

**CONSTITUTION &
RULES OF PROCEDURE**

**Grande Voiture du Missouri
La Societe des Quarante
Hommes et Huit Chevaux**

**As Approved at the
91st Grande Promenade
Festus, Missouri
July 1, 2012**

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HONORARY GRAND CHEFS de GARE PASSE

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Approved by Voiture Nationale

December 17, 2012

Grande Voiture du Missouri Constitution

Article I. ORGANIZATION

Section 1. Name. The name of this organization shall be the Grande Voiture of Missouri, La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux located at the address of the Grand Correspondant in the State of Missouri.

Section 2. Constitution. This instrument is the Constitution of this Grande Voiture, and in all respects is subject primarily to the provisions of the Constitution Nationale of the Voiture Nationale of La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chavaux, and any amendments thereof. Any provisions hereof in conflict with the aforementioned Constitution, and any and all amendments thereof are void and without effect.

Section 3. Jurisdiction. The territorial jurisdiction of this Grande Voiture shall consist of the State of Missouri.

Article II. General Provisions

Section 1. Nature and Objects. The nature and objects of Grande Voiture shall be those stated in the Constitution Nationale.

Section 2. Eligibility. The eligibility requirements of the members of this organization shall be those stated in the Constitution Nationale.

Section 3. Membership. The qualifications and conditions for membership shall be the same as those stated in the Constitution Nationale, and subject thereto the Voiture Locale shall be the judge of the qualifications of its own members and of petitioners for membership.

Section 4. Mailing Address. The Correspondant at each Voiture Locale of this Grande Voiture shall furnish the Grand Correspondant of this Grande Voiture with his/her mailing address and each and every change thereof.

Section 5. Dues. The amount of the annual dues of this Grande Voiture shall be prescribed by the Annual Grande Promenade, to which amount there shall be added the annual dues of the Voiture Nationale. The penalties for the non-payment of dues by any member of this Grande Voiture shall be those provided by the Constitution Nationale.

Section 6. Delegates. Delegates to the Promenade Nationale shall be nominated and elected at the Annual Grande Promenade of this Grande Voiture to be held not less than thirty days prior to the convening of the Promenade Nationale.

Article III. PROMENADES

Section 1. Annual Grande Promenade. The Annual Promenade of this Grande Voiture shall be at such time and place as determined by Grande Cheminot.

Section 2. Quorum. A quorum at Annual Promenades of this Grande Voiture shall consist of a qualified representative from at least 40 percent of the Voitures Locaux of this Grande Voiture of Missouri.

Article IV. OFFICERS

Section 1(a) Elective. The elective officers of this Grande Voiture shall be:

- Grand Chef de Gare
- Grand Chef de Train
- Grand Commissaire Intendant
- Grand Correspondant
- Cheminot National
- Alternate Cheminot National
- One or more Sous Grands Chefs de Train
- Grand Medicin
- Grand Garde de la Porte
- Grand Historien
- Grand Avocat
- Grand Commis Voyageur
- Grand Directeur Child Welfare
- Grand Directeur Voiture Activities
- Grand Directeur Nurses Training
- Grand Aumonier
- Grand Drapeau East
- Grand Drapeau West
- Grand Lampiste
- 5 Grands Cheminots-At-Large

and such others as the Annual Grande Promenade may determine.

Section 1(b). Appointive. The following officers of this Grande Voiture shall be appointed by the Grand Chef de Gare with the consent and approval of the Annual Grande Promenade:

- Sous Grand Correspondant
- Grand Publiciste (Grand Directeur Public Relations)
- Grand Organizer
- Grand Conducteur
- Grand Directeur Carville Star
- Grand Directeur Americanism
- Grand Directeur Box Car
- Grand Directeur POW/MIA
- Grand Directeur Ritual
- Grand Directeur Special Awards
- Sous Grand Directeur Special Awards (Law & Order)
- Sous Grand Directeur Special Awards (Hero of the Year)
- Grand VAVS Chairman
- Grand Directeur Youth Sports
- Time & Place Committee (3 members)
- Distinguished Voyageur Award Committee (2 members each year for a 3 year term)
- Executive Committee "Advisory" & Protocol
- (All Chefs de Chemin de Fer Passe and Sous Chefs de Chemin de Fer Passe)

and such others as the Annual Grande Promenade may determine.

Section 1(c). Grand Cheminot. The Grand Cheminote shall consist of Grand Chef de Gare, Grand Chef de Train, Grand Commissaire Intendant, Grand Correspondant, Cheminot National, Alternate Cheminot National, 5 Grands Cheminots-At-Large, Executive Committee "Advisory" and a Grand Cheminot from each of the Voiture Locaux of this Grande Voiture of Missouri. A quorum for transaction of business at a meeting of the Grand Cheminot shall consist of an accredited representative from 40% of the Voiture Locaux in good standing.

