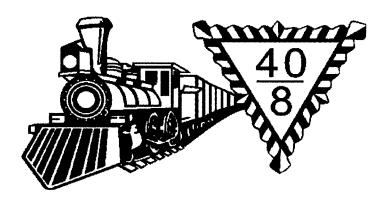
Constitution of La Societé des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux



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CONSTITUTION

of La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux

PREAMBLE

"For God and country we associate ourselves together for the following purposes: To create a charitable and non-profit veterans organization; to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to assist and promote the welfare and well being of those who have served or are now serving in the Armed Forces of the United States and their widows, widowers and orphans; to participate in all memorial services for and to be present at the funerals of departed comrades; to take part in and encourage others to participate in the proper observance of all days honoring veterans; to preserve the memories of our Service in the Armed Forces of our Country; to actively participate within our membership in projects relating to (a) the welfare of the children of America; (b) the health of our Nation by fostering a nurses training program; and (c) selected charitable endeavors."

ARTICLE I NOMENCLATURE

- Section 1. NAME OF ORGANIZATION. The name of this organization is La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux.
- Section 2. VOYAGEUR MILITAIRE. A member of this organization is called Voyageur Militaire.
- Section 3. PRISONNIERS DE GUERRE. Persons eligible for membership are called Prisonniers de Guerre or P.G.'s.
- Section 4. VOITURE NATIONALE. The National organization is called Voiture Nationale.
- Section 5. GRANDE VOITURE. A state or regional organization is called Grande Voiture.
- Section 6. VOITURE LOCALE. A local organization is called Voiture Locale.
- Section 7. PROMENADES. A meeting of Voiture Nationale is called Promenade Nationale; of a Grand Voiture, Grande Promenade; and of a Voiture Locale, Promenade Locale.
- Section 8. NATIONAL OFFICERS. Nationale Officers are the Chef de Chemin de Fer; Sous Chefs de Chemin de Fer; Commissaire Intendant National; Conducteur

National; Gard de la Porte National; Historien National; Correspondant National; Avocat National; Aumonier National and Drapeau National.

Section 9. GRANDE VOITURE OFFICERS. Grande Officers are the Grand Chef de Gare; Grand Chef de Train; Grand Conducteur; Grand Commissaire Intendant; Grand Correspondant; Grand Avocat; Grand Garde de la Porte; Grand Commis Voyageur; Grand Historien; Grande Aumonier; Grand Drapeau; Grand Medicin and Grand Lampiste.

Section 10. VOITURE LOCALE OFFICERS. Voiture Locale Officers are Chef de Gare; Chef de Train; Commissaire Intendant; Correspondant; Conducteur; Garde de la Porte; Historien; Avocat; Amonier; Drapeau; Medicin; Lampiste and Commis Voyageur.

Section 11. CHEMINOTS. A member of Cheminots Nationaux is called Cheminot National; members of Grandes Cheminots are called Grand Cheminot and a member of Cheminots Locaux is called Cheminot Local. The duties of Nationale Officers and Committees are described in Article VIII, Sections 1 through 15 herein.

ARTICLE II NATURE AND OBJECTS

Section 1. NATURE OF ORGANIZATION. La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux is a civilian organization without rank or distinction between its members; and is nonpolitical.

Section 2. OBJECTS OF ORGANIZATION. The objects of La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux are:

- a. To honor, through membership, those honorably discharged and currently serving U.S. military personnel who have proved themselves worthy of such honor.
- b. Through mutual helpfulness to bind ourselves in close ties afforded by our common service in the armed forces of our country.

ARTICLE III ORGANIZATION

Section 1. ORGANIZATION. La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux shall be organized into:

- a. A Voiture Nationale.
- b. A Grande Voiture in each state or region, subject to the provisions of Section 2 of Article X of this constitution.
 - c. Voitures Locales.

Section 2. NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS. The headquarters of Voiture Nationale shall be located and maintained in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Section 3. SEAL. The seal of La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux shall be in such form as the Cheminots Nationaux may from time to time direct.

APPROVAL OF GRANDES ET LOCALES CONSTITUTIONS. Section 4. The constitutions of Grandes Voitures and Voitures Locales, amendments and alterations thereof, are not binding and are without effect unless and until the same have been approved in writing by the Avocat National, filed by him with the Correspondant National, and notice of their approval given by the Correspondant National. All constitutions and amendments and alterations thereof, shall be certified by the Correspondant of the Grande Voiture or the Voiture Locale, as provided by Section 4, Article X, or Section 6, Article XI of this constitution. Upon the Avocat National making his decision, he shall forward both copies, and all correspondence and papers dealing therewith, to the Correspondant National. The Correspondant National shall file one copy of the said constitution, and said correspondence and papers among the records of Voiture Nationale; the Correspondant Nationale shall certify the other copy of the said constitution to the Grande Voiture or Voiture Locale, as the case may be, together with the notice of the final action and decision of the Avocat National; and the Correspondant National shall send an information copy of the notice to the Grand Avocat of the Grande Voiture concerned.

ARTICLE IV ELIGIBILITY

Section 1. WHO MAY BECOME MEMBERS. No persons other than honorably discharged U.S. military personnel and active duty U.S. military may become members of La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux. No Grande Voiture, or Voiture Locale, may prescribe or establish any eligibility qualifications for membership in La Societe which are in conflict with the Constitution of Voiture Nationale.

ARTICLE V MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section 1. HONORARY MEMBERS FORBIDDEN. There is but one form of membership in La Societe, namely, active membership; and the election of honorary members is forbidden. The only method for induction into La Societe is the Wreck and procedure for such is covered in the Ritual & Manual of Ceremonies.

Section 2. MEMBERSHIP IN ONE VOITURE ONLY. No member may belong to more than one Voiture Locale, nor change their membership from one Voiture Locale to another except as in this constitution is provided.

Section 3. LIMITATION OF MEMBERS FORBIDDEN. Numerical limitation of membership by any Grande Voiture or Voiture Locale is forbidden.

Section 4. VOITURE JUDGE OF QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS. Subject to the provisions of this constitution, and of the constitution of the Grande Voiture within whose jurisdiction it is located, each Voiture Locale shall be the judge of the qualifications of its own members and of nominees for membership. An active duty or honorably discharged U.S. military person nominated for membership in La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux who meets all of the qualifications as set forth in Section 6, NOMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP, shall be elected at a regular or special promenade called for that purpose, upon an affirmative vote of at least a simple majority of those members present and voting. Voting may be viva voce (voice), ballot or by the raising of hands. A Voiture Locale may, however, provide in its constitution that the necessary affirmative vote be a two-thirds majority of those members present and voting, rather than the simple majority.

Section 5. WAIVER OF JURISDICTION. Upon the written request of any Voiture Locale to a Voiture Locale having jurisdiction over a person eligible for membership, the latter may waive jurisdiction of the eligible person; and if it does the former Voiture Locale may, within six months of the date of the granting of the waiver but not afterwards, unless further requests be made and granted, initiate the eligible person as, and they shall become, a member of the Voiture Locale into which they are initiated.

Section 6. NOMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP. Membership may be granted by invitation only to any eligible person upon the nomination by a Voyageur Militaire and executed on the form furnished by Voiture Nationale showing:

- a. That they have been an honorably discharged U.S. military or U.S. active duty person preceding the date of the petition, and that their dues for the current year have been paid.
- b. That they have rendered service in the U.S. military entitling them to the honor of membership in La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux.
- c. That their character and reputation are good, and that they have rendered the service aforesaid, which must be shown by an endorsement to that effect bearing the signature of two or more members of the Voiture Locale to which the nomination is addressed.
- d. That they have or have not previously been rejected for membership, and if they have, the date of rejection and the number and location of the Voiture Locale by which they were rejected.
- e. That, if they were formerly a member of La Societe, the number and location of the Voiture Locale to which they belonged, and the reason for their withdrawal.
- f. That, if they withdrew from membership under Section 9 of this article, the certificate required by said section is attached to their nomination.

