



Greetings Voyageurs

Greetings,

Where did the Summer go? We must have missed a couple months along the way. I don't know about you, but the older I get the less I like the cold weather. Mexico is still a long way off. I don't know if I can wait! Hunting season is soon to be in full swing and I would like to remind you all to use extreme caution in the field and stay safe. We want to keep you around for a long time.

My good friend and Aid de Camp Lloyd and I have made a few trips across the country since the last newsletter. We attended the Fargo VAVS annual meeting in Fargo, attended the Promenade at V1329 and gave them input on hosting the Minn-Dakota, attended the Grand Chef de Gare du Wisconsin Testimonial, and La Grande Cabane Cheminote in Sauk Rapids. We have met some fine people and made a lot of new friends. I also attended our annual "Road Kill" association meeting in Maple Grove. Lots of fun.

We are on track for the membership goals set by National. Sadly we still have 4 goose eggs out there. Voitures 54, 580, 1324, and 1413 have not turned in any membership so far. The least these Correspondants can do is send in their officers dues. Keep on the lookout for new members. The Grand Chef's Wreck will be held along with the Minn-Dakota in Little Falls the first weekend in May. Hopefully we will have a good number of pg's to wreck into La Societe. Correspondant Mel still needs officer's lists from Voitures 54, 582, 734, 772, 838, and 1413. It is very important that this gets done to have your Voiture listed with National.

Keep your Voitures active. Keep your members involved. Voiture 414 hosted their bi-annual Big Toys for Little Kids Expo in September and 32 members of V414 served over 700 hotdogs to kids and parents 6th grade and below. They had a huge display of equipment on hand for kids to inspect at close range. Their LOCI was giving rides constantly. Vendors donated over \$10,000,000 worth of equipment to display. Thanks to Chef de Train Mike Schaffer for attending.

A note of interest: there will be a dedication of the "Nam Era" Heuy Helicopter on display at the McLeod County Veterans Park on November 2nd at the park in Hutchinson, Mn. at 3:30 pm. A huge thank you goes to Voyageur Dave Skoog for heading up this project for the past years. It will be a great addition to our Veterans Park.

Drive safe, hunt safe, and invite a Voyageur you sponsored to a Promenade. As always you can contact me at 612-616-4434 or email blockest@mchsi.com. for any concerns you may have.

Jerry Block

Grand Chef de Gare



Big Toys Expo V-414 Hutchinson



Happy Thanksgiving Every One



Grand Chef Jerry & Grand Chef Lloyd Granberg of Wisconsin.



Calendar Of Events

Voiture Locales— Events/Functions to be published in the Grand Voiture Newsletter must be submitted to the Editor as soon as you know the Dates. They will run in this Column as long as possible before the event/function. Get them in and spread the word so many others will know about the event.

1/31/2/1/2/2/14 MID-WINTER PROMENADE — OSSEO, MN. (More Information as received)

4/27/14— Grand Chef's Testimonial (More Information as Received)

5/2/3/4/14— Minn-Dakota & Grand Chef's Wreck— Little Falls, MN. (Hotel Information is posted on the National Web site)

LET US KNOW OF YOUR EVENTS AND FUNCTIONS AND GET THEM LISTED HERE !



MINNEAPOLIS VETERANS HOSPITAL VISITATION

The below listed order of visitation will be a Permanent article in the monthly newsletter.

Chef's de Gare and Correspondants Locale are asked to review it each month and get your Voyageurs Militaire committed to attending the monthly assigned visitation. A minimum of six Voyageurs are requested. La Femmes are welcome and encouraged to attend the Visitation.

29 Oct. Voiture 33 St Paul Park

27 Nov. Voiture 39 St Paul

2014

29 Jan. Voiture 390 Anoka County

26 Feb. Voiture 1281 Minnetonka

26 Mar. Voiture 44 Forest Lake

30 Apr. Voiture 39 Ramsey County

28 May Voiture 791 Bayport/Stillwater

25 June Voiture 33 St Paul Park

30 July Voiture 39 St Paul

25 Sept. Voiture --791 -- No Report

28 Aug. Voiture—39 — No Report

Voyageurs out for the Visitation are to meet Richard Hammond, VAVS Representatives at the Center in the main Atrium at 6:50 P. M. The Visitation can be completed in less than one hour. LaFemmes are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Please send all deceased members to Voiture Nationale and also to the Grand Correspondant. This is the only way that we have of keeping a up to date list of those that have passed away. Thank You. Mel. Stopelman Grand Correspondant

ENDORSEMENTS 2014—2015

Endorsements for Grande Voiture Office must be submitted in writing and signed by The Chef de Gare & Correspondent Locale. Please submit a **Separate Letter for each Office Endorsed**. Letters which do not meet with mandate will be returned.