Section 2. Administration. The administration and management of the affairs and operations of this Grand Voiture shall be performed by the Grand Cheminot, except as otherwise may be provided in the Special Rules of Procedure.

Section 3. Nomination and Election. Nominations of all officers named in Section 1(a) of this Article shall be made immediately prior to the Annual Grande Promenade and also at the Annual Grande Promenade. The election of such officers shall be held at the Annual Grande Promenade. The nominee for each office receiving the greatest number of votes cast shall be elected.

Section 4. Terms. The terms of all officers (elective and appointive) shall be for one year and until their successors are elected and installed in office.

Section 5. Duties. The duties of the officers, except as provided by the Constitution Nationale, shall be prescribed by the Grand Cheminot or the Special Rules of Procedure.

Section 6. Vacancies. Any vacancy of an elective or an appointive office shall be filled by the Grand Cheminot for the unexpired term.

Section 7. Grand Cheminot Meetings. Meetings of the Grand Cheminot shall be determined by the Grand Cheminot or by the Special Rules of Procedure.

Article V. FINANCES

Section 1. General. The fiscal affairs of this Grande Voiture shall be handled in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution Nationale. The funds shall be deposited in the name of this Grande Voiture in a depository designated by the Grand Cheminot. Funds can be withdrawn from the depository only by a voucher or check issued by the Grand Correspondant, signed by the Grand Commissaire Intendant and countersigned by the Grand Chef de Gare. All current bills and operating expenses of a normal nature shall be paid by the authority of the Grand Cheminot. Accounts shall be kept in accordance with the Uniform Accounting System promulgated by Voiture Nationale.

Section 2. Revenue. All revenue from any source whatsoever shall be delivered to the Grand Correspondant who shall record and deposit same in the designated depository. The Grand Correspondant shall advise the Grand Commissaire Intendant of each deposit.

Section 3. Bonds. The Grand Correspondant and the Grand Commissaire Intendant shall give bonds, each in the amount and with surety required by the Grand Cheminot conditioned as provided by the Constitution Nationale. The premium of the surety thereon shall be paid out of the funds of this Grande Voiture.

Section 4. Sources of Revenue. The revenues of this Grande Voiture shall be derived from (1) membership dues, the amount of which shall be determined annually on or before September first by

the Annual Grande Promenade, payable yearly in advance, (2) activities approved by the Grand Cheminot, and/or (3) reinstatement fees, the amount of which shall be determined by the Grand Cheminot.

Section 5. Incurrence of Debt. In all cases other than normal operating charges and expense under the supervision and management of the Grand Cheminot, no obligation or indebtedness shall be incurred or contracted except by the actions of the Grande Voiture at an Annual Grande Promenade.

Article VI. PROCEDUAL MATTERS

Section 1. Special Rules of Procedure. Special Rules of Procedure not in conflict with the provisions of the Constitution Nationale and with the constitution of this Grande Voiture may be adopted by this Grande Voiture at an Annual Grande Promenade. Such rules, in addition to other matters, may provide for the times and place of holding all Promenades, the times and places of holding meetings of the Grand Cheminot, the duties of the officers and committees, the methods of the administration and management of this Grande Voiture by the Grand Cheminot and for such other matters of procedure as may be deemed appropriate and proper.

Section 2. Robert's Revised Rules of Order. Except as provide by the Constitution Nationale, the Constitution of this Grande Voiture, and the Special Rules of Procedure of this Grande Voiture, Robert's Revised Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of this Grande Voiture.

Section 3. Suspension of Rules and Amendment. Except as provided by this Constitution, the Special Rules of Procedure of this Grande Voiture may be suspended under the terms and conditions therein, provided by not less than two-thirds vote of all accredited representatives in attendance at an Annual Grande Promenade, such suspension to be effective for that Annual Grande Promenade only and for the designated purpose only. The Special Rules of Procedure may be amended at a Promenade only after notice of the proposed amendment has been mailed to all current Voitures Locaux by the Grand Correspondant at their last known mailing address before the Annual Grande Promenade at which the proposed amendment is to be submitted.

Article VII. DISCIPLINE AND PUNISHMENT

Section 1. Officers. All officers, elective and appointive, of this Grande Voiture are subject to trial, disciplinary action and punishment for the causes prescribed and in the manner and form provided by the Constitution Nationale.

Section 2. Voyageurs Militaire. All Voyageurs Militaire of this Grande Voiture are subject to trial, disciplinary action and punishment for the causes prescribed and in the manner and form provided by the Constitution Nationale.

Article VIII. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Amendments. This Constitution may be amended at any Annual Grande Promenade by a two-thirds vote of the accredited representatives in attendance: provided, that such amendment shall be presented in writing to the Grand Cheminot and thereupon the Grand Correspondant shall immediately notify all current Voitures Locaux by mailing to them at their last known mailing address a notice containing the purport of substance of the proposed amendment and the date and place of the next succeeding Annual Grande Promenade at which the proposed amendment will be considered for

action; and provided, further, that upon the adoption of any amendment it shall not become effective until it has been approved by the Avocat National as provide by the Constitution Nationale.