Section 7. REMOVAL OF MEMBERSHIP. Any member who removes their residence to the territorial jurisdiction of a Voiture Locale other than that of which they are a member shall be entitled, upon request, to a certificate from the Voiture Locale of which they are a member, which must be furnished them within thirty days from the date of their request therefore, setting forth their membership therein and the

duration thereof; and, upon presentation thereof within two years to the Voiture Locale in whose territorial jurisdiction they then reside, and have continued the payment of their dues in La Societe, may be admitted into membership in such Voiture Locale under such terms as may be prescribed by such Voiture Locale.

Section 8. TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP WITHIN JURISDICTION. In any territorial jurisdiction in which there are, or may hereafter be, two or more Voitures Locales, a member desiring to transfer their membership from one to another of said Voitures, shall be entitled, upon request, to a certificate from the Voiture Locale of which they are a member, which must be furnished them within thirty days from the date of their request therefore, setting forth their membership therein and the duration thereof; and, upon presentation thereof within one year to the Voiture Locale in said jurisdiction in which they desire membership, and have continued the payment of their dues in La Societe, may be admitted into membership in the Voiture Locale in which they desire membership upon such terms as said Voiture Locale may prescribe.

Section 9. SURRENDER OF MEMBERSHIP. A member of La Societe in good standing shall be entitled, upon request and upon surrender of their membership card, to withdraw from membership, and shall be entitled to a certificate, to be issued by the Correspondant of the Voiture Locale of which they are a member, setting forth the duration of their membership and that they have honorably withdrawn therefrom, and from and after such surrender and the receipt of such certificate they shall no longer be a member of La Societe, and shall not be readmitted to membership except upon nomination in accordance with Section 6 of this article.

Section 10. SUBSEQUENT NOMINATION OF REJECTEE. A Voiture Locale may not entertain the nomination for membership of any person rejected by it or by any other Voiture Locale until the expiration of six months from the date of rejection.

Section 11. PROCEDURE WHERE NOMINEE FORMERLY REJECTED OR FORMER MEMBER. Whenever it shall appear from the nomination of a person desiring membership, or from other information, that a nominee has been previously rejected for membership, has been expelled or has withdrawn from membership in some Voiture Locale other than the one nominated, their nomination shall not be acted upon until the receipt of a written statement from the Voiture Locale which rejected or expelled them or from which they withdrew, as to the reason for their rejection or expulsion and such statement shall be read in open Promenade Locale before their nomination is acted upon; provided, if such statement be not received within sixty days from the date of request therefore, or if the Voiture Locale from which the statement is sought is no longer in existence, the nomination may be acted upon without such statement.

Section 12. DUES. Dues shall be payable to Voiture Nationale in advance of October 20 of each year, and payment thereof constitutes the payer a member in good standing until the end of the following calendar year. Dues paid prior to September 1 of any year on account of new members shall be considered as for the current year and

those paid on or after September 1 of any year on account of new members shall be considered for the then ensuing year.

Section 13. PENALTIES FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES. Any member who shall fail to pay their dues for the current year on or before December 31 shall not be permitted to attend any Promenade until such dues have been paid; and any member who shall be in arrears one year in the payment of their dues shall stand suspended and notice to that effect shall be given to them by the Correspondant of their Voiture Locale by certified mail, addressed to their last known place of residence; and if they shall fail to pay their dues within one month from the date of the mailing of said notice to pay the arrears, and such reinstatement fees as may be required by the Grande Voiture or Voiture Locale, they shall stand expelled and may not be readmitted to membership except upon nomination in accordance with Section 6 of this article.

Section 14. EXPULSION FOR TWO YEARS DELINQUENCY. Any member who fails for two years to pay their dues shall, as of December 31 of the second year and without requirement of the notice provided for in Section 13 of this article, stand expelled; and may not be readmitted to membership except upon nomination in accordance with Section 6 of this article.

Section 15. MEMBERSHIP CARDS. Each member shall be entitled to a member-ship card, to be issued annually, and to be in such form as the Cheminots Nationaux shall from time to time prescribe; provided, no membership card shall be issued to a new member unless and until they shall have taken the obligation or obligations required by the ritual of La Societe; and no membership card shall be issued to any member except upon full payment of their dues.

Section 16. INITIATES AT PROMENADES GRANDES ET NATIONALES. No person may be initiated into La Societe at any Grande Promenade or Promenade Nationale unless there be on file with the Grand Correspondant or Correspondant Nationale, as the case may be, a certificate of the Voiture Locale of which they are to become a member, signed by the Chef de Gare and Correspondant thereof, setting forth that such person is eligible to membership in La Societe and has been duly elected to become a member by and of such Voiture Locale.

ARTICLE VI PROMENADE NATIONALE

Section 1. PROMENADE NATIONALE IS LEGISLATIVE BODY - MEET-INGS. The legislative body of La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux shall be the Promenade Nationale to be held at the time and place selected by the Time and Place Committee as constituted by Section 2 herein.

Section 2. TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE. The Chef de Chemin de Fer, with the advice and consent of the Cheminots Nationaux, shall, at the meeting of the Cheminots Nationaux, held immediately following each Promenade Nationale, ap-

point a Time and Place Committee consisting of five members, which shall as soon as reasonably possible after its appointment select a time when and a place at which the next Promenade Nationale shall be held and also the next two succeeding years.

Section 3. DELEGATE STRENGTH. In the Promenade Nationale, each Grande Voiture shall be entitled to five delegates and five alternates; and each Voiture Locale shall be entitled to one delegate and one alternate for its first fifty members and one additional delegate and one additional alternate for each additional fifty members or major fraction thereof, and such membership shall be calculated as of the date which is thirty days prior to the convening of the Promenade Nationale.

Section 4. DELEGATE STRENGTH OF CERTAIN VOITURES. Any provision of Section 3 of this article notwithstanding, Voiture 174 of the District of Columbia, and any other Voiture Locale certified by the Correspondant National not to be located within the jurisdiction of a Grande Voiture, and as deserving the status of the Voiture above named, shall each be entitled to representation provided in Section 3 of this article for Grandes Voitures and to have, in addition, the number of delegates to which it would be entitled as a Voiture Locale under the provisions of said Section 3.

Section 5. DELEGATES FROM NEW VOITURES. Upon the favorable vote of the Promenade Nationale on the recommendation of its Credentials Committee to that end, Voitures organized less than thirty days prior to the convening of the Promenade Nationale may be accorded full or partial delegate representation.

Section 6. CHEFS DE CHEMIN DE FER PASSE DELEGATES. Each Chef de Chemin de Fer Passe who is a member in good standing of a Voiture Locale shall be a delegate to the Promenade Nationale with one vote, to be exercised only when they are personally present.

Section 7. REPRESENTATION DENIED INDEBTED VOITURES. No delegates from any Grande Voiture shall be seated unless all current indebtedness and dues from said Grande Voiture to Voiture Nationale shall have been received by the Correspondant National thirty days prior to the convening of the Promenade Nationale; and no delegates from any Voiture Locale shall be seated unless all moneys due from it to its Grande Voiture have been fully paid.

Section 8. VOTING STRENGTH OF GRANDES VOITURES. Grandes Voitures, and the Voitures Locales mentioned in Section 4 of this article, shall have the number of votes in the Promenade Nationale equal to the number of delegates to which they and their respective Voiture Locales are severally entitled in accordance with this article.

Section 9. CREDENTIALS. Forms of credentials for delegates will be supplied by Voiture Nationale to the several Grandes Voitures and Voitures Locales, and will be filed and exhibited as required by the rules of the Promenade Nationale.

Section 10. QUORUM. A quorum of the Promenade Nationale shall consist of a majority of the Grandes Voitures, and of the Voitures Locales mentioned in Section 4 of this article, represented in whole or in part by duly accredited delegates.

Section 11. PROMENADE NATIONALE COMMITTEES. The Chef de Chemin de Fer shall appoint, from the accredited delegates at the Promenade Nationale, the following committees, and such others as they may deem necessary or proper:

Permanent Organization, Finance, Voiture Activities,

Child Welfare, Credentials, Rules and Order of Business,

Paraphernalia, Ritual, Constitution, and Resolutions.

