





August 2016 - Grand Chef de Gare Chip Berkley - L'Editeur Grant Willis

## The Grand Chef Sez

#### Fellow Voyageurs,

By the time this hits the printing press I will have had the opportunity to attend the American Legion Convention on behalf of the Grande and to conduct the "Installation of Officers" ceremony at, at least, two of our locales.

The year has kicked off with a bang and doesn't look like it will slow down any time soon. I look forward to visiting as many locales as I possibly can during the next 11 months. We have three more locales scheduled to visit and install their officers before we head to the Promenade Nationale Convention in Perrysburg, Ohio. If you have not contacted me yet about visiting your Locale please feel free to do so. When using email please use 40/8 or Grand du Missouri in the subject line. If I haven't responded to you within 24 hours, I didn't get the message. However, I must warn you about leaving messages to be contacted when I get in. I keep odd hours and have been known to return requested calls at 0200 or 0300. If you don't want calls at that time let me know. I'd be glad to wait until later in the morning if that would be better. I look forward to working for you this year. As we start the 2016-17 year off our thoughts and efforts should be in getting all of the membership renewals in. We can then turn our efforts to recruiting qualified

veterans into the 40/8.

My traveling companions through the year will be my wife, Lora whom some of you have already met or my Aide de Camp, Terry McDonald(V-292) who has served the Grande this past year as our Conducteur. Hallie Willams(V-448) will be performing the duties of Historien and will also appear at some functions with us, mainly on the eastern half of the state.

I look forward to meeting some old friends and to making many new ones.

## Yours in Service,



Articles for the next Newsletter are due at the end of each month.

If you have anyone that would like to receive

this communique electronically please provide their email address to: <u>willis.grant@sbcglobal.net</u>.

August 20<sup>th</sup> will be the Auto Show sponsored by Voiture 1541 to be held out at Purina Farms.

August 20 will be Voiture Locale 1379 ChickNic

August 27<sup>th</sup> will be a trivia night sponsored by Voiture 38. It will be held at the Genesis Banquet Center located at 2651 Telegraph Road. Doors will open at 6:30 with Trivia starting at 7:00PM. The cost will be \$200.00 a table or \$25.00 a person and does include an open bar all evening.

For those that did not know we lost Past Grand Chef de Gare Gary Reno this past summer.

Past Grand Chef de Gare David Christian is at home recuperating from his fall earlier this year.



Grand Directeur of Nurses Training Jim Hartley presenting a check to Trish Tran. The Grand Sponsored Trish Tran with the

money that the PG's collected when they were wrecked and wanted it to go to nurses training. Trish Tran will be graduating next March. The amount of the check was \$281.91 Presented 7/29/16 and she really appreciated it.



It looks like some has put our Grand Correspondant in the corner again.

## MEMBERSHIP

We are now starting our new year as each Voiture Locale installs their new Chef de Gare and officers. It is time to start sending out renewal notices to our members so that we can get a head start on membership and get all Locales at 100% by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

#### GRAND PROMENADE, July 3, 2016 RAMADA INN, SPRINGFIELD, Missouri

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

Roll call of officers showed more absent than excused and the rest may have been sleeping. Roll call of Grand Chefs de Gare Passe showed 8 answering. Roll call of Grand Cheminots showed there was a quorum. Absent were Voitures 3, 447, 520, 760, 966, 1395, 1402, and 1403.

Grand Avocat Richard Heigert offered a notion to have the same rules as yesterday. Seconded by Kevin Johnson and passed.

Notion offered by Kevin Johnson, seconded by Jack Spitler, that the minutes of the June 28, 2015 Grande Promenade be accepted as printed and sent out...passed.

Grand Chef David Bexten called on the Grande Promenade Committees starting with the Audit Committee chaired by Rich Heigert with the help of Terry McDonald and Calvin Bumgarner. Also present were Grand Commissaire Intendant David Voyles, Grand Chef David Bexten, Grand Chef de Gare Passe Ed Jones, and Grand Correspondant Terry Lanning. Rich stated the Audit took place on July 2, 2016 at the Ramada Inn at 10:00 AM. The Committee reconciled the financial ledger with the bank statements and all outstanding checks and deposits. The Grande began the year with \$4,397.45 and had deposits totaling \$5,800.78. Expenses totaled \$5,920.62 leaving a final balance of \$4,277.61. The Grande Voiture has two CD's, #721 for \$5,000 and #722 for \$4,000. The Stifel-Nicolaus investment portfolio's value is \$8,448,18. Dividends are being paid at an average of 3.6% as of 5/31/2016. The committee recommends that the 2 CD's be renewed for 1 year in September. The audit committee recommends that the Grande keep the above investments as is for another year. The Audit Committee wishes to congratulate the Grand Correspondant Terry Lanning and Grand Commissaire Intendant David Voyles for the excellent condition of the financial records. Notion offered by Rich, seconded by Ralph Turner, to approve the Audit Committee Report and the finance report as presented...passed.