Article IX. REPEAL

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 this constitution contains shall be construed, without the taking of proceedings authorized hereunder, to deprive any Voyageur Militaire of his membership or retroactively to affect the provisions of any Voiture Locale constitution heretofore submitted to and approved by the Avocat National.

Adopted at the 91st Annual Grande Promenade of the Grande Voiture of Missouri this 26th day of June 2011.

Larry R. Ebersold, Grand Chef de Gare

Certified as adopted this 26th day of June 2011.
Terry L. Lanning, Grand Correspondant

RULES OF PROCEDURE

1. **Administration** – Actions of the Grand Cheminot between sessions of Annual Grande Promenades are subject to ratification at the next Annual Grande Promenade by submission of the minutes of such Grand Cheminot meetings for approval.
2. **Grand Cheminot Meetings** – The Grand Cheminot shall meet immediately prior to each Annual Grande Promenade at the place of the holding thereof and as often and at such other places as may be designated by the Grand Chef de Gare. The Grand Chef de Gare shall call a meeting of the Grand Cheminot upon written request of a majority of the members of the Grand Cheminot.
3. **Executive Committee** – There shall be an Executive Committee of the Grand Cheminot consisting of the Grand Chef de Gare, Grand Chef de Train, Grand Commissaire Intendant, Grand Correspondant, the 5 Grands Cheminots-At-Large and the Executive Committee “Advisory” members. The Executive Committee shall meet at such times as necessity may give rise to and when it is not practical or feasible to call a meeting of the Grand Cheminot to consider matters of interest and submit its conclusions to the Grand Cheminot for approval or rejection at its next meeting.
4. **Budget** – A Finance Committee consisting of the Grand Chef de Gare, Grand Chef de Train, Grand Commissaire Intendant and Grand Correspondant shall prepare a budget showing estimated revenue and expenditure of the Grande Voiture for the ensuing year. The budget shall be submitted to the Grand Cheminot for approval but nothing herein shall be construed as prohibiting the payment of current bills necessarily incurred prior to submission of budget to Grand Cheminot for approval.
5. **Annual Grande Promenade**
 - A. **Delegate Strength** – Each Voiture Locale in good standing shall be entitled to one delegate and one alternate, plus one delegate and one alternate for each twenty-five (25) members or major fraction thereof. Such membership shall be calculated as of the date which is fifteen (15) days prior to the convening of the Annual Grande Promenade and shall be based on reports from Voiture Nationale on this date. The vote of every Voiture Locale, represented by at least one delegate or alternate, shall be equal to the number of delegates to which the Voiture Locale is entitled.
 - B. **Committees** – The Grand Chef de Gare shall appoint the chairmen and members of the following Annual Grande Promenade committees at the Grand Cheminot meeting immediately prior to the Annual Grande Promenade – Credentials, Resolutions, Constitution and Nominating and such others as deemed necessary or desirable. Such appointments may be made from suggestions presented on lists of delegates and alternates and committee appointment suggestions submitted to Grand Correspondant by the Correspondant of each Voiture Locale at least ten (10) days prior to convening of Annual Grande Promenade on forms provided by Grand Correspondant.
 1. **Credentials Committee** - The Credentials Committee shall ascertain the number of delegates and alternates present and entitled to vote and the same shall be reported to the Annual Grande Promenade. Such delegate strength will include any Grand Chef de Gare Passe present and in good standing.
 2. **Resolutions Committee** – The Resolutions Committee will consider all resolutions forwarded in duplicate to the Grand Correspondant from a Voiture Locale at least ten (10) days prior to the convening of the Annual Grande Promenade. All resolutions must show date and place of origin and must carry signed certification of Chef de Gare and Correspondant. Recommendations concerning such resolutions and others originating within committee shall be presented for action by the Annual Grande Promenade.

3. Constitution Committee – The Constitution Committee shall consider such resolutions pertaining to changes in the Constitution of the Grande Voiture du Missouri as may be presented in accordance with Article VIII of the Constitution. Recommendations concerning such resolutions shall be presented for action by the Annual Grande Promenade.

4. Nominating Committee – The Nominating Committee shall meet immediately prior to the Annual Grande Promenade and nominate persons for all officers listed in Section 1. (a), Article IV of the Constitution. Due consideration will be given to all resolutions presented in proper form from Voitures Locaux. The Nominating Committee Chairman will present the Nominating Committee recommendations to the Annual Grande Promenade. Any accredited delegate or alternate including a Grand Chef de Gare Passe may make additional nominations from the floor.

C. Election of Officers – If there are further nominations for any office, individual balloting for that office will continue until one candidate has received a majority of the votes cast. If there are no further nominations, a motion to close nominations or to declare a candidate the unanimous choice of the Annual Grande Promenade will be in order.

