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JERRY BLOCK — GRAND CHEF DE GARE

March & April 2014

MEL. STOPPELMAN — GRAND CORRESPONDANT  
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## Greetings Voyageurs

Well I made it back from warm and sunny Mazatlan. I hope you all enjoyed the February weather as much as I enjoyed it here. Voyageur Lloyd and I had been working hard down here keeping everything in line. If you have been following the news we helped catch the kingpin drug lord by staying in our room. The place he was caught was just down the street from us. Lots of low flying copters flying by us 4 ft above the water. We didn't know what was going on till the next day. Right in the thick of it and didn't know it.

While there we carried the on 40&8 tradition of helping kids. We made a stop at a Walmart store and bought \$200 worth of cleaning supplies and food and delivered it to San Pablo's orphanage home for boys. The home is run by a Father Tovar and the nuns are teachers. There are 32 boys there aged from 5 to 10 years old they were very happy to see us. Very humbling experience. We are so spoiled in the US. These kids are happy with nothing but a basketball to keep them busy and school. No bicycles, cell phones, TV, or anything.

Hopefully the weather will straighten itself out now so everyone can get out and get the renewals from all the tail draggers who have not paid their dues yet. We still have a couple hundred to go. This is a never ending battle. Push. Push. Push. The job isn't finished till the paper work is done. Keep in touch with those Voyageurs you sponsored into La Societe. Ask them if they have paid their dues yet. If not help out your Correspondant and collect.

We are in the last half of the year already and it's time to start gathering information for your reports. The forms can be printed from the [www.fortyandeight.org](http://www.fortyandeight.org) web site. It is not that difficult to fill in the blanks on the forms and send them to the Grand Directeurs. Mel has a supply of new directories on hand. If you did not get one at Mid-Winter contact Mel and he will get you one. WE NEED THESE REPORTS!

Located elsewhere is a poster concerning my Testimonial. You are cordially invited to attend on Sunday, April 27 at the Hutch Legion.

*Jerry Block Grand Chef de Gare*

"Make yourself an honest man, and then you may be sure that there is one less scoundrel in the world." ~ Thomas Carlyle



Chef Jerry & Lloyd with supplies for the Boys orphanage.



Chef Jerry and the boys of the Orphanage



**2014 You are invited to the 2014**  
**MJNN - DAKOTA**  
**40 et 8 Promenade**

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Donald Snow  
904 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. N.W.  
Grand Rapids, MN 55744  
218 326 1163  
[dlsnow@mchsi.com](mailto:dlsnow@mchsi.com)



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**Food at Legion Friday evening.**  
**Promenade and WRECK Saturday, Social hour and banquet Saturday night**  
**Memorial service Sunday morning**

**Little Falls, MN**  
**May 2, 3 & 4<sup>th</sup> 2014**

HOSTED BY  
**GRAND du Minnesota & Voiture 1329**

Limited number of rooms blocked off under 40 et 8  
**HEADQUARTERS COUNTRY INN & SUITES 320 632 1000**  
Rates \$94.99 Standard \* \$114.00 two room suite (All motels +10% tax)  
**209 16<sup>th</sup> ST., LITTLE FALLS, MN 56345**  
Super 8 (320 632 2351) 76\$ double, 65\$ single; AmericInn (320 632 2964) 85\$  
Call motels direct

Registration 15\$ Banquet 16\$  
Send checks (payable to Voiture 1329) and registrations to:  
Dennis Frank, 10961 Harvest Rd, Little Falls, MN 56345

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Voiture # \_\_\_\_\_ Grand du \_\_\_\_\_ Mothers Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

WE THANK YOU, we appreciate your support and look forward to seeing YOU in Little Falls, Minnesota. Ya Pro

**A WEEKEND OF EASTERN DAKOTA HOSPITALITY \*\*This is**  
**an APPROVED FUN event**



# Voiture Locale 414

TESTIMONIAL  
GRAND CHEF DE GARE  
JERRY BLOCK  
AMERICAN LEGION POST 96  
35 3rd Ave. S. E.  
HUTCHINSON, MN.

**SUNDAY — APRIL 27, 2014**

**SOCIAL HOUR 3:00—4:30 P. M.**

**DINNER—4:30 P. M. PROGRAM 5:30 P. M.**

**\$20.00 Per Person ——— SORRY NO WALKINS.**

**PRIME RIB ——— Is the order of the Day.**

**Sea Salt Crunch Baked Potato**

**Sour cream & Butter**

**Fresh Vegetable**

**Salad**

**Dinner Roll**

**Milk Coffee**

**Dessert**

**RSVP BY—APRIL 15, 2014**

**Send checks to—Linda Pankake**

**805 Laura Ave. S. W. Hutchinson, MN. 55350**

**Phone # (320) 587-7000**

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Persons \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Voiture #; \_\_\_\_\_.**

**We Thank You, We appreciate your support and looking forward to seeing YOU in Hutchinson.**

**SORRY NO WALKINS.**





**TESTIMONIAL LUNCHEON FOR**



**LA GRANDE PRESIDENTE**

**ARLETTE HARTUNG**

**APRIL 6, 2014 @ 1:00 PM  
SAUK RAPIDS AMERICAN LEGION**

**CHEMINOT PRIOR @11:00 AM**

**ROAST BEEF SANDWICH  
CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP  
CAKE AND ICE CREAM**

**\$10.00**

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**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cabane/Voiture** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number Attending** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail with check to Bev Grose American Legion  
415 North Benton Drive, Sauk Rapids, MN 56379  
Please RSVP by March 31, 2014**



## 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.

4/6-14—La Presidents Testimonial Sauk Rapids

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.

