



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



September 2018 - Grand Chef de Gare Calvin Bumgarner - L'Editeur Grant Willis



**The Grand Chef**

Fellow Voyageurs,  
 Hope everyone is doing well. Summer is coming to an end and fall is just around the corner.

August was a busy month for me. It started with installations of officers Aug 1<sup>st</sup> at Voiture 292 and Voiture 1292 on Aug 9<sup>th</sup>.

On August 16<sup>th</sup> we dedicated the newly refurbished Missouri Box car, Voiture 333 just finished it. They did an outstanding job. They made me proud to belong to the 40/8. The dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony was attended by the Queen of the fair and she also did a great job. If you are ever in Sedalia at the fairgrounds, go one block west and south of the grand stands and you can see the finished product.

We went to Voiture 1379 annual Chic Nic fun raiser at Wallace State Park Aug 18<sup>th</sup> and we were off to Voiture 760 Aug.28<sup>th</sup> for installation of officers in Springfield Mo.

We had a great time everywhere we went, and everyone made us feel at home.

Now we need to get busy with membership. Let's get a good start and turn this year into a great one for Grande du Missouri.

If you have an event or need anything don't hesitate to call me. I will be glad to come or help you in any way I can.

Thanks for all you do.  
 Grand Chef de Gare  
 Grande du Missouri  
 Calvin Bumgarner  
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This is the last newsletter for this new term, the next issue of the Communiqué will be monthly with articles from our new Directeur's and Officers of the Grand.

- Oct 2018 – Box Car, VAVS
  - Nov 2018 – Nurses Training, PR
  - Dec 2018 – Child Welfare, POW/MIA
  - Jan 2019 – Special Awards, Voiture Activities
  - Feb 2019 – Distinguished Voyageur
  - Mar 2019 – Carville Star
- On Friday October 26, 2018 there will be a

cleaning out of the Grande records at Department Headquarters starting at 9:00 am. Come one come all to help.  
Terry Lanning Grand Correspondant

Membership reports will be coming in October, but let's get started collecting those dues for 2019 now and get a head start on this membership year.

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## RITUAL

What are Rituals and why do we need them?

Ritual and ceremony are tools, Powerful and efficient tools at times. They can help us to set a clear intent and to keep our mind focused. They can help us to visualize. They are vessels that hold a safe space for you and enable you to enter different realities and expand your consciousness.

Rituals can serve many purposes. They can calm our anxiety or increase our confidence. They can ease our grieving or strengthen our relationships with one another.

In the face of uncertainty or tragedy, the familiar structure of a ritual has been found to help return a sense of control. In a recent study, people recalled a past relationship or a death of a loved one — many wrote about the rituals they performed to help get through the loss, and though the rituals varied greatly, all participants reported a higher sense of control and a more diminished sense of grief than those who simply wrote about the loss itself.

Ceremonial observance adds lucid layers — depth, dimension, drama and distinction — to our lives, making the ordinary seem special, and the special, extraordinary.

Through the practice of ritual we are privileged to experience ourselves as prepared, present, passionate, principled and potent. When we set aside the quality time and claim the psychic space for ceremony, when we assume the authority to do so, we are able to transform our perceptions, our perspectives, our experiences, and in the process, our reality.

Rituals are a feature of all known human societies. They include not only the worship rites and sacraments of organized religions and cults, but also rites of passage, atonement and purification rites, oaths of allegiance dedication ceremonies, coronations and presidential inaugurations, marriages and funerals, school "rush" traditions and graduations, club meetings, sporting event Halloween parties, veterans parades, Christmas shopping and more. Many activities that are ostensibly performed for concrete purposes, such as jury trials, execution of criminals, and scientific symposia are loaded with purely symbolic actions prescribed by regulations or tradition, and thus partly ritualistic in nature. We can look at even common actions such as hand-shaking and saying "hello" may be termed as *rituals*.

So if you are a member of a locale that is not the best at following the manual of ceremonies. Think about the positive psychological effects Rituals have on us as human beings.