D. Order of Business –

- Call to Order
- Opening Ceremony
- Reports of Grand Officers
- Reports of Committees
- Election of Officers
- Appointment of Officers
- Any other business
- Installation of Officers
- Closing Ceremony
- Adjournment

E. Roberts Revised Rules of Order with the following modifications will be the Rules of Order for an Annual Grande Promenade or Grand Cheminot meeting.

1. Notion and Voting – Motion shall be described as “notion” and viva voce voting hereon shall be “oui” and “non”.

2. Obtaining floor – An accredited delegate desiring to propose a notion or to address the Promenade shall arise, give the French military salute and address the chair as “Monsieur le Grand Chef de Gare “ and upon recognition by chair, shall state his/her name and Voiture Locale No. and then proceed with the matter to be presented.

3. Appeals from ruling of the Chair – An appeal from the ruling of the chair on any matter before the Promenade may be taken upon request of any three (3) or more Voitures Locaux and such appeal shall take precedence over any pending matter or question. The question to be put to the Grand Promenade on such appeal shall be “Shall the ruling of the chair be sustained?” A majority vote shall decide the question.

6. Duties of Officers –

A. GRAND CHEF DE GARE – The Grand Chef de Gare shall be the chief executive officer of the Grande Voiture. He/she shall preside at all Annual Grandes Promenades and Grand Cheminot meetings. He/she shall appoint such committees as may be necessary to conduct the business of the Grande Voiture and shall perform such other duties as may properly come within his/her province. He/she shall be an ex-officio member of all Grande Voiture Committees.

B. GRAND CHEF DE TRAIN – The Grand Chef de Train shall be charged with the responsibility of membership. He/she shall assist the Grand Chef de Gare in such matters as the latter may request and shall act as representative of the Grand Chef de Gare in all matters referred to him by the Grand Chef de Gare. He/she shall perform the duties of the Grand Chef de Gare in

the latter's absence or in the event of his/her inability to perform such duties.

C. SOUS GRANDS CHEFS de TRAIN – The Sous Grands Chefs de Train shall assist and cooperate with the Grand Chef de Train and the Grand Organizer in the discharge of their duties and shall visit and coordinate the activities of the Voitures Locaux within the territory assigned to them by the Grand Chef de Train.

D. GRAND COMMISSAIRE INTENDANT – The Grand Commissaire Intendant is the chief financial officer of the Grande Voiture and shall report thereon at each Grand Cheminot meeting and Annual Grande Promenade complying with all provisions of Article V of the Grand Constitution.

E. GRAND CORRESPONDANT – The Grand Correspondant is the secretary of the Grande Voiture, the Annual Grande Promenade and the Grand Cheminots. He/she shall keep a list of all Voitures Locaux and their officers, as well as all officers of Voiture Nationale and Grande Voiture. He/she shall comply with provisions of Article V of the constitution as apply his/her office. He/she shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Grand Chef de Gare. The Sous Grand Correspondant shall assist the Grand Correspondant in the performance of his/her duties.

F. GRAND CONDUCTEUR - The Grand Conducteur is the chief ritualistic and initiatory officer and shall have charge of the initiatory work of the Grande Voiture. It shall be his/her function to arrange such an initiation as well provide instruction and inspiration to all visiting voyagers. The Sous Grands Conducteurs shall assist the Grand Conducteur in the performance of his/her duties.

G. GRAND HISTORIEN – The Grand Historien shall collect for permanent preservation all matters of interest to the Grande Voiture and submit to the Annual Grande Promenade a history of the Grande Voiture during his/her term.

H. GRAND AVOCAT – The Grand Avocat is the chief legal officer of the Grande Voiture. He/she shall advise the Grand Chef de Gare, Grand Chef de Trains, Grand Commissaire Intendant and Grand Correspondant upon all legal matters affecting the Grande Voiture and their duties as officers of the Grande Voiture. He/she shall be the parliamentarian of the Annual Grande Promenade and Grand Cheminot meetings. It shall be the duty of the Grand Avocat between Annual Grande Promenades to interpret the Constitution of the Grande Voiture and to determine the constitutionality of all Voiture Locale constitutions, copies of which shall be furnished him for forwarding to Voiture Nationale for approval. Upon approval Voitures Locaux will be notified and copy of approved Voiture Locale constitutions will be forwarded to Grand Correspondant for permanent filing. Appeal from any decision of the Grand Avocat may be made to the Avocat National. The Sous Grand Avocat will assist the Grand Avocat in the performance of his/her duties at his/her direction.

I. GRAND AUMONIER – The Grand Aumonier is the Chaplain of the Grande Voiture and shall act as such at all Annual Grandes Promenades. Grand Cheminot meetings and upon such other occasions as the Grand Chef de Gare may request. The Sous Grand Aumonier will assist the Grand Aumonier in the performance of his/her duties at his/her direction.