Section 12. RULES AND ORDER OF BUSINESS. Each Promenade Nationale may adopt such rules and order of business, not in conflict with this constitution, as it may deem necessary or proper.

Section 13. RULES OF ORDER. Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall, except as they may be in conflict with this constitution, or the rules and order of business adopted by the Promenade Nationale, govern the proceedings of the Promenade Nationale.

ARTICLE VII NATIONAL OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Section 1. VOITURE NATIONALE OFFICERS. The following officers, and such others as the Promenade Nationale may determine and whose duties and functions are not in conflict with the officers specifically named, shall be the officers of Voiture Nationale:

One Chef de Chemin de Fer

Four Sous Chefs de Chemin de Fer

One Commissaire Intendant

One Conducteur National

One Correspondant National

Two Gardes de la Porte National

One Historien National

One Avocat National

One Aumonier National

One Drapeau National

One Medicin National

Section 2. SOUS CHEFS FROM SAME JURISDICTION. No two Sous Chefs de Chemin de Fer shall be chosen from the same Grande Voiture or other jurisdiction.

Section 3. ELECTIVE NATIONAL OFFICERS. The Promenade Nationale shall elect officers of Voiture Nationale, who have been endorsed by resolution in their respective Voitures Locales and Grandes Voitures in regularly scheduled Promenades, other than those named in Section 4 of this Article, and those named in Article VIII, Section 5.

Section 4. APPOINTIVE NATIONAL OFFICERS. The Chef de Chemin de Fer shall, with the advice and consent of the Cheminots Nationaux, appoint the Conducteur National, the Avocat National, the Aumonier National and the Medicin National.

Section 5. TERMS OF OFFICE. Except as specifically provided in Article VIII, Section 5 and 13, all officers of Voiture Nationale shall hold office for a term of one year and until their successor has been chosen and qualified, and they shall receive no compensation for their services.

Section 6. VACANCIES. Except as is otherwise in this constitution provided, vacancies in any office of Voiture Nationale shall be filled by the Executive Committee of the Cheminots Nationaux.

VACANCY IN OFFICE OF CHEF DE CHEMIN DE FER. In the Section 7. event of the death, resignation or removal from office of the Chef de Chemin de Fer, the successor shall be chosen from among the Sous Chefs de Chemin de Fer in accordance with this section. Within fifteen days from the date of the death, resignation or removal from office of the Chef de Chemin de Fer, the Correspondant National shall send, by registered mail, to each member of the Cheminots Nationaux a paper ballot upon which shall be entered the names of the Sous Chefs de Chemin de Fer with a box opposite each name; each member of the Cheminots Nationaux shall immediately upon receipt of said ballot indicate their choice by making an X in the box opposite the name of the candidate for whom they desire their vote to be counted, and return the ballot, by mail or in person, to the Correspondant National at the National Headquarters of La Societe; and when all votes have been received, or twenty days have elapsed from the date of mailing the ballots to the Cheminots Nationaux, the Correspondant National, the Avocat National and the Commissaire Intendant National shall count the ballots, and certify the election of the Sous Chef receiving a plurality thereof; provided, that in case of a tie the Correspondant National shall cast the deciding vote. The person so certified shall succeed to the office of and become the Chef de Chemin de Fer for the remainder of the term and shall serve until their successor is chosen and qualified.

Section 8. CERTAIN VACANCIES IN OFFICE OF SOUS CHEF. A Chef de Chemin de Fer chosen under the provisions of Section 7 of this article shall immediately appoint their successor as Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer, and the person so appointed shall serve until their successor is chosen and qualified.

Section 9. COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES. There shall be a Committee on Committees composed of five (5) members consisting of the Correspondant National, Avocat National, and three (3) members from the membership at large who shall be appointed by the Chef de Chemin de Fer immediately following the election and installation and within thirty (30) days thereafter. The three (3) members at large shall serve for terms of three (3) consecutive years ending with the conclusion of Promenade Nationale in any given year. Vacancies in the membership of the Committee on Committees shall be filled by the Chef de Chemin de Fer. Vacancies occurring for reasons other than expiration of the term of a member shall be filled only for the unex-

pired portion of the vacant term. Members of the Committee on Committees shall be eligible to succeed themselves in office.

Section 10. FINANCE COMMITTEE. The Finance Committee shall consist of the Commissaire Intendant National, the Correspondant National, the Sous Commissaire Intendant National and two members selected by the Cheminots Nationaux. The Chairman of the Finance Committee shall be chosen by the members thereof.

Section 11. TROPHIES AND AWARDS COMMITTEE. The National Trophies and Awards Committee shall consist of three members, to be selected annually by the Cheminots Nationaux.

Section 12. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. The Executive Committee of the Cheminots Nationaux shall consist of the Chef de Chemin de Fer, who shall act as chairman, the four Sous Chefs de Chemin de Fer, the Commissaire Intendant National and three members selected by the Cheminots Nationaux from among their membership.

Section 13. ADVISORY COMMITTEE. The Chef de Chemin de Fer, with the advice and consent of the Cheminots Nationaux, shall appoint an advisory committee, consisting of five members who shall consult with and advise the Correspondant Nationale on all matters of interest to La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux. Which in the opinion of the Correspondant National is necessary or advisable.

ARTICLE VIII DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Section 1. CHEF DE CHEMIN DE FER. The Chef de Chemin de Fer is the chief executive officer of La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux who shall preside at all Promenades Nationales and at all meetings of the Cheminots Nationaux. The Chef de Chemin de Fer shall be ex-officio a member of all committees of the Promenade Nationale, of the Voiture Nationale and of the Cheminots Nationaux. The Chef de Chemin de Fer shall, except as is otherwise in this constitution provided, appoint and remove the members of all committees of the Promenade Nationale, of Voiture Nationale and of the Cheminots Nationaux, and shall sign all charters issued to Grandes Voitures and Voitures Locales. The Chef de Chemin de Fer shall also perform such other duties as are necessary and proper and consistent with the office.

Section 2. SOUS CHEFS DE CHEMIN DE FER. The Sous Chefs de Chemin de Fer shall act as representatives of the Chef de Chemin de Fer in all matters referred by the Chef de Chemin de Fer and shall, at the Chef de Chemin de Fer's request, preside over the Promenade Nationale or meetings of the Cheminots Nationaux; correlate the Grandes Voitures and activities of La Societe in the territory designated by the Chef de Chemin de Fer; and perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office.

Section 3. COMMISSAIRE INTENDANT NATIONAL. The Commissaire Intendant National is the Chief Financial Officer of Voiture Nationale and the guardian of

its treasury and proctor of all accounts of Voiture Nationale or any Voiture Nationale Committees, and shall keep accurate books of accounts showing all receipts and disbursements and shall report thereon annually to the Chef de Chemin de Fer, the Avocat National and to the Financial Committee. The Commissaire Intendant National shall report quarterly in the Forty and Eighter magazine and annually to the Promenade Nationale. The Commissaire Intendant shall have no conflict of interest with Voiture Nationale, shall report to the Chef de Chemin de Fer any conflicts of interest between other Voiture Nationale Officers and Voiture Nationale.

Section 4. CONDUCTEUR NATIONAL. The Conducteur National is the chief ritualistic and initiatory officer, and master of ceremonies of Voiture Nationale who shall have charge of initiatory work at the Promenade Nationale. The Conducteur National shall have charge of supervisory control over the initiatory work of the Grandes Voitures and the Voitures Locales. The Conducteur National as well as all current National Officers, elective and appointive, to include Sous Directeurs and above, shall be responsible for the adherence to the Ritual and Manual of Ceremonies and empowered to stop and/or restrict any violations thereof and recommend disciplinary action to the Cheminots Nationaux of those Voitures Locales or Grandes Voitures involved.