Grand Chef David Bexten called on the Resolutions Committee chaired by Ralph Turner. Ralph reported that he opened the committee at 9:30 AM. In attendance were 7 voyageurs representing 6 Voitures. Ralph stated he had resolutions for Thomas "Chip" Berkley for Grand Chef de Gare, David Voyles for Grand Chef de Train, Calvin Bumgarner for Grand Commissaire Intendant, and Terry L. Lanning for Grand Correspondant. They recommended these be approved and passed on to the Nomination Committee for action. There was a resolution for Terry L Lanning for Commissaire Intendant National. The Resolutions committee agreed to approve the resolution for Terry Lanning for Commissaire Intendant National. Committee adjourned at 9:37 AM. Ralph Turner offered a notion to approve the Resolution Committee report, seconded by Bob Phillips...passed. Ralph also offered a notion to approve the resolution for Terry Lanning for Commissaire Intendant National, seconded by Leon Hill and passed.

Grand Chef David Bexten called on the Chairman of the Credentials Committee, Chip Berkley. Chip gave the voting strength for each Voiture plus Grand Chefs de Gare Passe present with an overall count of 62. Chip offered a notion, seconded by Bob Phillips, that the report be accepted as given...passed.

Grand Chef David Bexten called on the Constitution Committee chaired by Robert Phillips opened at 8:57 AM. Robert reported no recommendations for changes. Those that have sent in a revised Constitution and have been approved are the Grande, 448, 1321, 1541, 460, and 520. Those that are pending approval are 1379 and 1292. Recommendation of the Committee that all Voitures revise their current constitution and submit to the Grande Avocat for approval and be forwarded to Nationale for approval. Robert offered a notion that his report be accepted, seconded by Janice Hartley...passed.

New Business –.

Rich Heigert offered a notion that Voitures 447 and 520 be removed and leave their numbers in the Grande, seconded by Ed Jones and passed.

Grand Chef David Bexten called on the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Kevin Johnson. Kevin reported that the meeting was held at the Ramada Inn at 9:30 AM. There were 6 Voiture Locales represented. There was very little to talk about as we all realize we are scraping the bottom of the barrel. Kevin stated we were in luck that Terry was running again for Correspondant, so we would have some continuity and somebody shouted out "A lot good that did the last few years".

Four resolutions were given to the committee and made available for those present at the meeting to read. The committee came to the unanimous decision that it is what it is and voted to make the following recommendations. Kevin read the recommendation of the Committee for elective officers for 2016-2017.

ELECTIVE OFFICERS	NAME	VOITURE
Grand Chef de Gare	Thomas (Chip) Berkley	292
Grand Chef de Train	David N. Voyles	130
Grand Commissaire Intendant	Calvin Bumgarner	1379
Grand Correspondant	Terry L. Lanning	448
Cheminot Nationale	Leon L. Hill	1541
Alternate Cheminot Nationale	David Bexten	1292
Voitures (460-760-1395)		
Sous Grand Chef de Train	A.J. Noonan	460
Advisor	Ralph Turner	460
Voitures (38-448-966-1321-1541)		
Sous Grand Chef de Train	Mike Brueckmann	38
Advisor	Leslie G. Willis	448
Voitures (3-130-333-1379-1402)		
Sous Grand Chef de Train	Mike Scruby	1379
Advisor	Edward Jones	1379
Voitures (292-1292-1403)		
Sous Grand Chef de Train	Terry McDonald	292
Advisor	David Bexten	1292
Grand Medicin	Dannie Farris	292
Sous Grand Medicin	Thomas Hume	460
Grand Garde de la Porte	John Paul Kopp	1379
Grand Historien	Hallie Williams	448
Grand Avocat	Richard A Heigert	1321
Sous Grand Avocat	Leslie G. Willis	448
Grand Commis Voyageur	Ed Schmidt	1379
Grand Directeur Child Welfare	Benjamin Sargent	460
Grand Directeur Voiture Activities	George W. Ridley	448
Grand Directeur Nurses Training	Jim Hartley	1541
Sous Grand Dir. Nurses Training	Jack Spitler	1541
Grand Aumonier	John Kopp	1379
Sous Grand Aumonier	Sam Guenther	1403
Grand Drapeau East	Terry Davis	38
Grand Drapeau West	Kerry Boardman	3
Grand Lampiste	Vernon Hudspeth	1379
Grand Cheminot-at-Large	Robert G. Eisenbath	1541
Grand Cheminot-at-Large	Kevin Johnson	460

