyone should look at IRS Veterans Organizations Tax Guide publication 3386; this will be put on the Grande web site. Information on the Central States Promenade in Omaha is on the web site.

Grand Correspondant Lanning read the following resolutions: Leon L. Hill for Grand Chef de Gare, David Bexten for Grand Chef de Train, Terry Lanning for Grand Correspondant, and Terry Lanning for Commissaire Intendant National. These will be acted on at the Grand Promenade.

Grand Commissaire Intendant, David Bexten, stated the finance report and budget were passed out and discussed them. Notion offered by Dave Bexten, second by Art Wilson, to accept the budget... passed. Terry said we have received \$350 less in the Grande raffle sales this year as compared to last year.

Grand Chef de Train, Leon Hill, reported on the current Grande membership. The Grande has 973 members, 90%. Leon, the Sous Chef de Trains, and Advisors reported the membership of each Voiture. We need 107 to get at 100%.

Cheminot Nationale David Christian reported the Nationale HQ is having to move and has a contract on a building. The agreed price is \$210,000 but an inspection report was just received and Nationale is asking for a reduction in price for the repairs that are needed. Voiture Nationale is requesting donations from Grandes, Voitures, or anyone to help pay for the building, repairs and moving costs. Rich Heigert offered a notion to send last year's fines (\$505) plus this year's fines to Voiture National for the building. Seconded Art Wilson ... passed.

Some of the highlights of the Grand Cheminot reports are: Voiture 292 has 2 Nurses in Training, their caboose burned, stopped bingo, sent boy to boys state, volunteer at VA hospital; Voiture 460 has 27 Nurses in Training for a cost of \$13,500, sponsored various teams, sponsored Boys State and ROTC, expended \$8,000 for child welfare, brought 4 PGs this weekend; Voiture 520 supports Nurses Training and brought 1 PG this weekend; Voiture 760 bought back packs, 2 Nurses in Training, sponsored cadet patrol, had a 4th grade kids xmas party, are at 100% membership; Voiture 1292 had a Christmas party for special kids in December, 4 Nurses in Training, every Tuesday volunteers go the Truman Hospital, sent one boy to Boys State, brought 2 PGs this weekend, are at 101% membership; Voiture 1321 has their cooker out, have 4 Nurses in

Training; Voiture 1379 ChickNick will be in September 2014, brought 2 PGs this weekend , are at 100% membership, 2 Nurses in Training; Voiture 1403 Promenade attendance not very good, Grand Chef paid a visit; Voiture 1541 have 5 Nurses in Training, Car Show August 16, 2014, are at 101%, had a Christmas party, Coon Supper and Night at the Races, have one boy in Boys State.

Grand Directeur Historian Kevin Johnson said to turn in pictures.

Grand Avocat Rich Heigert said to send him any of the Voitures revised Constitutions so he can send to Nationale for approval.

Grand Directeur Child Welfare, Calvin Bumgarner said he sold all of his pins. He requested all Voitures to send in a report. Don't forget about the Ardery Trust.

Grand Directeur Voiture Activities, George Ridley said to send in reports by June 15, 2014.

Grand Directeur Nurses Training, Jim Hartley said to send in reports by June 15, 2014.

Sous Grand Directeur Nurses Training, Allen Heidbrink said pins are out so those Voitures that have outstanding pins need to send in their money to Jim Harley.

Grand Directeur Aumonier, Paul Kopp said to remember Bob Eisenbath in your thoughts and prayers for his fall Friday and operation. At the Grand Promenade he needs a listing of each Voitures deceased members for the year.

Grand Drapeau West David Voyles stated the flags and banners are up.

Grand Directeur Publiciste, Franklin Angelo said to send in reports by June 15, 2014.

Sous Grand Conducteur, John Paul Kopp said thanks for everyone that helped with the wreck.

Grand Directeur Americanism, Robert Emery could not make it. Bob Phillips said a lot of VSO's that do military Honors need to keep track of their hours and miles and put that in the Americanism report. Dave Bexten said there is a rendezvous at the Capital on April 9, 2014 to get additional funding for veterans programs. Rich Heigert said they are trying to get more money for Veterans Cemeteries and Service Officers.

Grand Directeur Box Car, Kevin Johnson, said Voitures 38, 448, and 1321 have consignments out. He needs a report from every Voiture.

Grand Directeur Ritual, Benjamin Sargent said he needs reports by June 15, 2014.

Grand VAVS Chairman, Thomas (Chip) Berkley said he needs reports by June 15, 2014 and the park. The parking at Columbia VA is getting a new parking garage and parking will be a problem there for some time.

Grand Directeur Youth Sports, AJ Noonan said he has a packet for each Voiture to pick up, need reports to be turned in, those that have pins on consignment that have not paid for them need to do so.