Section 5. CORRESPONDANT NATIONAL.

a. The Chef de Chemin de Fer shall, with the advice and consent of the Cheminots Nationaux, appoint a Correspondant National who shall serve thereafter as such and may be removed only for just cause as provided for in Article XIII, Section 1a, 1b, and 1c of this constitution. The Correspondant National is the Secretary of Voiture Nationale, of the Promenade Nationale and of the Cheminots Nationaux and shall keep a true and accurate record of all the proceedings of said bodies; shall conduct their correspondence; and keep a correct list of all officers of Voiture Nationale, of the Grandes Voitures and of the Voitures Locales. The Correspondant National shall sign all charters issued to Grandes Voitures and Voitures Locales, and shall receive all monies due Voiture Nationale and deposit the same in the name of Voiture Nationale. The Correspondant National shall keep a true and accurate account of all financial transactions and render an annual statement of such transactions to the Chef de Chemin de Fer, the Commissaire Intendant National, the Avocat National and to each member of the Finance Committee. The Correspondant National shall audit and approve for payment all bills properly to be paid, prepare the necessary warrants for their payment, as provided in Section 3 of Article XII. The Correspondant National shall be custodian of and affix the seal of La Societe to all documents requiring the same. The Correspondant National shall perform such other duties as may be imposed upon the Correspondant National by the Chef de Chemin de Fer or the Finance Committee. The Correspondant National shall immediately upon the adjournment of Promenade Nationale, transmit to the Grandes Voitures and Voitures Locale the text of any amendments to this constitution. The Correspondant National shall file and preserve the texts of the Constitutions of Grandes Voitures and Voitures Locale delivered to the Correspondant National by the Avocat National and give notice of their approval to the affected Grande Voiture or Voiture Locale. The Correspondant National shall also file and preserve all rulings made by the Avocat National and transmit copies thereof to affected Grandes Voitures, Voitures Locale, officers and others. The Correspondant Nationale shall be the official representative of Voiture Nationale in arranging and conducting the Promenade Nationale, subject only to the approval of the Chef de Chemin de Fer.

b. The Correspondant National may appoint, with the advice and consent of the Chef de Chemin de Fer, a Sous Correspondant National, who shall be qualified by training and experience to serve in the position. The Sous Correspondant National may be appointed annually and shall be considered as any other employee of La Societe and shall be subject to the same rules of employment as all other Head-quarters employees and not subject to removal proceedings as provided in Article XIII of this Constitution. The Sous Correspondant National shall be a salaried position, which salary shall be established annually by the Finance Committee upon written recommendation by the Correspondant National with endorsement by the Chef de Chemin de Fer. Additional non-salaried Sous Correspondants National may be appointed by the Correspondant National to assist Voiture Nationale during the Promenade Nationale.

Section 6. GARDES DE LA PORTE NATIONAL. The Gardes de la Porte are the sergeants-at-arms of Voiture Nationale and shall act as such at Promenade Nationales and, if so directed by the Chef de Chemin de Fer, at meetings of the Cheminots Nationaux.

Section 7. HISTORIEN NATIONAL. The Historien National shall collect for permanent preservation matters of interest to the members of La Societe and to posterity; and shall annually submit to the Promenade Nationale a history of La Societe during the preceding year.

Section 8. AVOCAT NATIONAL. The Avocat National is the chief legal officer of La Societe who shall advise the Chef de Chemin de Fer, the Commissaire Intendant National and the Correspondant National upon all legal matters affecting La Societe in their duties as officers thereof. The Avocat National shall be the parliamentarian of the Promenade Nationale and of the Cheminots Nationaux. The Avocat National shall examine the texts of the constitutions of Grandes Voitures and of Voitures Locales submitted, and if satisfied they do not conflict with this constitution, shall approve the same; but otherwise shall disapprove the same and return them for conforming alteration. The Avocat National shall forward the texts of all approved constitutions to the Correspondant National for filing; and shall perform such other duties as may be required of the Avocat National by the Chef de Chemin de Fer.

Section 9. AUMONIER NATIONAL. The Aumonier National is the chaplain of La Societe, and shall act as such at the Promenade Nationale and upon other occasions upon the request of the Chef de Chemin de Fer.

Section 10. DRAPEAU NATIONAL. The Drapeau National is the color bearer of La Societe, and shall cause the colors and/or Voiture Nationale Banner to be ad-

vanced, retired or displayed whenever occasion dictates or when directed by the Chef de Chemin de Fer.

Section 11. MEDICIN NATIONAL. The Medicin National shall advise Voiture Nationale on matters pertaining to health of Voyageurs.

Section 12. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF CHEMINOTS NATIONAUX. The Executive Committee of the Cheminots Nationaux shall meet upon call of the Chef de Chemin de Fer or any two of its members; it shall perform the duties imposed upon it by this constitution; and shall, between meetings of the Cheminots Nationaux, have the powers of that body, subject to ratification when the Cheminots Nationaux shall next meet.

Section 13. FINANCE COMMITTEE. The Finance Committee shall perform the duties imposed upon it by this constitution; shall prepare a budget for submission to the Promenade Nationale; between sessions of the Promenade Nationale may enlarge or restrict the budget as exigencies require; and shall, from time to time, fix and determine the compensation of the Correspondant National.

Section 14. TROPHIES AND AWARDS COMMITTEE. The National Trophies and Awards Committee shall select its chairperson from among its members; shall provide or accept suitable trophies and awards; prescribe rules and regulations for competition therefore; and award the same.

Section 15. COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES. The Committees on Committees shall submit to the Cheminots Nationaux for its consideration the names of those eligible, which the Committee recommends for membership, for election or appointment on the Finance Committee, the Executive Committee of the Cheminots Nationaux, the Time and Place Committee, the Advisory Committee, and the Trophies and Awards Committee. Such recommendations of the Committee on Committees shall not preclude the election or appointment of others eligible for election or appointment to such Committees. The Committee on Committees shall recommend to the Promenade Nationale the names of eligible members, who have complied with Article VII, Section 3, for election to the respective elective offices in Voiture Nationale as set forth in the Constitution thereof. Such recommendations of the Committee on Committees shall not preclude the nomination from the floor of the Promenade Nationale of the name of an eligible member to any elective office of Voiture Nationale or his election thereto. The Committee on Committees shall select a Chairman from among its members and shall meet each year not later than the opening session of the Promenade Nationale.

ARTICLE IX CHEMINOTS NATIONAUX

- Section 1. MEMBERS OF CHEMINOTS NATIONAUX. The Cheminots Nationaux shall consist of the Chef de Chemin de Fer; the Sous Chefs de Chemin de Fer; the Commissaire Intendant National; and one Cheminot National from each Grande Voiture, to be chosen as provided in Section 7 of Article X of this constitution. In the absence of a Cheminot National their place shall be taken by the alternate, who shall be chosen as provided in said Section 7 of Article X.
- Section 2. CHEFS DE CHEMIN DE FER PASSE MEMBERS. Each Chef de Chemin de Fer Passe who is a member in good standing of a Voiture Locale shall be a member, without vote, of the Cheminot Nationaux.
- Section 3. ADMINISTRATIVE POWER. Between sessions of the Promenade Nationale, the administrative power shall be vested in the Cheminots Nationaux.
- Section 4. MEETINGS. The Cheminots Nationaux shall meet immediately before each annual Promenade Nationale, at the place of the holding thereof; immediately upon the adjournment of each annual Promenade Nationale; and upon the call of the Chef de Chemin de Fer; and the Chef de Chemin de Fer shall issue such call upon the written request of a majority of the members of the Cheminots Nationaux.
- Section 5. QUORUM. A majority of the members of the Cheminots Nationaux shall constitute a quorum.
- Section 6. RULES OF ORDER. Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall, except as they may be in conflict with this constitution or special rules of procedure adopted by the Cheminots Nationaux, govern the proceedings of the Cheminots Nationaux.
- Section 7. COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES. The Cheminots Nationaux may create such committees and sub-committees as it deems necessary or proper for the conduct of the affairs of La Societe; provided, they shall not create any committee whose jurisdiction will conflict with any committees specifically created and named in this constitution.