ENDORSEMENTS 2014—2015

V-415 ST. CLOUD

STEVE DIRCKS

GR. CHEF DE GARE

V-415 ST. CLOUD

DAVE HECTOR

GR. GARD DE LA PORT

V-415 ST. CLOUD

PAT WOLNEY

6TH GRAND CHEMINOT



TAPS VOITURE EVERLASTING 2013

Russell L. Byboth	Maplewood	V-39
Del. Coleman	Pipestone	V-1468
William Crowther	N. St. Paul	V-39
Dan Hoppe	Sauk Centre	V-415
Richard Kemmer	Lakeville	V-1457
Leonard G. Larson	Pequot Lakes	V-754
Ken J. Locks	Grand Rapids	V-806
Carl Matt Manginen	Bovey	V-806
Lyle C. Pearson	N. Mankato	V-281
Norlyn R. Smith	Apple Valley	V-1457
Donald Warga	Albany	V-415
Richard Witschen	St. Cloud	V-415

Space permitting TAPS will be published in the newsletter as taken from the Web Page of Voiture Nationale on a monthly basis. Names of deceased Voyageurs submitted to Voiture Nationale will be published. Correspondant Locales should use the form from the Voiture Nationale Web site to send them to Voiture Nationale



VOYAGEUR OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Donald J. Theis Voyageur of the Year Award applications for 2014 are again available to any Voiture Locale wishing them contact the Grand Correspondant and they will be sent out. This is the time to start to look for that Distinguished person in your Locale, the dead line for applications is drawing near. Completed Applications must be received prior to June 30th.

NOTICE

THE BELOW LISTED VOITURE LOCALES HAVE NOT TURNED IN THERE 2014 "OFFICERS LIST", Send them to the GRAND CORRESPONDANT "SOON."

Voiture Locale —54
828—772
734
838 -1413

These lists are needed in order for your locale Officers to be registered with National and for the Grand Directory.

ATTENTION

All Grand Officers and Committeemen; If "YOU HAVE A EMAIL ADDRESS" please send it to the GRAND CORRESPONDANT, as soon as Possible. It must be in a "LEGABLE" form.

These are needed to cut down on the mailing and printing cost. Your help would be deeply appreciated. Mel Stoppelman Grand Correspondant Grand du Minnesota.



PAT BEAMER of Florida has been Elected at the New Chef de Chemin de Fer for the year of 2013-2014 at the National Promenade in Phoenix, AZ.

Receiving National Appointments from Minnesota are; Chuck Hartung, Voiture Locale 415 - Sous Voiture Activities Directeur.

NOTICE: The Pass Word has "NOT" changed



ENDORSEMENTS 2014-2015

The time has come to start to Submit those Endorsements for the 2014-2015 for those Grand Voiture Offices.

They must be Submitted in writing and signed by the Chef de Gare and Correspondant Locale.

Each office Endorsed must be on a separate letter. ENDORSEMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO JULY 1, 2014. Those not meeting the mandate will be returned. Lets start to get them in. Mail endorsements to: Mel Stoppelman Grand Correspondant 2609 Goettens Way # 205, St. Cloud, MN. 56301

GRAND du MINNESOTA JACKETS

I have received inquiries about ordering more of the Grand du Minnesota Jackets. The cost would be about \$75.00 each in sizes up to XL and \$3.50 for sizes above that. The number required to place an order would be 12. If interested let the Grand Correspondant know and order forms will be sent.

'CHEF'S, COOKS, VOYAGEURS ALL"

The La Femm's and Grande Cabane are planning on publishing a "COOK BOOK" as a Fund Raiser.

They are asking for "YOUR FAVORITE" recipes, Hear is your place to Shine with that good food, even if it is your Favorite "SOS" Recipe. Bringing them along to the Mid-Winter, or to your Locale's. Along with that they would like those to write something about yourself, branch of service, dates, pictures, Offices held in the Locale, Grand and even National. WE WANT THIS TO BE NOT ONLY A RECIPE BOOK BUT ALSO A HISTORY BOOK.

Grand Directeurs & Chairmen;

The Grand Directours and Chairman are being asked to contribute articles for the Grand News letter letting the members know what it taking place within the 40/8 and with the Program which you are a Directeur of. Lets let the Voitures now what is going on with Programs of the 40/8.

