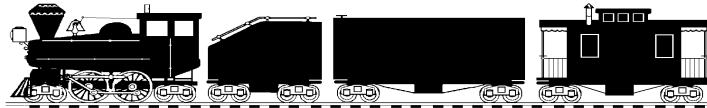


Communiqué
La Société des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux
Grande Voiture du Missouri



September 2016 - Grand Chef de Gare Chip Berkley

- L'Éditeur Grant Willis

The Grand Chef Sez

Fellow Voyageurs,
 So far I have been kept busy with visitation to four Voiture's to conduct installations of for the 2016-2017 year. My apologies go out to Voiture 1379 for not being able to attend their "ChicNic" and install their new officers. I was cooking at my own Legion Post, 424's annual chicken dinner. While visiting Voiture 1292, Lora and I were recruited to join the ALR Chapter 5. If you would like to have me attend any of your functions, please give me a call or an email at your earliest convenience. I will do my best to be able to attend. We are preparing to travel to Perrysburg, Ohio to attend the Promenade Nationale. Several of you will be in attendance there from Sept 13-17, so please stop by our hospitality room. It will be open on the evening of Thursday the 15th, time and location to be announced there. Lora and I look forward to seeing some of you there. I was notified of one of the duties for this office after I was elected to this position. In the spring I will travel to Austin TX to be selected as President of the Central States Committee for 2018. We will host the event in Springfield, Missouri on May 1-6, 2018 at the Ramada Oasis. We are scheduling a planning meeting for Friday night at the Grande Homecoming in October. You need

not be present to get drafted into a job for this event. Speaking of the Homecoming, I have only received a dozen registrations for the event. Please get your reservations in to Voiture 292 as soon as possible. I need to report the meal numbers to the hotel by Sept 30th. Make your room reservations directly with the Hotel. Membership numbers are finalized to 2016. We came in at just under 95% of our goal. Let's get busy and get the dues in for this year. Reach out to the holdouts and get them to renew. See you in October, if not before.

Yours in Service,

Grand Chef de Gare



TD "Chip" Berkley

2545 County Rd 269
 Columbia, MO 65202

(573) 424-8877

tdberkley@msn.com

**Sous Grand
 Correspondants Notes**

Articles for the next Newsletter are due at

the end of each month.

If you have anyone that would like to receive this communicate electronically please provide their email address to:
willis.grant@sbcglobal.net.

**You are invited to join
Catholic War Veterans Post
1974 for a Memorial Mass in
honor of Servant of God, Fr.
Vincent R. Capodanno, MM.**

Where: Tighe Hall-Our Lady of Mercy
Country Home, 2115 Maturana Drive,
Liberty MO

When: October 15, 2016 @2:00 pm with a
light meal to follow at 3:00 p.m. followed by
Memorial Celebration at 4:00 p.m.

Fr. Capodanno was a Maryknoll priest, assigned to Hong Kong and Shanghai in China. He served the poor there and furthered the welfare of the people by building schools, supporting families and evangelizing the people he met. He asked for, and was granted permission to become a Navy Chaplain. He was assigned to Vietnam, where he stayed as close as possible to the Marine units, following them even to the battlefield. It was in one fire fight that he was wounded while giving comfort and last rites to a wounded marine. He noticed the medic was taking fire while treating another wounded man. Without a thought for his own safety, he advanced to shield the medic while taking 24 further bullet wounds. He then died among the men he stewarded so ably. Fr. Capodanno was awarded one of only 6 Medal of Honors given to Chaplains. A cause for his elevation to Sainthood is in place.

Post 1974 is named for Fr. Capodanno, which we feel is a great honor. The post wishes, therefore, to extend this invitation to you so that Fr. Capodanno may be remembered.

Please RSVP by mail to the Post address:
Fr. Vincent R. Capodanno, M.M. Memorial
Post 1974

2115 Maturana Drive Liberty, MO 64068,
or call (816) 699-8719, John Kopp,
Commander or (660) 744-3625 Ann
Roberts, Service Office, or email
post197@cwv.org.

YOUTH SPORTS

**WHAT an LOCALE OR INDIVIDUAL
VOYAGUES 'CAN DO' for "Youth
Sports." ☺ IDEAS!!**

- **Your Ideas...Share with ALL!!**
- **Pocket change at Locale functions for "Special Olympics Missouri."**
- **Purchase youth Sports pins, other Youth Sports items from 40 & 8 Nationale or Ann Roberts Youth Sports Directeur .
[annroberts977@gmail.com]**
- **Let your Locale WHAT you are doing-monthly, etc. with youth.**

Check out SOMO.org-(Special Olympics Missouri)-Unified Teams, help at Events, Games, and Polar Plunge. Just LIKE Am. Legion monies for 'youth sports/baseball, Special Olympics-ALL sports, MONIES ARE USED FOR TRANSPORTATION/TRAVEL, MEALS, HOUSING, GEAR, UNIFORMS, & MUCH MORE. ☺

GRAND CHEMINOT, JULY 2, 2016
RAMADA PLAZA HOTEL, SPRINGFIELD, Missouri

With a rap of the gavel, Grand Chef de Gare Dave Bexten, opened the Grand Cheminot at 1:00 PM with a salute to the Flag, the Pledge of Allegiance, and as always a prayer by Grand Aumonier John Kopp.