ARTICLE X GRANDES VOITURES

Section 1. ORGANIZATION OF GRANDES VOITURES. In each state or region where three or more Voitures Locales are chartered, it shall be the duty of such Voitures Locales to make application to Voiture Nationale for the formation in that state or region of a Grande Voiture, to be known as Grande Voiture, state or region of (name of state or region).

- Section 2. VOITURES LOCALES AS GRANDES VOITURES. Voiture 174 of the District of Columbia and any other Voiture Locale certified by the Correspondant Nationale not to be located within the jurisdiction of a Grande Voiture and as deserving the status of the Voiture above named, shall upon payment of the fees required of Grandes Voitures, be chartered as Grandes Voitures and considered to be such.
- Section 3. GRANDE PROMENADE. The legislative body of each Grande Voiture shall be the Grande Promenade to be held annually at such time as the constitution of the Grande Voiture may provide and at such place as may be convenient in the state or region for which the Grande Voiture was chartered; provided, that SPECIAL Grandes Promenades are prohibited, and each Grande Voiture of La Societe shall provide in its constitution for the government and administration of its affairs between Grandes Promenades by its Grands Cheminots, but nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit conferences or other meetings of the Voyageurs or any Grande Voiture at which legislative business is not transacted.
- Section 4. GRANDE VOITURE CONSTITUTION. Each Grande Voiture, and each of the Voitures named in Section 2 of this article, shall make and adopt a constitution, not in conflict with this constitution, and shall forward a copy thereof, in duplicate, certified by its Correspondant, to the Avocat National for approval. The said constitution shall become effective if and when the Grande Voiture, or a Voiture as set forth in Section 2 of this article, is notified by the Correspondant National of the approval thereof by the Avocat National.
- Section 5. CONFLICT WITH NATIONAL CONSTITUTION. Any of the provisions of the constitution of any Grande Voiture in conflict with this constitution, or in conflict with any amendment hereof, are void and without effect.
- Section 6. GRANDE VOITURE OFFICERS. The following officers, to be chosen as provided in the constitution of the Grande Voiture, and such others as the Grande Promenade may determine and whose duties and functions are not in conflict with the officers specifically named, shall be the officers of each Grande Voiture:

Grand Chef de Gare

One or more Grand Chefs de Train

Grand Commissaire Intendant

Grand Conducteur

Grand Correspondant

Grand Garde de la Porte

Grand Historien

Grand Avocat

Grande Aumonier

Grand Drapeau

Grand Medicin

Grand Commis Voyageur

Grand Lampiste

- Section 7. SELECTION OF CHEMINOTS NATIONAL. Each Grande Voiture shall select, in such manner as its constitution shall provide, a Cheminot National and an Alternate Cheminot National, to represent the Grande Voiture on the Cheminots Nationaux. The persons so selected shall take office immediately upon the adjournment of the Promenade Nationale at which their predecessors served as Cheminots Nationaux and as Alternate Cheminots Nationaux, and shall hold office until successors have been chosen and qualified.
- Section 8. GRANDS CHEMINOTS. In each Grande Voiture there shall be a Grands Cheminots consisting of the Grand Chef de Gare or Grand Chefs de Train, the Grand Commissaire Intendant, the Grand Correspondant and not less than five members.
- Section 9. GRAND VOITURE FUNDS. All funds of each Grande Voiture shall be deposited in the name of the Grande Voiture in such depository as is designated by the Grande Promenade or the Grands Cheminots.
- Section 10. UNIFORM ACCOUNTING SYSTEM. Each Grande Voiture shall keep its accounts in accordance with a uniform accounting system to be promulgated by Voiture Nationale; and no financial officers of a Grande Voiture will be permitted to transact business with Voiture Nationale until the provisions of Sections 11 and 12 of this article have been complied with.
- Section 11. OFFICERS BONDED. Each officer of a Grande Voiture having custody or possession of funds of the Grande Voiture shall give bond in such sum and with such surety as the Grands Cheminots from time to time shall direct, conditioned for the faithful discharge of the duties of their office and the delivery to their successor of all funds that are or should be in their hands.
- Section 12. INSPECTION OF GRANDE VOITURE RECORDS. The books, records and accounts of each Grande Voiture shall be made available for inspection at any time upon request of the Chef de Chemin de Fer or the Commissaire Intendant National.
- Section 13. INITIATION FEES AND DUES. Each Grande Voiture may, by action of its Grande Promenade, prescribe minimum initiation fees and dues to be charged by Voitures Locales in its jurisdiction.
- Section 14. RULES OF ORDER. Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall, except as they may be in conflict with this constitution, the constitution of a Grande Voiture or special rules of procedure adopted by a Grande Voiture, govern the proceedings of each Grande Voiture.

ARTICLE XI VOITURES LOCALES

- Section 1. ORGANIZATION OF VOITURES LOCALES. Five or more honorably discharged or active U.S. military persons who are eligible for membership in La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux, may, providing there is no Voiture Locale in the county where they reside, make application to Voiture Nationale for a charter as a Voiture Locale for said county; and the Chef de Chemin de Fer and the Correspondant National shall, upon receipt of such application properly executed issue such charter; provided, that if the county be within the jurisdiction of an organized and chartered Grande Voiture such charter shall not be issued without the consent and approval of such Grande Voiture; and, provided further, that if there be an existing Voiture Locale or Voitures Locales in such county additional Voitures Locales may be chartered for such county with the consent of existing Voiture Locale or Voitures Locales or, failing such consent, with the approval of the Grande Voiture; and, provided, further, a Grande Voiture may, pending the granting of a charter to a Voiture Locale, issue a dispensation for its existence until its charter be granted.
- Section 2. VOITURE LOCALE DISTRICTS--JOINT JURISDICTION. Two or more counties within the jurisdiction of a Grande Voiture may, by action of the Grande Promenade, be combined into a Voiture Locale district; and, with the consent of the Voitures Locales involved, a Grande Voiture may, by action of the Grande Promenade, give Voitures Locales joint jurisdiction over designated territory.
- Section 3. RATIFICATION OF ISSUED CHARTERS. All charters heretofore issued to Grandes Voitures and Voitures Locales are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved as of the respective dates of the issuance thereof.
- Section 4. VOITURES WITH LESS THAN 10 MEMBERS. If the membership of any Voiture Locale shall become less than ten, the Correspondant National shall so inform the Cheminots Nationaux, and the Cheminots Nationaux may, in their discretion, suspend or revoke the charter of such Voiture Locale.
- Section 5. VOITURE LOCALE PROMENADES. Promenades of a Voiture Locale shall be held at such times and places within its area of jurisdiction as the Voiture Locale shall from time to time determine.
- Section 6. VOITURE LOCALE CONSTITUTION. Each Voiture Locale shall make and adopt a constitution, not in conflict with this constitution or the constitution of the Grande Voiture within whose territory such Voiture is located, and shall forward a copy thereof, in duplicate, certified by its Correspondant, to the Grand Avocat of its Grande Voiture. If and when the Grand Avocat determines that the said constitution, or any amendment or alterations thereof, is not in conflict with the Grand Voiture Constitution, then the Grand Avocat shall forward the copy thereof, in duplicate, with the Grand Avocat's approval, together with comments and recommendations whether it is in conformance with the provisions of the Constitution Nationale, to the

Avocat National for approval. The said Constitution, or any amendment or alteration thereof, shall become effective if and when the Voiture Locale and the Grand Avocat of its Grande Voiture are notified by the Correspondant National of the approval thereof. The Voiture Nationale may prescribe a constitution for its Voitures Locales who have not complied with the foregoing provision of Section 6 and after such prescribed constitution has been approved by the National Avocat and certified by the National Correspondant, the same shall serve as the constitution for each Voiture Locale until each one makes and obtains approval of its own constitution.

Section 7. CONFLICT WITH NATIONAL CONSTITUTION. Any of the provisions of any constitution of any Voiture Locale in conflict with this constitution, or in conflict with any amendment hereof, are void and without effect.