Grand Cheminot-at-Large	Arthur L. Wilson	448
Grand Cheminot-at-Large	Clarence Buckley	760
Grand Cheminot-at-Large	Robert Phillips	1541

Thomas "Chip" Berkley was elected by acclamation as Grand Chef de Gare. David Voyles was elected by acclamation as Grand Chef de Train. Calvin Bumgarner was elected by acclamation as Grand Commissaire Intendant. Notion offered by Rich Heigert, seconded by Ed Jones, that the balance of the officers be elected by acclamation...passed. Kevin read the appointed officers with permission by Grand Chef de Gare Elect, Thomas "Chip" Berkley, and they are:

APPOINTED OFFICERS	NAME	VOITURE
Sous Grand Correspondant	Leslie G. Willis	448
Grand Publiciste	Robert Emery	1379
Grand Organizer	Robert W. Phillips	1541
Sous Grand Organizer	Larry Ebersold	1292
Sous Grand Organizer	Clarence C. Buckley	760
Grand Conducteur	Tom Goodin	1292
Sous Grand Conducteur	Shane Zimmer	1292
Sous Grand Conducteur	Terry McDonald	292
Sous Grand Conducteur	Robert Emery	1379
Sous Grand Conducteur	Jerry Phelps	1379
Sous Grand Conducteur	Kerry Boardman	3
Grand Directeur Americanism	Robert Emery	1379
Sous Grand Dir. Americanism	Sam M. Guenther	1403
Grand Directeur Box Car	Janice Hartley	1541
Sous Grand Directeur Box Car	Shane Zimmer	1292
Sous Grand Directeur Box Car	Ernie Parker	333
Grand Directeur Carville Star	Jerry Phelps	1379
Grand Directeur POW/MIA	Frank Angelo	460
Sous Grand Directeur POW/MIA	Allen Schultz	1541
Grand Directeur Ritual	Kevin Johnson	460
Grand Directeur Special Awards	Richard Pack	1292
Grand Directeur VAVS	Rose Noonan	460
Sous Grand Directeur VAVS	William H. Hoppe	1321
Sous Grand Directeur VAVS	Don Newman II	1541
Sous Grand Directeur VAVS	Vernon Hudspeth	1379
Grand Directeur Youth Sports	Ann Roberts	1379
Sous Grand Directeur Youth Sports	Curtis Russell	292
Executive Committee "Advisory"	Richard A. Heigert	1321
& "Protocol"	Leslie G. Willis	448
Time & Place Committee (chair)	Arthur L. Wilson	448
	Larry R. Ebersold	1292
	Kevin Johnson	460
Distinguished Voyageur	Leon Hill (1)	1541
	Terry L. Lanning (1)	448
	Edward R. Jones (3)	1379
	Robert W. Phillips (3)	1541
	Ralph Turner (2)	460

(chair)	Leslie G. Willis (2)	448
Distinguished Guest Committee	Robert Phillips	1541
-	Terry L. Lanning	448
	Richard A. Heigert	1321
	Charlie Goodin – Legislative	
MAVO	Representative	1292
	Tom Goodin– Delegate at Large	1292
Grand Chef de Gare	Thomas (Chip) Berkley-Delegate	292
Grand Chef de Train	David N. Voyles-Delegate	130
Grand Correspondant	Terry Lanning - Delegate	448
Central States Committee	Art Wilson	448
	David Voyles	130
	Richard A. Heigert	1321
Aide de Camp	Terry McDonald	292

Notion offered by Kevin Johnson, seconded by Rich Heigert, that the appointments by the Grand Chef de Gare Elect, Chip Berkley, be approved as read...passed.

Notion offered by Rich Heigert, second by Ed Jones, that the delegates to the 2016 Promenade Nationale at Perrysburg, Ohio be Leon Hill, Chip Berkley, David Bexten, Terry Lanning, and Ralph Turners. The Alternates will be Chubs Buckley, Grant Willis, Kevin Johnson, Calvin Bumgarner, and Mike Scruby. Chip Berkley being the Chairman of the delegation with the right of appointment and Terry Lanning being the Secretary of the delegation...passed.