Roll call of officers showed more absent than excused. Roll call of Grand Chefs de Gare Passé showed that eight answered. Roll call of the Grand Cheminot showed that we had a quorum. Voyageurs don't know how to answer roll call so they paid a fine. Absent was Voiture's 3, 447, 520, 760, 966, 1395, 1402, and 1403.

Grand Avocat Rich Heigert said we will use the same rules as outlined in Roberts Rules.

Notion offered by Kevin Johnson, seconded by Janis Hartley, that the Grand Spring Cheminot minutes are accepted as printed and sent out...passed.

Grand Correspondant Terry Lanning stated he received resolutions from Terry Lanning for Grand Correspondant and Commissaire Intendant National.

Grand Commissaire Intendant, David Voyles, stated the finance report was passed out and he discussed it.

Grand Chef de Train Berkley said we are at 94% and called on the Sous Chef de Trains to report on their Voiture's, to which A. J. Noonan stated his Voiture's were 10 short, Janice Hartley said her Voiture's were 2 short, Calvin Bumgarner said his Voiture's were 25 short, and Richard Pack said his Voiture's were 23 short. The Grand has a total membership of 912.

Cheminot Nationale Ralph Turner said to let him know if anyone is interest in a National office.

The highlights of the Grand Cheminot reports are: Voiture 38 had their rolling stock out and about, on February 28th was the official closure ceremony of Soldiers Memorial for rehab for 2 ½ years, on May 21st had a fundraiser BBQ, on May 18th had its annual memorial service, will have a trivia night on August 27, 2016 at Genesis Banquet Center; Voiture 130 is still selling towels and bought a trailer for the towels, they are getting some more voyagers to help out; Voiture 333 had a fundraiser on May 21, 2016 for major renovations to the Box Car, estimated it will cost about \$20,000, they now have \$15,500, have 2 nurses in Training, they have their own web site; Voiture 448 had a BBQ on June 4th at Cabela's, had a Christmas Party and Easter Party at Marygrove kids home; Voiture 460 have 16 nurses at \$8,000, spent \$512 on some local sports teams, \$866 on several children in need, \$1,700 on several occasions for Americanism, membership at 106%; Voiture 760 2 nurses in training, had a xmas party for kids \$150, 1 boy to Cadet Patrol \$350, \$250 for Springfield Reunion, \$1,500 for Ozark Food Harvest; Voiture 1292, participated in Memorial Day activities, had a Hog Roast, had a BBQ for Nurses Training; Voiture 1321 has their cooker out in Herculanum once a month thru October at Buckheits General Store, 5 nurses in training, sponsored another nurse for a Boland Trust scholarship, at 100% membership; Voiture 1379 will have their ChickNic on August 20, 2016, is having a raffle for gift cards for Nurses Training; Voiture 1541 will have their Car Show on August 20, 2016, Wolfie sent in money for a Nationale raffle and received a pocket knife, installation will be on August 24th at Wentzville Legion Post, conducted a Calvin Kane ceremony, flew 40/8 colors on Memorial Day at Bauer Cemetery, helped the Marine Corps Devil dogs with their first Night at the Races, will have their Christmas party on December 14th at 1800, donated \$50 in memory of Gary Reno for the POW/MIA Highway fund.

Grand Historien Richard Pack said he received one Voiture History book, Voiture 1541.

Grand Avocat Richard Heigert said some Voiture Constitutions need to be updated.

Grand Directeur Child Welfare Benjamin Sargent said he received 8 reports showing cash spent of \$125,000. 1st place went to 1321, 2nd place went to 460 and 3rd place went to 1379.

Grand Directeur Voiture Activities George Ridley - Terry Lanning reported for George. 1st place went to 448, 2nd place went to 1541 and 3rd place went to 333.

Grand Directeur Nurses Training Jim Hartley said there are 81 Nurses in Training in the Grande and spent \$61,797.51. The Grande has 4 Nurses in the Boland program. 1st place went to 3, 2nd place went to 460 and 3rd place went to

1395. Jim offered a notion to give the fines (\$281.91) the PG's collected to a nurse in training. Jim has someone in mind. Notion passed.

Grand Directeur Aumonier John Kopp said to let him know if a Grand Officer is sick or passes away so he can send them a card.

Grand Publiciste Bob Emery said he received 8 reports. 1st place went to 448, 2nd place went to 460 and 3rd place went to 333.

Grand Directeur Americanism Bob Emery said he received 13 reports. 1st place went to 1321, 2nd place went to 38 and 3rd place went to 460.

Grand Directeur Box Car Ed said he received 8 reports. 1st place went to 333, 2nd place went to 1541 and 3rd place went to 1321, and the traveling trophy went to 333.