Section 8. VOITURE LOCALE OFFICERS. The following officers, and such others as the Voiture Locale may determine whose duties and functions are not in conflict with the officers specifically named, shall be the officers of each Voiture Locale:

Chef de Gare

One or more Chefs de Train

Commissaire Intendant

Conducteur

Correspondant

Garde de la Porte

Historien

Avocat

Aumonier

Drapeau

Medicin

Commis Voyageur.

Lampiste

Section 9. CHEMINOTS LOCAUX. In each Voiture Locale there shall be a Cheminots Locaux consisting of the Chef de Gare or Chefs de Train, the Commissaire Intendant, the Correspondant, and not less than three members at large.

Section 10. VOITURE LOCALE FUNDS. All funds of each Voiture Locale shall be deposited in the name of the Voiture Locale in such depository as is designated by the Promenade Locale or the Cheminots Locaux.

Section 11. UNIFORM ACCOUNTING SYSTEM. Each Voiture Locale shall keep its accounts in accordance with a uniform accounting system to be promulgated by Voiture Nationale; and no financial officers of a Voiture Locale will be permitted to transact business with Voiture Nationale or with its Grande Voiture until the provisions of Section 12 and 13 of this article have been complied with.

Section 12. OFFICERS BONDED. Each officer of a Voiture Locale having custody or possession of funds of the Voiture Locale shall give bond in such sum and with such surety as the Cheminots Locaux from time to time shall direct, conditioned for the faithful discharge of the duties of their office and the delivery to their successor of all funds that are or should be in their hands.

Section 13. INSPECTION OF VOITURE LOCALE RECORDS. The books, records and accounts of each Voiture Locale shall be made available for inspection at any time upon request of the Chef de Chemin de Fer, the Commissaire Intendant National, the Grand Chef de Gare or the Grand Commissaire Intendant.

Section 14. RULES OF ORDER. Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall, except as they may be in conflict with this constitution, the constitution of the Grande Voiture within whose jurisdiction the Voiture Locale exists, the constitution of the Voiture Locale, or special rules of procedure adopted by a Voiture Locale, govern the proceedings of each Voiture Locale.

ARTICLE XII FINANCE

Section 1. REVENUE. The revenues of Voiture Nationale shall be derived from (1) Charter Fees for the chartering of Grandes Voitures and Voitures Locales; (2) dues, which shall include any regular or special assessments for programs of La Societe; (3) the sale of only 40/8 merchandise; (4) interest from investments of funds of Voiture Nationale, as approved by the Finance Committee; (5) income derived from the use of Voiture Nationale equipment to assist its subordinate units and La Societe de Femme; and (6) other revenue sources which have received prior approval by the Finance Committee, and the consent of the Executive Committee of the Cheminots Nationaux.

Section 2. DUES. The amount of dues shall be determined annually by the Cheminots Nationaux at the meeting immediately following the adjournment of the Promenade Nationale; provided, if no action be taken thereon at any such meeting the dues shall remain the same as for the preceding year.

- Section 3. ACCOUNTS. The Correspondant National shall forthwith set up three accounts on the books of Voiture Nationale which shall have to do with all of the funds of and those relating to Voiture Nationale, these accounts shall be as follows:
- a. CHILDRENS WELFARE. The funds and assets of La Societe des Ouarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux shall be classified as follows:
- (1) INCOME ACCOUNT. All income from all sources which relates to or has as its purpose Children's Welfare, other than the income account of the Corporate Trustee of the Forty and Eight--Charles W. Ardery Child Welfare Trust Fund, which fund is governed and controlled by the provisions of the TRUST AGREEMENT between La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux and American Fletcher National Bank and Trust Company, dated 22 September, 1964,

shall be transferred to the Corporate Trustee of the Forty and Eight--Charles W. Ardery Child Welfare Trust Fund by the Correspondant Nationale. Such transfer of all funds received as bequests and other contributions shall be made immediately upon receipt of such funds at Voiture Nationale. The transfer of the funds derived from the assessments of the members of La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux for Children's Welfare shall be made on the first day of January, the first day of April, the first day of July and the first day of October each year. The Correspondant National shall prepare the necessary warrants for the transfer of said funds to the separate income accounts of the Corporate Trustee of the Forty and Eight--Charles W. Ardery Child Welfare Trust Fund and they shall be signed as provided for in the withdrawal of funds from the Capital Account of Voiture Nationale as set forth in Article XII, Section 3a, hereof.

(2) FORTY AND EIGHT--CHARLES W. ARDERY CHILD WELFARE TRUST FUND.

- (a) The principal of the Forty and Eight--Charles W. Ardery Child Welfare Trust Fund shall remain forever in the Forty and Eight--Charles W. Ardery Child Welfare Trust Fund and may not be withdrawn therefrom for any purpose.
- (b) The Funds of the separate Income Account of the Corporate Trustee may be withdrawn by order of the Disbursement Board only in conformity with the rules of the Disbursement Board and for the purposes set forth in the Trust Agreement creating said Trust Fund, and in the manner specified therein.
- (c) The trust property shall be invested and reinvested upon the written direction of the majority of the Investment Trustees to the Corporate Trustee, unless a contribution which the Investment Trustees have, in their discretion, accepted with restrictive uses. In this latter instance, effect may be given to the restrictions, if in conformity with the Trust Agreement creating the Forty and Eight--Charles W. Ardery Child Welfare Trust Fund.
- b. CURRENT ACCOUNT. The funds of the Current Account shall be used in the usual and ordinary conduct of the day to day business of Voiture Nationale including the payment of the salaries of employees, taxes, office expenses, the purchase of only 40/8 merchandise, travel expenses, and incidental operating expenses. The monies from the Current Account shall be paid on checks of Voiture Nationale and only after the bills or statements for such items for which said checks have been drawn have been audited and approved by the Correspondant National. Funds of the Current Account may be withdrawn upon the signature of the Correspondant National or his approved assistant, and proper evidence of both of their signatures shall be delivered to the depository of said funds. The checks for the payment of the funds of the Current Account may be upon the authorized signatures of one of the individuals authorized to sign said checks on behalf of Voiture Nationale.
- c. CAPITAL ACCOUNT. The funds of the Capital Account shall consist of all assets and income of Voiture Nationale which are not used or expended for the purposes set forth in Subparagraphs a. and b. hereof, but, rather, for the repayment of the Grandes Voitures' per capita taxes collected by Voiture Nationale, the payment of accounts for the purchase of chapeaux, blazers, jewelry and 40/8 merchandise for resale, as well as for the payment of any charges which would deplete the funds in the Current Account. The Chef de Chemin de Fer, the Commissaire Inten-

dant National, the Sous Commissaire Intendant National and the Correspondant National shall each deliver proper evidence of their signatures to the depository of the funds of the Capital Account of Voiture Nationale. The funds of the Capital Account may be withdrawn only after a proper audit and approval for payment thereof by the Correspondant National, who shall thereupon prepare the necessary warrants of Voiture Nationale for the withdrawal of such funds. Such withdrawals of the funds of the Capital Account may be made upon the signatures of any two of the following National Officers: Chef de Chemin de Fer, Commissaire Intendant National, Correspondant National and/or Sous Commissaire Intendant National.

Section 4. BONDS. Before entering upon the duties of their respective offices, the Chef de Chemin de Fer, the Commissaire Intendant National, The Correspondant National, and the assistant to the Correspondant National shall give bond in such sum and with such surety as approved by the Cheminots Nationaux, conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of their respective offices and the delivery to their respective successors of all funds that are or should be in their hands.

ARTICLE XIII DISCIPLINE AND PUNISHMENT

Section 1. TRIAL OF NATIONAL OFFICERS.