Grand Chef David Bexten relieved the members of the Grande Promenade Committees. Newly elected Chip Berkley gave a very short speech and he thanked everyone.

The Promenade was recessed at 9:57 AM to let the families and friends in for the Memorial Service and installation of officers.

The Grande Promenade came back to order at 10:10 AM. Grand Chef David Bexten turned the podium over to Grand Aumonier John Kopp. He was assisted by Rich Heigert and Grand Correspondant Terry Lanning for the Memorial Service.

Grand Chef David Bexten asked that the installing officer Ralph Turner come to the podium. Ralph installed the newly elected Grand Chef de Gare, Chip Berkley, first. Afterwards Ralph installed the rest of the elected and appointed officers.

Installing Officer, Ralph Turner, took out of office the Past Grand Chef de Gare David Bexten and presented him with a Past Grand Chef's pin. David Bexten then spoke to the membership thanking them for the great year he had.

Installing Officer, Ralph Turner, then gave the gavel of authority to the new Grand Chef de Gare Chip Berkley.

At this time, the families and friends were asked to leave so that we may proceed in closing the Grande Promenade.

Terry Lanning offered a notion that Robert E. Lee be elected Sous Grand Child Welfare Directeur, passed.

The new Grande Chef de Gare Berkley, closed the Grand Promenade in the proper manner at 10:45 AM.

Submitted by Terry L. Lanning Grand Correspondant GRANDE VOITURE DU MISSOURI

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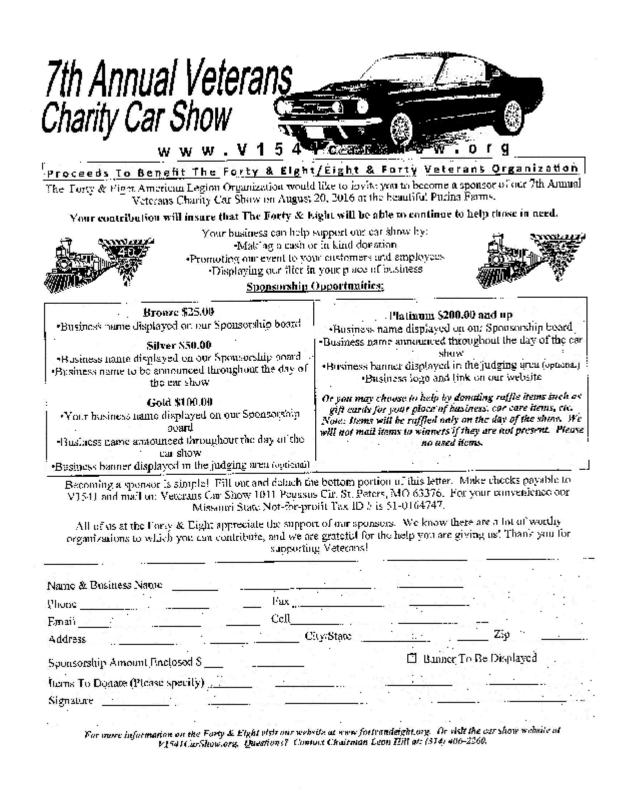
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# Membership July 28, 2016

#### Grande du MISSOURI

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	2015	2016	Year					
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Voiture	Total	Total	Total	Quota	short/over	Goal	Goal	Goal
3	47	42	47	89.36%	-5	50	84.00%	-8
38	97	88	97	90.72%	-9	102	86.27%	-14
130	30	30	30	100.00%	0	32	93.75%	-2
292	44	40	44	90.91%	-4	47	85.11%	-7
333	190	166	190	87.37%	-24	200	83.00%	-34
447	2	0	2	0.00%	-2	3	0.00%	-3
448	95	96	95	101.05%	1	100	96.00%	-4
460	65	69	65	106.15%	4	69	100.00%	0
520	10	0	10	0.00%	-10	11	0.00%	-11
760	63	56	64	87.50%	-8	68	82.35%	-12
966	4	4	4	100.00%	0	5	80.00%	-1
1292	75	73	75	97.33%	-2	79	92.41%	-6
1321	66	66	66	100.00%	0	70	94.29%	-4
1379	55	55	55	100.00%	0	58	94.83%	-3
1395	15	15	15	100.00%	0	16	93.75%	-1
1402	16	22	16	137.50%	6	17	129.41%	5
1403	24	22	24	91.67%	-2	26	84.62%	-4
1541	80	86	80	107.50%	6	84	102.38%	2
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