Grand Directeur Carville Star Mike Scruby said he received 7 reports for a total of \$2,624. 1st place went to 1379, 2nd place went to 460 and 3rd place went to 1541.

Grand Directeur POW/MIA Frank Angelo said he received 7 reports. 1st place went to 460, 2nd place went to 448 and 3rd place went to 1321. He has 55 pins to sell, so if anyone wants any let him know.

Grand Directeur Ritual Rose Noonan said she received 7 reports. 1st place went to 1324, 2nd place went to 38 and 3rd place went to 448.

Grand VAVS Chairman Tom Goodin - Richard Pack reported for Tom and said Tom received 5 reports. 1st place went to 460, 2nd place went to 1541 and 3rd place went to 333.

Sous Grand Directeur Youth Sports Ann Roberts written report said 1st place went to 460, 2nd place went to 1321 and 3rd place went to 1379.

Grand Sous Correspondant, Grant Willis said the Grand Chef and any other articles are due to him by the end of the month. If anyone else has anything to put in the Grande Newsletter then send it to him. If a voyageur wants the newsletter then send Grant their email address and he will email the newsletter to them. The next newsletter will go out August 1st.

Time and Place Committee member Kevin Johnson said the next 4 events will be held at the Ramada Plaza Hotel in Springfield.

Distinguished Voyageur Award Chairman Grant Willis said he will present one at the banquet.

Distinguished Guest Committee Richard Heigert stated Bill Simpson Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer had to leave this morning to go back home. He came in on Friday and Bill said he had a good time.

Old Business - Central States Ad Hoc Committee of Richard Heigert, Art Wilson and David Voyles. Rich said the Committee received two bids, one from the Ramada Plaza Hotel with a room rate of \$87 and the other from the Kansas City Embassy Suites with a room rate of \$119. Rich offered a notion to hold Central States 2018 at the Ramada Plaza Hotel in Springfield, seconded by Ralph and passed. Rich also said some of the number of room nights and the number of people at the dinners are going to be reduced and Rich will talk to the Ramada Hotel about that and see if it affects the room price.

New Business - None

Good of the Grande Voiture - Ernie Parker from V333 asked if any individuals want to make a donation to the State Box Car then he will have a bucket at the banquet. If the donations and Grande fine money is \$500 or more, then a plaque will be in the Grande's name. Richard Pack said him and some others fixed the pictures at Department HQ of the Passé Grand Chefs.

Grand Chef de Gare Bexten closed the Grand Cheminot in the proper manner at 2:40 PM.

Submitted by,
Terry L. Lanning
Grand Correspondant



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

OFFICIAL CALL

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

This is the OFFICIAL CALL for the Grande Fall Cheminot and Grand Chef de Gare Chip Berkley Homecoming to be held October 7th to October 9th, 2016 at the Ramada Plaza Hotel & Oasis Convention Center, 2546 North Glenstone Avenue, Springfield, MO 65803, phone (417) 866-5253 or (888) 532-4338.

There will be an Executive Board Meeting on Saturday morning at 9:00 AM. Place will be posted in the Hospitality Room.

The Fall Grande Cheminot will be held on Saturday October 8th, 2016 at 1:00 PM at the Ramada Plaza Hotel & Oasis Convention Center.

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

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

Terry L. Lanning
Grand Correspondant

Chip Berkley
Grand Chef de Gare

GRANDE VOITURE DU MISSOURI



GRANDE CHEMINOT and HOMECOMING



October 7th and 8th, 2016
Ramada Plaza Hotel & Oasis Convention Center
2546 North Glenstone Ave
Springfield, MO 65803
417.866.5253
888.532.4338

Room Rate: \$82.00 (+Tax) per night
For Deluxe King or Deluxe Double
Room Rate includes

PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE

Handicapped Rooms Available

Make your reservations directly with Ramada Plaza by September 9
Mention 40 & 8 Honor Society for special rate when making reservations

Friday

Registration 1500 until 1800
Hospitality Room 1500 until 2400

Saturday

Registration 0900 until 1200
LUNCH 1130 - 1300
1300 - ??? Grande Cheminot
Grande Chef de Gare Passe' Social Hour 1700 -1800
Social Hour 1800 – Cash Bar
Banquet 1900 Hospitality Room: After Banquet until 2400

Sunday

Check Out
HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME

Deadline to register for the banquet is 30 September, 2016 NO EXCEPTIONS

Make your check payable to Voiture 292 for registration.

Send to: TD Berkley
2545 County Rd 269
Columbia, MO 65202

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Title: _____ Voiture Number: _____

Banquet \$25.00/Person x Number Guests _____ \$ _____

Registration Fee \$5.00 (Voyageurs Only) _____ \$ _____

Meal Selection: _____ Total \$ _____

Voyageur: BBQ Chicken 1/4 or Pulled Pork Circle one

Guest: BBQ Chicken 1/4 or Pulled Pork Circle one

Need to get your registrations in ASAP