LA SOCIETE DES QUARANTE HOMMES ET HUIT CHEVAUX

ANNUAL MID WINTER CONFERENCES

GRANDE VOITURE DU MINNESOTA

JANUARY 31- FEBRUARY 1-2, 2014

JERRY BLOCK—GRAND CHEF DE GARE
ARLETTE HARTUNG - LA GRANDE PRESIDENTE
PAT BEAMER - CHEF DE CHEMIN DE FER



HOSTED BY:

VOITURE LOCALE 1281

JOHN TORMA— CHEF DE GARE LOCALE
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OSSEO, MINNESOTA 55369

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DEAD LINE FOR RESERVATIONS: JANUARY 10, 2014

Rooms are blocked under 40/8 Mid-Winter

ALL MEETINGS OF THE GRANDE VOITURE AND GRANDE CABANE
WILL BE HELD AT "AMEIRCAN LEGION POST CLUB ROOMS"

Name: _____ Voiture Locale _____

Address: _____ Phone # _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Delegate: _____ Alt: _____ Banquet: _____ # Persons: _____

Registration: \$15.00 per person ——— Banquet: \$12.00 per person

Send Checks Payable to: Voiture Locale 1281—Send to: —John Torma—260 4th Ave. S. E.—Osseo, MN. 55369

STEAK FRY AT POST - FRIDAY; JANUARY 31,2014—5:30—8:30 PM—MUSIC IN BAR—FRIDAY NIGHT
SHUTTLE SERVICE — FRIDAY & SATURDAY NIGHT.



GRAND VOITURE DU MINNESOTA MEMBERSHIP AS OF OCTOBER 24, 2013

VOITURE	#	2013	2014	% of Quota	Short	
ST. PAUL PARK	33	24	18	75.00%	-6	
ST. PAUL	39	45	31	68.89%	-14	
FOREST LAKE	44	59	28	47.46%	-31	
MINNEAPOLIS	45	46	30	65.22%	-16	
CHIPPEWA COUNTY	54	8	3	37.50%	-5	
MADISON	62	26	26	100.00%	0	
MANKATO	281	70	43	61.43%	-27	
ROCHESTER	327	101	32	31.68%	-69	
ANOKA	390	38	10	26.32%	-2	
HUTCHINSON	414	132	5	3.79%	-127	
ST. CLOUD	415	77	40	51.95%	-37	
WINONA	580	22	0	0.00%	-22	
BEMIDJI	582	32	1	3.13%	-31	
VIRGINIA	634	41	43	104.88%	2	
PARK RAPIDS	712	23	8	34.78%	-15	
CASS COUNTY	714	14	14	100.00%	0	
EAST GRAND FORKS	734	32	1	3.13%	-31	
THIEF RIVER FALLS	737	28	16	57.14%	-12	
PEQUOT LAKES	754	27	12	44.44%	-15	
CROOKSTON	772	19	17	89.47%	-2	
BRAINERD	778	27	16	59.26%	-11	
BAYPORT/STILLWATER	791	59	57	96.61%	-2	
GRAND RAPIDS	806	45	26	57.78%	-19	
RAMSEY COUNTY	838	19	1	5.26%	-18	
ALBERT LEA	1210	10	1	10.00%	-9	
MINNETONKA	1281	96	38	39.58%	-58	
FAIRBAULT	1324	28	15	53.57%	-13	
LITTLE FALLS	1329	52	31	59.62%	-21	
WILLMAR	1413	33	0	0.00%	-33	
ROSEAU	1436	36	17	47.22%	-19	
DAKOTA COUNTY	1457	53	10	18.87%	-43	
SOUTHWEST MINN	1468	22	13	59.09%	-9	
TOTALS		1344	603	44.87%	-741	



Voyageurs All

I would like to start off by congratulating the following Voitures for hitting the 100% target. Voiture 62 Laq Qui Parl, Voiture 634 St Louis County, Voiture 714 Cass County.

Its nice to see that Voiture 1324 Rice County is back with us this year.

We still have 2 Voitures sitting on the Goose Egg. They know who they are so I won't mention them in my article.

As of October 24, Grand du Minnesota has 603 memberships turned into National. That puts us in 35th place for 44.87%. Nationals new membership total for the Grand is 1371, that is just only 21 members higher than our total for 2013.

Good luck to all the hunters this fall and hope that your harvest is plentiful.

Its early but I would like to wish everyone in the 40 & 8 Family a joyous Holiday Season. May your Thanksgiving and Christmas be spent with your loved ones and friends.

Please say a prayer for our Military also.

God Bless
Steve Dircks
Grand Membership Directeur



Happy Thanksgiving
May All your Sweet Dreams
Come True