Kevin Johnson  
Grand Directeur Ritual



## GRANDE CHEMINOT AND HOMECOMING



November 9<sup>th</sup> to November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Oasis Hotel and Convention Center

2546 North Glenstone Ave.

Springfield, Missouri 65803

417-866-5253

888-532-4338

Room Rate \$90.00 (+TAX) per night

For Deluxe King or Deluxe Double

PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE

Make your room reservations directly with Oasis Hotel by October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Handicapped Rooms Available

Mention 40&8 Honor Society for special rate when making reservations

### Friday

Registration 3 P.M. to 6 P.M. in the Kalahari-Mojave Rooms

Hospitality Room 3 P.M. until 11 P.M. in the Kalahari-Mojave Rooms

### Saturday

Registration 9 A.M. to 12 P.M. in the Kalahari-Mojave Rooms

Lunch 11:30 A.M. to 1 P.M. in the Kalahari-Mojave Rooms

Grande Cheminot 1 P.M. to 4 P.M. in the Maui Ballroom

Grand Chef de Gare Passé Social Hour 5 P.M. to 6 P.M. in the Kalahari-Mojave Rooms

Social Hour 6 P.M. to 7 P.M. – Cash Bar/Banquet 7 P.M. in the Maui Ballroom

Hospitality Room opens after Banquet

### Sunday

HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME

Deadline to register for the banquet is October 25, 2018 - NO EXCEPTIONS

Make your check payable to **Voiture 1379** for registration

Send to: Robert C. Emery

16001 E 31<sup>ST</sup> ST S

Independence, MO 64055-2709

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Voiture Number \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet Buffett \$30.00/Person x Number of Guest \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**MEMORANDUM**

DATE: 16JUL2018  
TO: All Promenade Nationale Attendees  
FROM: Patrick Mobley, Correspondant National  
SUBJECT: PROPER ATTIRE AT PROMENADE FUNCTIONS

In an attempt to remind all Voyageurs of the traditional and historical high standards of La Société, the following information is provided with regard to appropriate attire while attending Promenade Nationale.

- **Gentlemen are expected to wear (at a minimum) collared shirts and trousers to all Business Meetings, Cheminots and the Promenade sessions**
- **Shorts, t-shirts, tank tops, sandals, flip-flops, or open toed shoes are not considered appropriate**
- **Suitable banquet attire for gentlemen is considered to be a coat and tie at a minimum**
- **Gardes de la Porte will be instructed to enforce the dress code**

While it is true that a Voyageur is considered to be “in uniform” if they are wearing their Chapeau with marching medal; a Chapeau does not necessarily grant a free pass to dress as you wish for every occasion.

Voiture Nationale and the 99<sup>th</sup> Promenade Nationale Corporation sincerely appreciate your continued cooperation in meeting the high standards of La Société.

Patrick J. Mobley

Correspondant National



THE

**“HONOR SOCIETY OF VETERANS”**

**LA SOCIETE DES QUARANTE HOMMES ET HUIT CHEVAUZ**

**KICKAPOO VOITURE LOCAL 760**

**SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI**

**\*\* PRESENTS \*\***

**1<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EVENT  
FOR LOCAL YOUTH SPORTS**

**EVENT:** Horseshoe throwing contest with prizes and trophy

**PLACE:** American Legion post 639 Pavilion 2660 S. Scenic Ave. Springfield Mo. Drinks available & \$1 HOT DOGS

**DATE/TIME:** Sunday Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> 2018. Registration starts at 12 noon, games start at 2pm til event end

**COST:** \$40.00 per 2 man tournament teams

**CALL RON AT 417-612-4505 FOR MORE INFO OR TO  
PRE-REGISTER YOUR TEAM TODAY!!**

The 40 & 8 is a Non-Profit National Veterans organization helping communities since 1920. Holding fundraisers including Nursing Scholarships, Child Welfare, Youth Sports and many others activities PROUDLY across the United States.



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**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 Calvin Bumgarner Homecoming to be held November 9th to November 11th, 2018 at the Oasis Hotel and 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 November 10th, 2018 at 1:00 PM at the Oasis Hotel and 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

Calvin Bumgarner  
Grand Chef de Gare