Grand Sous Correspondant, Grant Willis said he needs email addresses; he is now sending out the Grand Newsletter via email and this is saving the Grande a lot of money. The Grand Newsletter is also on the Grand web page. The next Newsletter will go out next week, if he gets an article from the Grand Chef soon. The last Newsletter for the year will be a June/July issue.

Aide De Camp Kevin Johnson said Voiture 1321 paid there Box Car money.

Rich Heigert said there have been 40 that have paid their Past Chef Club dues. To join it costs \$15 the first year and \$10 each year thereafter.

Time and Place Committee Chairman Art Wilson said the Grand Promenade will be here on July 18 to 20, 2014. There was a problem with so many people waiting to buy their banquet tickets when they got here. For the Grand Promenade you have to have your money sent in for the banquet and registration by the deadline on the registration form. His committee will start working on the next year's Grand events with Dave Bexten.

Distinguished Voyageur Award Chairman Grant Willis said there was one application, Robert Emery, and he was approved to receive the award at the Grand Promenade.

Distinguished Guest Committee Bob Philips stated there was one distinguished guest Grant Willis, Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer. Rich Heigert said Grant was a guest by not distinguished.

MAVO - Dave Christian said he attends the MAVO meetings and gets a lot of good information from them.

Terry announced that the hobby horse race made \$1,509.25. That was outstanding.

Old Business - none

New Business - Grand Chef Ralph Turner made the following appointments for the Grand Promenade committee chairmen: Nominations Kevin Johnson, Resolutions Art Wilson, Credentials Leon Hill, Constitution Bob Phillips, and Audit Rich Heigert with committeemen Sam Guenther and Chip Berkley. Motion by Bob Phillips to approve, seconded by Art Wilson, passed.

Distinguished Guest - Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer Grant Willis said this year we have had 62 new members, 36 deaths, and 134 outstanding renewals. Everyone needs to call the renewals to get their dues in. Missouri is doing great but needs to do better.

Passe Grand Chef de Gare Kevin Johnson said he has Box Car coins for sale. (This was the third box car report that Kevin made.)

Grand Chef de Gare Turner closed the Spring Grand Cheminot in the proper manner at 10:45 AM.

Submitted by,
Terry L. Lanning
Grand Correspondant



La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux
Grande Voiture du Missouri

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 OFFICIAL CALL for the Grande Promenade and Cheminot to be held July 18th to July 20th, 2014 at the Doubletree Hotel St. Louis at Westport, 1973 Craigshire, St. Louis, MO 63146, phone (314) 434-0100, or (866) 786-8088.

There will not be an Executive Board Meeting. If one comes up, it will be posted in the Hospitality Room. The Grande Promenade Committee Meetings will be held on Saturday morning and the time and place will be posted in the Hospitality Room.

The Grande Cheminot will be held on Saturday, July 19th, 2014 at 1:00 PM at the Doubletree Hotel. The Grand Chef de Gare, Ralph Turner, urges all Grand Directeurs that are giving out awards to the Locales to do it during the Cheminot on Saturday. It could save you a fine.

The Grande Promenade will be held on Sunday morning, July 20th, 2014 starting at 9:00 AM sharp. Chairmen of the Grande Promenade Committees, Audit, Credentials, Constitution, Nominations, and Resolutions, will give their reports at this time along with the election of new Officers, Delegates and Alternates for the 95th Promenade Nationale in September 24th-27th, 2014 in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

ALL GRAND OFFICERS AND GRAND CHEMINOTS ARE EXPECTED TO GIVE A REPORT OF THEIR ACTIVITIES AND SUBMIT A COPY IN WRITING TO THE GRAND CORRESPONDANT.

All Voyageurs are to be in proper attire. The following Officers are expected to be in coat, tie, shirt, long pants, socks 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

Ralph Turner
Grand Chef de Gare

Membership Report as of 4/24/2014

	2013	2014	2013			End of
	YTD	YTD	Year	% of	Short	Year
Voiture	Total	Total	End	Quota		Goal
3	53	52	58	89.66%	-6	60
38	110	100	114	87.72%	-14	117
130	30	32	30	106.67%	2	31
292	52	50	52	96.15%	-2	54
293	10	0	10	0.00%	-10	11
333	200	185	211	87.68%	-26	216
447	2	2	2	100.00%	0	3
448	117	101	117	86.32%	-16	120
460	60	68	60	113.33%	8	62
520	12	13	12	108.33%	1	13
760	65	71	71	100.00%	0	73
966	5	5	5	100.00%	0	6
1292	74	77	75	102.67%	2	77
1321	69	64	70	91.43%	-6	72
1379	44	55	48	114.58%	7	49
1395	17	16	17	94.12%	-1	18
1402	26	24	26	92.31%	-2	27
1403	30	26	31	83.87%	-5	32
1541	71	72	71	101.41%	1	73
	1047	1013	1080	93.80%	-67	1102