J. GRAND ORGANIZER – The Grand Organizer shall supervise the organization of new Voiture Locaux or the reinstatement of suspended Voitures Locaux within jurisdiction of the Grand Voiture. All requests for information and chartering of Voitures Locaux and matters pertaining to same shall be referred to this officer for investigation. The Sous Grands Organizers shall assist the Grand Organizer in the performance of such duties.

K. CHEMINOT NATIONAL – The Cheminot National shall serve as representative of the Grande Voiture on the Cheminot National and shall take office immediately upon the adjournment of the Promenade Nationale following his/her election to such office. It shall be his/her duty to attend to such other matters or meetings as the Grand Chef de Gare may specify as a

representative of the Grande Voiture. The Alternate Cheminot National shall act in the absence of the Cheminot National or in the event of his/her inability to perform his/her duties.

L. GRAND DIRECTEUR VOITURE ACTIVITIES – The Grand Directeur of Voiture Activities shall keep informed regarding all activities of Voitures Locaux and shall formulate a program to stimulate and encourage activities to be engaged in by the Grande Voiture and Voitures Locaux. He/she shall cooperate with the National Directeur Voiture Activities in promotion of such programs as may be promulgated by Voiture Nationale. The Sous Grands Directeurs Voiture Activities shall assist the Grand Directeur Voiture Activities in the performance of his/her duties at his/her direction.

M. GRAND DIRECTEUR CHILD WELFARE – The Grand Directeur Child Welfare is charged with the responsibility of child welfare activities in the Grande Voiture and shall formulate a program to stimulate and promote child welfare activity in the Grand Voiture and Voitures Locaux. He/she shall cooperate with the Grand Correspondant in administering applications for reimbursement from the Charles W. Ardery memorial Child Welfare Trust Fund. He/she shall cooperate with the National Directeur Child Welfare in promotion of such child welfare programs as may be promulgated by Voiture Nationale. The Sous Grands Directeurs Child Welfare shall assist the Grand Directeur Child Welfare in the performance of his/her duties at his/her direction.

N. GRAND DIRECTEUR NURSES TRAINING – The Grand Directeur Nurses Training is charged with the responsibility of nurses training activities in the Grande Voiture and shall formulate a program to stimulate and promote nurses training activity by the Grand Voiture and the Voitures Locaux. He/she shall cooperate with the National Directeur Nurses Training in promotion of such nurse training programs as may be promulgated by Voiture Nationale. The Sous Grands Directeurs Nurses Training shall assist the Grand Directeur Nurses Training in the performance of his/her duties at his/her direction.

O. GRAND DIRECTEUR CARVILLE STAR – The Grand Directeur Carville Star is charged with the responsibility of obtaining subscriptions for the Star Magazine and shall formulate a program to stimulate and promote this program in the Grande Voiture and the Voitures Locaux. He/she shall cooperate with the National Directeur Carville Star in promoting such Star Magazine programs as may be promulgated by Voiture Nationale.

P. GRAND DIRECTEUR AMERICANISM – The Grand Directeur Americanism is charged with the responsibility of promoting Americanism activities and shall formulate a program to stimulate and promote Americanism activities in the Grand Voiture and Voitures Locaux. He/she shall cooperate with the National Directeur Americanism in promoting of such Americanism programs as may be promulgated by Voiture Nationale. The Sous Grand Directeur will assist the Grand Directeur Americanism in the performance of his/her duties at his/her direction.

Q. GRAND DIRECTEUR PUBLIC RELATIONS – The Grand Directeur Public Relations shall cooperate with the Grand Publiciste in furthering efforts to obtain favorable coverage of the activities of La Societe in the Grand Voiture.

R. GRAND PUBLICISTE – The Grand Publiciste is the chief public relations officer of the Grand Voiture and is charged with the responsibility of promoting through press, radio, television and other media favorable public reception of the activities of La Societe and its members in the Grand Voiture.

S. GRAND MEDICIN – The Grand Medicin is the chief medical officer of the Grand Voiture and shall advise the Grand Chef de Gare and other officers upon all medical matters affecting La Societe in the Grande Voiture. The Sous Grand Medicin shall assist the Grand Medicin in the performance of his/her duties at his/her direction.

T. GRAND COMMIS VOYAGEUR – The Grand Commis Voyageur shall have the care, control and custody of all property of the Grand Voiture.

U. GRAND GUARE de la PORTE – The Grand Garde de la Porte shall perform the duties of sergeant-at-arms at all Annual Grande Promenades and, if so directed by the Grand Chef de Gare, at Grand Cheminot meetings.

V. GRAND LAMPISTE – The Grand Lampiste shall be outer guard of the door and shall assist the Grand Garde de la Porte in the performance of his/her duties at his/her direction.

W. GRAND DRAPEAU – The Grand Drapeau shall be the color bearers at all parades and functions participated in by the Grand Voiture.