- a. Any officer of Voiture Nationale charged with failure to faithfully perform the duties of their office, disloyalty, dishonesty, conduct unbecoming a member of La Societe, or with other conduct inimical to the best interest of La Societe shall be promptly tried by the Executive Committee of the Cheminots Nationaux. The charges must be reduced to writing in duplicate, signed by the accuser, sworn by them to be true and filed with the Correspondant National; and one of the duplicate originals shall be sent by the Correspondant National to the accused at their last known address by registered mail at least fifteen days before the date fixed for the trial. The accuser, or their representative, shall prosecute the charges before the committee, and the accused may defend in person or by representative. A record of the proceedings before the committee shall be kept. If three-fifths of the committee so vote, the charges shall be considered sustained; and the committee shall suspend or remove the officer, expel them from membership, or impose such lesser disciplinary punishment as it believes the facts warrant.
- b. APPEAL. Either the accuser or the accused or both may appeal to the Cheminots Nationaux by filing notice of appeal with the Correspondant National within ten days after the decision. The person appealing shall within twenty days after the decision, or as soon thereafter as is possible if the record cannot sooner be completed, file the record of the proceedings before the committee with the Correspondant National. The Chef de Chemin de Fer shall cause a twelve person tribunal to be formed from the Cheminots Nationaux by lot to consider the appeal. The appeal will be heard upon the record only without further evidence or hearing; and the decision of a majority of the Cheminots Nationaux in the presence of a quorum shall be final. The Cheminots Nationaux may impose the same, or greater or lesser punishment or acquit the accused.

c. COSTS ON APPEAL. The cost of the record on appeal shall be paid, before the same is filed, by the appellant. In the event the Cheminots Nationaux shall reverse the decision of the committee, the appellant, if they be the accused, shall be reimbursed for such costs by Voiture Nationale.

Section 2. TRIAL OF GRANDE VOITURE OFFICERS.

- a. Any officer, elective or appointive, of any Grande Voiture charged with failure to perform the duties of their office, disloyalty, dishonesty, conduct unbecoming a member of La Societe, or with other conduct inimical to the best interest of La Societe shall be promptly tried by the Grands Cheminots. The charges must be reduced to writing in duplicate, signed by the accuser, sworn by them to be true, and filed with the Grand Correspondant, and one of the duplicate originals shall be sent by the Grand Correspondant to the accused, at their last known address, by registered mail at least ten days before the date fixed for the trial. The accuser, or their representative, shall prosecute the charges before the Grands Cheminots, and the accused may defend in person or by representative. A record of the proceedings before the Grands Cheminots shall be kept. If a majority of the Grands Cheminots so vote the charges shall be considered as sustained; and the Grands Cheminots shall suspend or remove the officer, expel them from membership, or impose such lesser disciplinary punishment as they believe the facts warrant.
- b. APPEAL. Either the accused or the accuser or both may appeal to the Executive Committee of the Cheminots Nationaux by filing notice of appeal with the Grand Correspondant within ten days after the decision. The person appealing shall within twenty days after the decision, or as soon thereafter as is possible if the record cannot sooner be completed, file the record of the proceedings before the Grands Cheminots with the Correspondant National. The Chef de Chemin de Fer shall thereupon promptly call a meeting of the Chef de Chemin de Fer and the Sous Chefs de Chemin de Fer to consider the appeal. Said called meeting may be handled either in presence or by certified mail. The appeal will be heard upon the record only, without further evidence or hearing, and the decision of three-fifths of the committee shall be final. The Committee may impose the same, or greater or lesser punishment or acquit the accused.
- c. COSTS ON APPEAL. The costs of the record on appeal shall be paid, before the same is filed, by the appellant. In the event the Executive Committee of the Cheminots Nationaux shall reverse the decision of the Grands Cheminots, the appellant, if they be the accused, shall be reimbursed for such costs by the Grande Voiture.

Section 3. TRIAL OF VOITURE LOCALE OFFICERS.

a. Any officer of a Voiture Locale, elective or appointive, charged with failure to perform the duties of their office, disloyalty, dishonesty, conduct unbecoming a member of La Societe, or with other conduct inimical to the best interests of La Societe, shall be promptly tried by the Cheminots Locaux of their Voiture Locale. The charges must be reduced to writing in duplicate, signed by the accuser, and sworn by them to be true, and filed with the Correspondant Local; and one of the duplicate originals shall be sent by the Correspondant Local to the accused at their last known address by registered mail at least five days before the date fixed for the trial. The

accuser, or their representative, shall prosecute the charges before the Cheminots Locaux, and the accused may defend in person or by representative. A record of the proceedings before the Cheminots Locaux shall be kept. If a majority of the Cheminots Locaux so vote, the charges shall be considered as sustained, and the Cheminots Locaux shall suspend or remove the officer, expel them from membership or impose such lesser disciplinary punishment as they believe the facts warrant.

- b. APPEAL. Either the accused or the accuser or both may appeal to the Grands Cheminots by filing notice of appeal with the Correspondant Locale within ten days after the decision. The person appealing shall within twenty days after the decision, or as soon thereafter as is possible if the record cannot sooner be completed, file the record of the proceedings before the Cheminots Locaux with the Grand Correspondant. The Grand Chef de Gare shall refer the same to a regular meeting of the Grand Cheminot to consider the appeal. The appeal will be heard upon the record only without further evidence or hearing, and the decision of a majority of the Grands Cheminots, in the presence of a quorum, shall be final. The Grands Cheminots may impose the same, or greater or lesser punishment or acquit the accused.
- c. COSTS ON APPEAL. The cost of the record on appeal shall be paid, before the same is filed, by the appellant. In the event the Grands Cheminots shall reverse the decision of the Cheminots Locaux, the appellant, if they be the accused, shall be reimbursed for such costs by the Voiture Locale.

Section 4. TRIAL OF VOYAGEURS MILITAIRES.

- a. Any Voyageur Militaire charged with disloyalty, dishonesty, neglect of duty, obtaining membership under false pretences, conduct unbecoming a member of La Societe, or with other conduct inimical to the best interests of La Societe, shall be promptly tried by the Cheminots Locaux of their Voiture Locale. The charges must be reduced to writing in duplicate, signed by the accuser, sworn by them to be true, and filed with the Correspondant Local; and one of the duplicate originals shall be sent by the Correspondant Local to the accused at their last known address by registered mail at least five days before the date fixed for the trial. The accuser, or their representative, shall prosecute the charges before the Cheminots Locaux and the accused may defend in person or by representative. A record of the proceedings before the Cheminots Locaux shall be kept. If a majority of the Cheminots Locaux so vote, the charges shall be considered as sustained, and the Cheminots Locaux shall suspend or expel the accused, or impose such lesser disciplinary punishment as they believe the facts warrant.
- b. APPEAL. Either the accused or the accuser or both may appeal to the Grands Cheminots by filing notice of appeal with the Correspondant Local within ten days after the decision. The person appealing shall within twenty days after the decision, or as soon thereafter as is possible if the record cannot sooner be completed, file the record of the proceedings before the Cheminots Locaux with the Grand Correspondant. The Grand Chef de Gare shall refer the same to a regular meeting of the Grand Cheminot to consider the appeal. The appeal will be heard upon the record only without further evidence or hearing, and the decision of a majority of the Grands Cheminots, in the presence of a quorum, shall be final. The Grands Cheminots may impose the same, or greater or lesser punishment or acquit the accused.
 - c. COSTS ON APPEAL. The costs of the record on appeal shall be

paid, before the same is filed, by the appellant. In the event the Grands Cheminots shall reverse the decision of the Cheminots Locaux, the appellant, if they be the accused, shall be reimbursed for such costs by the Voiture Locale.

Section 5. NOTICE WHERE OFFICER DISQUALIFIED. Whenever, by any of the provisions of this article, notice is required to be sent or given by a named officer, and said officer is the accused, the notice shall be sent or given by a Voyageur Militaire designated by the Chef de Chemin de Fer, the Grand Chef de Gare or by the Chef de Gare, as the case may be.

Section 6. UNAUTHORIZED PURCHASE OF SUPPLIES. The safeguarding of the revenues of Voiture Nationale being of the utmost importance, it is hereby declared that the purchase other than through Voiture Nationale, without the written consent of the Correspondant National, of chapeaux, medals, paraphernalia and supplies is conduct unbecoming a member of La Societe; and offending members shall be subject to trial therefore; and offending Grandes Voitures and Voitures Locales shall be punished, in the discretion of the Chef de Chemin de Fer, and with the approval of the Executive Committee of the Cheminots Nationaux, by suspension or revocation of charter or by the imposition of a fine, all privileges to stand suspended until the fine is paid.

Section 7. REVOCATION OF CHARTERS. The charters of Grandes Voitures and of Voitures Locales may be suspended or revoked for conduct inimical to the best interest of La Societe, in the discretion of the Cheff de Chemin de Fer, with the approval of the Executive Committee of the Cheminots Nationaux. Upon the revocation or cancellation of the charter of a Voiture Locale, said Voiture Locale shall immediately cease operation, and the Grand Cheminot is authorized, empowered and directed to take possession, custody, ownership and control of the property of said Voiture Locale, including the charter, ceremonies, books of record, voiture papers, real and personal property; provided, however, that nothing herein shall be construed requiring any Grande Voiture to take over or assume any financial obligations as to such property.

Section 8. FAILURE TO PAY INDEBTEDNESS. The charter of a Grande Voiture or of a Voiture Locale may be suspended or revoked by the Chef de Chemin de Fer for failure to pay any indebtedness due Voiture Nationale; provided, such indebtedness be more than sixty days past due, and notice is present by registered mail by the Correspondant National to the Grand Chef de Gare and Grand Correspondant and, in case of a Voiture Locale, also to the Chef de Gare and the Correspondant Local, stating the amount due and demanding payment thereof within fifteen days from the date of the mailing thereof.

ARTICLE XIV MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section 1. IMPROPER CONDUCT. No improper entertainment shall be permitted at any Promenade, Nationale, Grande, or Locale; nor shall any intoxicating liquors be served or consumed during such Promenade; nor shall conduct tending to disrupt the Promenade be tolerated; nor shall any Voyageur Militaire be admitted to such Promenade or be permitted to remain therein if they persist in improper or disorderly conduct.

Section 2. DUTIES OF THE GRAND CHEF DE GARE. It shall be the duty of the Grand Chefs de Gare to recommend suspension or revocation of the Charter of any Voiture Locale in their jurisdiction which permits or tolerates drunkenness, vulgurity, obscenity, or lewdness at Promenades, and fails to adhere to the Ritual and Manual of Ceremonies during initiatory work or other functions whatsoever held or sponsored by a Voiture Locale or Grande Voiture in the name of La Societe.

Section 3. SERVICE AS OFFICER OR COMMITTEE MEMBER. No person not a member in good standing shall be elected or appointed to or hold any office in, or serve on any committee of, Voiture Nationale, a Grand Voiture or a Voiture Locale.

REGULATION OF LOCOMOTIVES, BOX CARS AND LIKE Section 4. EQUIPMENT AT PROMENADES NATIONALES AND AT GRANDES PROME-NADES. Locomotives, box cars or like equipment upon which the name or emblem of La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux, or the name of a Voiture Locale or Grande Voiture of said La Societe appears, may be driven, towed, used or occupied or be parked on the streets or in any other public place, or upon private property where they may be seen from a street or other public place, in the city or town where a Promenade Nationale or a Grande Promenade is being held for a period of three days before and three days after the commencement and adjournment thereof, only under such rules and regulations as the Executive Committee of the Cheminots Nationaux shall from time to time prescribe. Without limiting the power of said Committee to make such rules and regulations as it deems necessary or proper, they may include forbidding the presence, use or consumption of any beverage containing alcohol upon, in or near such locomotive, box car, or like equipment; forbid the use or occupancy thereof by any person or persons not members of La Societe, or both, forbid or limit the use thereon or therein of any or all firearms, cannons whether miniature or otherwise, bells, whistles, or other peace-disturbing noises or devices, except during hours or at times and places fixed by said rules and regulations, may require as a condition for permitting said locomotives, box cars or like equipment to display the emblem or name of La Societe, or the name of a Voiture Locale or Grande Voiture of said La Societe, that the sponsoring group first obtain and continuously have in effect a written permit issued by said committee; may provide for revocation or suspension of said permits; may provide for sanctions for failure to obtain and have such a permit, or to comply with such rules and regulations, by way of seizure and impounding by its agent of the offending locomotive, box car or like equipment, at the expense of the sponsoring group, until not later than the third day following the adjournment of the

Promenade Nationale or Grande Promenade. Said committee may from time to time issue, repeal and amend such rules and regulations or the enforcement of this Section as it deems necessary or proper, and they shall be published as issued, repealed or amended in the Forty and Eighter and shall be in force upon such publication; provided, nothing herein shall be construed to forbid the Committee, when circumstance in its option requiring immediate action arises, to take special action and impose a special sanction or sanctions. Sanctions may be imposed without notice or hearing, but the sponsoring group shall be entitled upon request made within twelve hours of the imposition of the sanction to an immediate hearing before the Committee in the case of a Promenade Nationale or before the Grands Cheminots in the case of a Grande Promenade, such requests to be made through the Correspondant National in the former case and through the Grand Correspondant or Grand Chef de Gare in the latter; provided, if no request is made within said twelve hours the right to question the sanction shall be deemed waived.

- Section 5. NATIONAL BOX CAR ASSOCIATION. The organization known as the National Box Car Association is recognized as an affiliate of La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux and shall be subject to the following:
- a. Membership. Only Voyageurs Militaire in good standing in the 40 et 8 may become members of the National Box Car Association.
- b. Regulations of Locomotives, Box Cars and Like Equipment. The National Box Car Association and its members shall abide by the regulations as set out in Section 4 of this Article or which may be issued by the Cheminots Nationaux.
- c. Finances. Any monies received by the National Box Car Association shall be deposited in the name of the National Box Car Association in such depository as may be designated by its Board of Officers.
- d. Inspection of Records. All books, records and accounts of the National Box Car Association shall be made available for inspection at any time upon request of the Chef de Chemin de Fer or the Commissaire Intendant National.
- e. Annual Reports. There shall be filed with the Correspondant National an annual financial report not later than July 15th of each year.
- f. Officers' Bonds. Before entering upon the duties of the office, all Officers of the National Box Car Association having custody or possession of any funds shall give bond in such sum and with such surety as the Board of Officers from time to time shall direct, conditioned for the faithful discharge of all duties of their office and the delivery to their successor of all funds that are or should be in their hands.
- g. Liability Insurance. Before any locomotive, box car or like equipment may be used or transported, the sponsoring Voiture Locale or Grande Voiture must secure a liability insurance policy in an amount not less than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) for protection of members of La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux against any claims which might be filed against the members of any Voiture Locale, Grande Voiture or Voiture Nationale.
- h. Revocation of Recognition. The Executive Committee of the Cheminots Nationaux shall be empowered with the authority to withdraw recognition of the National Box Car Association for violation of any of the above requirements set out in this Article.

ARTICLE XV AMENDMENTS

Section 1. METHOD OF AMENDMENT. This constitution may be amended at any Promenade Nationale by a two-thirds vote of the total authorized representation therent; provided, the proposed amendment shall be presented in writing at the first business session of the Promenade Nationale, but, provided further, any amendment presented by the Promenade Nationale Constitution Committee shall be considered without regard to the time of presentation thereof.

ARTICLE XVI

Section 1. REPEAL AND SAVING CLAUSE. This constitution supersedes and takes the place of all earlier constitutions and amendments thereof; and the same are hereby revoked and annulled; provided, nothing in this constitution contained shall be construed, without the taking of proceedings authorized hereunder, to deprive any Voyageur Militaire of his membership or to annul any charter hitherto granted of any Grande Voiture or Voiture Locale or retroactively to affect the provisions of any Grand Voiture or Voiture Locale constitution heretofore submitted to and approved by the Avocat National.

Signed this 13th day of September, 2013

Barry Bovee Chef'de Chemin de Fer 2013

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