X. GRAND DIRECTEUR POW/MIA – The Grand Directeur POW/MIA is charged with the responsibility of formulating a program to stimulate and promote activities in the POW/MIA program. He/she shall cooperate with the National Directeur POW/MIA in promoting POW/MIA programs as may be promulgated by Voiture Nationale.

Y. GRAND DIRECTEUR RITUAL – The Grand Directeur Ritual is charged with the responsibility of formulating a program to stimulate and promote activities in ritual activities. He/she shall cooperate with the National Directeur Ritual in promoting ritual programs as may be promulgated by Voiture Nationale.

Z. GRAND DIRECTEUR BOX CAR – The Grand Directeur Box Car is charged with the responsibility of formulating a program to stimulate and promote activities in Box Car activities. He/she shall cooperate with the National Directeur Box Car in promoting Box Car programs as may be promulgated by Voiture Nationale. The Sous Grand Directeur Box Car shall assist the Grand Directeur Box Car in the performance of his/her duties at his/her direction.

AA. GRAND DIRECTEUR SPECIAL AWARDS – The Grand Directeur Special Awards is charged with the responsibility of formulating a program to stimulate and promote activities in Special Awards programs. He/she shall cooperate with the National Directeur Special Awards in promoting programs in special awards – Hero of the Year and Law Officer. The Sous Grand Directeur Special Awards shall assist the Grand Directeur Special Awards in the performance of his/her duties at his/her direction.

BB. GRAND DIRECTEUR VAVS CHAIRMAN – The Grand VAVS Chairman is charged with supervising and coordinating activities of VAVS Representatives at Veterans Affairs Medical centers and state nursing homes. The Sous Grand VAVS Chairman shall assist the Grand Directeur VAVS Chairman in the performance of his/her duties at his/her direction.

CC. GRAND DIRECTEUR YOUTH SPORTS – The Grand Directeur Youth Sports is charged with the responsibility of formulating a program to stimulate and promote activities in Youth Sports programs. He/she shall cooperate with the National Directeur Youth Sports in promoting Youth Sports programs as may be promulgated by Voiture Nationale. The Sous Grand Directeur Youth Sports shall assist the Grand Directeur Youth Sports in the performance of his/her duties at his/her direction.

EARLY GRANDE VOITURE HISTORY

The Grande Voiture du Missouri was formed from a gathering of Voyageurs Militaire at Robideux Hotel in St. Joseph, Missouri on Monday, September 22, 1921. Voitures represented were 3, 38, and 130. Following a banquet, business meeting was held and Grand Officers elected - Col. John H. Parker, V38, Grand Chef de Gare, Clay C. McDonald, V130, Grand Chef de Train, John D. McNeely, V130, Grand Commissaire Intendant, Ruluf M. Martin, V3, Grand Correspondant, J.E. Murphey, Jr., V38, Grand Conducteur, Roy D. North, V3, Grand Garde de la Porte, Wm. N. Phillips, V38, Grand Garde aux Chevaux and John S. Cannon, V3, Cheminot National. Grand Correspondant was instructed to draft a Grand Constitution in conformity with Nationale Constitution for presentation at next Grande Promenade. There being no further business to transact and after much discussion on the Good of the Order, the meeting adjourned, subject to call.

During this first year many things happened which gave the officers plenty of work to do. Before the organization work was cold, an unfortunate remark was made which resulted in considerable strife and was responsible for many an argument during the year and carried through to the following Grande Promenade.

During early 1922, Grand Correspondant Martin disappeared and after a futile search, during which all agencies at command of La Societe were used, Grand Chef de Gare Parker appointed a temporary Grand Correspondant – Robert D. Turner, V38. There being very little activity, he spent most of his time in organization work and during the year 5 more Voitures were chartered – 156, 292, 293, 301, and 333.

In April 1922 Grand Chef de Gare Parker removed from the state. At a meeting of the Grand Cheminots in May at the Blue Hills Country Club in Kansas City, resignation of Col. Parker was presented and accepted with regrets. The Grand Cheminot elected Harry D. McBride to fill unexpired term of Grand Chef de Gare Parker. It also ratified appointment of Robert D. Turner as Grand Correspondant. A copy of proposed Grand Constitution was read, corrected and passed to next Grande Promenade for action.

In July, the Official Call for the Grande Promenade was issued and it convened in Hannibal on Monday, August 22, 1922. As heretofore mentioned, feeling against La Societe in Missouri had been aroused during the year and several Legionnaires came into the Legion Convention determined to put the organization out of existence. Resolutions were presented calling for expulsion from the American Legion of all members belonging to La Societe in Missouri and also repudiation of La Societe as the playground of the American Legion in Missouri. Resolution was killed in Resolutions Committee; however a motion was presented on floor of Convention to investigate La Societe in Missouri. Resolution passed and committee appointed.

There being no Voiture in Hannibal, no arrangements had been made and no wreck was held. Although it was midnight before Grande Promenade was called to order, usual routine business was transacted and Grand Officers, elected – Paul V. Wooley, V3, Grand Chef de Gare, Clay C. McDonald, V130, Grand Chef de Train, Abe Pilkicer, V301, Grand Commissaire Intendant, John F. Williams, V292, Grand Conducteur, Ross F. Collins, V293, Grand Garde de la Porte, Harry H. Landreth, V333, Garde aux Chevaux and Harry D. McBride, V3, Cheminot National. Grand Constitution as adopted was changed to provide for appointment of Grand Correspondant to assist Grand Chef de Gare and expedite work of Grand Voiture. Office of Grand Organizer was also added to list of Grand Officers. Retiring Grand Correspondant Robert D. Turner, V38, was elected as Organizer. Grand Chef de Gare Wooley announced appointment of Robert T. Swofford, V3, as Grand Correspondant.

The Grande Voiture was honored at this Grande Promenade with presence of Chef de Chemin de Fer Edward J. Eivers of Seattle, whose presence aided materially in suppression of misunderstanding between the American Legion and La Societe.

Nationale Promenade held in New Orleans in fall of 1922 ordered a National Child Welfare Program. Chef de Chemin de Fer Edward J. Eivers called a Cheminot National meeting at Kansas City on April 21, 1923 for purpose of drafting a program. Voiture 3 did the honors for the Grande Voiture du Missouri in entertaining the Chef de Chemin de Fer, all Sous Chefs de Chemin de Fer, Commissaire Intendant National and Grands Cheminots National from all Grands Voitures.

During 1922-23, only four new Voitures were chartered – 447, 448, 460, and 520. V156 surrendered its charter after a valiant effort to revive interest in American Legion and La Societe. Since there were no grounds for investigation, nothing came of the American Legion Investigation Committee and activities at Grande Promenade held in Excelsior Springs, on Tuesday, September 11, 1923, were not molested. Grande Promenade was held in the auditorium following banquet at Royal Hotel. Usual routine business was transacted and Grand Officers elected – Francis M. Curlee, V38, Grand Chef de Gare, Clark R. Mandigo, V3, Grand Chef de Train, Abe Pilkicer, V301, Grand Commissaire Intendant, Nathan Young, V3, Grand Conducteur, Frank D. Kent, V333, Grand Garde de la Porte, Dr. J.C. Henning, V447, Garde aux Chevaux, Robert D. Turner, V38, Grand Organizer, Dr. L. Masson Lyons, V3, Cheminot National and Albert E. Hutchins, V3, Alternate Cheminot National. Following Grande Promenade, Voiture 3 staged the Grand Wreck at which several candidates were initiated.

During 1923-24 only one Voiture was chartered – V637. This was due to American Legion membership throughout the state had fallen so low that possibilities for new Voitures were practically nil. It was deemed advisable by Grand Organizer to wait until Legion membership should be increased before attempting any further organization and this policy was carried out. In an attempt to increase Legion membership and provide some incentive for action by offering memberships in three divisions for posts securing largest percentage of increase over previous year. Plan was adopted and cups were presented at Legion Convention in Joplin on August 24, 1924.

Grande Promenade was held in Joplin High School auditorium immediately following Legion Convention. The usual routine business was transacted and Grand Officers were elected - Clark R. Mandigo, V3, Grand Chef de Gare, Dr. W.W. English, V293, Grand Chef de Train, Charles F. Strickel, V301, Grand Commissaire Intendant, Roy Creasy, V520, Grand Conducteur, Joseph Healey, V130, Grand Garde de la Porte, Robert D. Turner, V38, Grand Organizer, Dr. L. Mason Lyons, V3, Cheminot National and George C. Foster, V38, Alternate Cheminot National. Grand Chef de Gare appointed Dick Richardson, V3 as Grand Correspondant.

Following Grande Promenade a banquet was held at a Joplin café and a wreck staged by Voiture 293 resulted in the addition of several new Voyageurs Militaire. Some clever entertainment enlivened the banquet.

At 1924 Promenade Nationale Ralph Page, V38 was appointed Garde de la Porte National. Grand Chef de Gare Mandigo was appointed to membership on the Billet Board which controlled Kansas Billet for Child Welfare Movement at Independence, Kansas. Robert D. Turner, V38, was elected a Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer.

During 1924-25, one new Voiture was chartered – V760. As in two previous years, organization work was necessarily slow owing to small Legion membership in the state. In order to stimulate membership, Voiture 38 entertained the Grand Cheminot meeting in May 1925 where several candidates from counties where no Voiture existed were initiated. Wreck was held at National Guard Armory and was followed by a banquet and cabaret at the Melbourne Hotel.

Voiture 760 hosted Grande Promenade at Hickory Hills Golf Club. Usual routing business was transacted and Grand Officers elected - Robert D. Turner, V38, Grand Chef de Gare, Hugh D. Mason, V130, Grand Chef de Train, Charles F. Strickel, V301, Grand Commissaire Intendant, William E. Kemp, V3, Grand Garde de la Porte, Jack Cloud, V293, Grand Organizer, Ora E. Stark, V3, Cheminot National and Frank E. Kirtley, V130, Alternate Cheminot National. (The office of Grand Garde aux Chevaux apparently was abolished this year. There is still no record as to duties of this office.) Appointment of Grand Conducteur was held pending information as to location of 1926 Grande Promenade. There followed a barbecue dinner which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. Following dinner, Grand Wreck was staged by Voitures 3, 38 and 293. Voiture 293 carried off the honors for performing best their section of the Ritual and was awarded a silver loving cup for their efforts. Five PG's were wrecked, four for Voiture 760 and one for Voiture 3. At this Grande Promenade, title of Past Grand Chef de Gare was conferred upon Clark R. Mandigo and Harry McBride. At a Grand Cheminot meeting later, this same title was conferred upon Francis M. Curlee and Dr. Paul V. Wooley. Suitable badges of office (We might wonder what these were.) were purchased and presented to these men.

At Grande Promenade, 4 delinquent Voitures were discovered. Voiture 292 surrendered its charter. Of the other three, Voiture 520 did not revive.

The Grande Voiture sent a mechanical mule to the Promenade Nationale in Omaha. This was known as the Missouri Mule and attracted more attention than anything else shown at the Promenade Nationale.

During 1925-26 two Grand Cheminot meetings were held, one in Kansas City in September 1925 and one in St. Louis in March 1926. At latter, visiting Voyageurs Militaire were entertained by Voiture 38 with a promenade and wreck followed by a dinner and Cabaret at American Annex Hotel. Visitors included Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer William Maloney of Gary, Indiana and Charles W. Ardery, Correspondant National and several from Illinois.

Also, during year, two Grande Voiture Bulletins (which were very creditable and a start in the right direct, in the words of the author of records from which these extracts are made) were published by the Grande Voiture. Membership in the Legion being small and business conditions being bad, only one Voiture – 848 was added. However many new Voyageurs Militaire were added and prospects for 1926-27 were good. Silver Loving Cups were again presented to Legion Posts with largest percentage of increase in membership over previous year.

We come to an abrupt close in these words from the past from an unknown author. It would be great if these remarks could be supplemented from other records that might be on hand in other Voitures.

Missouri Grande Promenades					
Year	#	Place	Year	#	Place
1921	1	St. Joseph	1966	46	Jefferson City
1922	2	Hannibal	1967	47	Kansas City
1923	3	Excelsior Springs	1968	48	St. Louis
1924	4	Joplin	1969	49	Kansas City
1925	5	Springfield	1970	50	Springfield
1926	6	Moberly	1971	51	St. Louis
1927	7	Cape Girardeau	1972	52	Kansas City
1928	8	Cape Girardeau	1973	53	Jefferson City
1929	9	Sedalia	1974	54	Columbia
1930	10	Chillicothe	1975	55	St. Louis County
1931	11	Joplin	1976	56	Kansas City
1932	12	Hannibal	1977	57	Jefferson City
1933	13	Jefferson City	1978	58	St. Louis
1934	14	Cape Girardeau	1979	59	Springfield
1935	15	Columbia	1980	60	Cape Girardeau
1936	16	Hannibal	1981	61	Kansas City
1937	17	St. Joseph	1982	62	Moberly
1938	18	Cape Girardeau	1983	63	Columbia
1939	19	Joplin	1984	64	St. Charles
1940	20	Sedalia	1985	65	Columbia
1941	21	Columbia	1986	66	Springfield
1942	22	St. Louis	1987	67	St. Louis
1943	23	Jefferson City	1988	68	Kansas City
1944	24	Jefferson City	1989	69	St. Louis
1945	25	St. Louis	1990	70	St. Louis County
1946	26	Kansas City	1991	71	St. Joseph
1947	27	St. Louis	1992	72	Jefferson City
1948	28	Kansas City	1993	73	Kansas City
1949	29	St. Louis	1994	74	St. Louis
1950	30	Kansas City	1995	75	St. Robert
1951	31	St. Louis	1996	76	Festus
1952	32	Kansas City	1997	77	Bridgeton
1953	33	Joplin	1998	78	Maryland Heights
1954	34	Kansas City	1999	79	Maryland Heights
1955	35	St. Louis	2000	80	Festus
1956	36	St. Joseph	2001	81	Wentzville
1957	37	Kansas City	2002	82	Osage Beach
1958	38	St. Louis	2003	83	St. Louis County
1959	39	Kansas City	2004	84	St. Robert
1960	40	Joplin	2005	85	Springfield
1961	41	Kansas City	2006	86	Independence
1962	42	Kansas City	2007	87	St. Louis County
1963	43	St. Louis	2008	88	Wentzville
1964	44	Kansas City	2009	89	Kansas City
1965	45	St. Louis	2010	90	Jefferson City
			2011	91	Festus

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