- 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**
- Feb. 26 Voiture 1281 No Show**

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-1468 PIPESTONE	MIKE SCHAFFER	GR CHEF DE TRAIN
V-39 ST. PAUL	DAVE GUSTAFSON	SOUS GR. CHEF DE TRAIN
V-1281 MINNETONKA	TOM ALLEN	SOUS GR. CHEF DE TRAIN
V-415 ST. CLOUD	DAVE HECTOR	GR. GARD DE LA PORT
V-44 FOREST LAKE	TERRY STEELE	GR. GARD DE LA PORT
V-414 HUTCHINSON	JERRY BLOCK	CHEMINOT NATIONAL
V-806 GRAND RAPIDS	DONALD SNOW	ALT. CHEMINOT NATIONAL
V-327 ROCHESTER	CHUCK KRUGER	GR. COMM. INTENDANT
V-327 ROCHESTER	BOB RONNIGEN	1ST DIST. GR. CHEMINOT
V-327 ROCHESTER	DICK SKILLESTAD	1ST DIST. ALT. GR. CHEM.
V-39 ST. PAUL	TERRY JOHNSON	4TH DIST. GR. CHEMINOT
V-415 ST. CLOUD	PAT WOLNEY	6TH DIST. GR. CHEMINOT
V-806 GRAND RAPIDS	JERRY TRAST	8TH DIST. GR. CHEMINOT
V-806 GRAND RAPIDS	JOHN SELANDER	8TH DIST. ALT. GR. CHEM.
V-1281 MINNETONKA	JOHN TORMA	10TH DIST. GR. CHEMINOT



### TAPS VOITURE EVERLASTING FEBRUARY 2014

<b>Cary Mcdonald</b>	<b>Cadnais Hts</b>	<b>Voiture—39</b>
<b>Donald Nordmeier</b>	<b>Morristown</b>	<b>Voiture —1324</b>
<b>Bruce Orke</b>	<b>Leroy</b>	<b>Voiture—327</b>
<b>Joe Remitz</b>	<b>Wyoming</b>	<b>Voiture—44</b>
<b>Lee Terrell</b>	<b>Eagle Lake</b>	<b>Voiture—281</b>

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.

That time of the year has come when the Testimonial Dinners are in full swing, lets get out and support those have worked so hard this past year in promoting the programs of the 40 and 8 through out the state and in the locales. The attached reservation forms are attached elsewhere with in the news letter. Make more copy's if they are needed.

The Minn-Dakota Promenade and Grand Chef's Wreck hotel and registration information is also included send in the information and make those Hotel reservations soon lets have a good showing from Grand du Minnesota.

### NOTICE



GOOF'S are to REPORT TO THE SUPER 8 MOTEL IN LITTLE FALLS for the GRAND CHEF'S WRECK no later that 9:27 A. M. on MAY 3, 2014. The first degree will start promptly at 10:30 A. M.

### ATTENTION

Correspondants send the names and Voiture Locale of all P.G'S to the GRAND CORRESPONDANT BY APRIL 25, 2014. send to Mel Stoppelman @ 2609 Goettens Way # 205, St. Cloud, MN. 56301 or email @ melmelwyn@yahoo.com



## 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. We still need Endorsements for the Cheminot's from Each District. Go to your Locale and seek out those to fill these Offices, as they are the Leaders with in the Forty and Eight. Cheminots are still needed for the following Districts; 2nd Dist., 3rd Dist., 4th Dist. Alt., 5th Dist., 6th Dist. Alt., 7th Dist., 9th Dist., and 10th Dist. 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

### Cheminot Nationale

As Cheminot Nationale du Minnesota, I receive several e-mails. There are two that I would like you to at least check out. The first is called Voyageur Briefs. It details various programs of La Societe and a brief history of a Nationale Officer. Contact Bill Beaumont at [bbeaumont@fortyandeight.org](mailto:bbeaumont@fortyandeight.org) to get on his mail list. The other is geared to La Femmes. It is called Cabane Chatter. This is put out by Correspondante Nationale Terry Sampson. Contact him at [femmes@fortyandeight.org](mailto:femmes@fortyandeight.org). Chef de Chemin de Fer Pat Beamer gave mention of these at the mid-winter. At the very least, contact me at [dlsnow@mchsi.com](mailto:dlsnow@mchsi.com) and I will send a copy of one or both. Take a look at them. You may like what you read.

It is getting close to that time when reports need to be filled out and snail mailed to the appropriate Directeur. Use the Grande Directory to find them. The forms are very easy to fill out. Go to the Nationale Website at [fortyandeight.org](http://fortyandeight.org). Use resources to find forms and petite communiqué. All the forms are there. Put in the appropriate information and it will automatically add up the miles, hours, monies spent, or what have you. Print and mail. Pretty simple.

Hopefully spring has finally sprung. Let's hope all this deep snow doesn't melt to fast to cause flooding. Until next time: Cheminot Nationale Don Snow

**GRAND VOITURE DU MINNESOTA  
MEMBERSHIP AS OF MARCH 6, 2014**

VOITURE	#	2013	2014	% of Quota	Short
ST. PAUL PARK	33	24	20	83.33%	-4
ST. PAUL	39	45	41	91.11%	-4
FOREST LAKE	44	59	34	57.63%	-25
MINNEAPOLIS	45	46	45	97.83%	-1
CHIPPEWA COUNTY	54	8	3	37.50%	-5
MADISON	62	26	26	100.00%	0
MANKATO	281	70	49	70.00%	-22
ROCHESTER	327	101	84	83.17%	-17
ANOKA	390	38	21	55.26%	-17
HUTCHINSON	414	132	86	65.15%	-46
ST. CLOUD	415	77	40	51.95%	-37
WINONA	580	22	21	95.45%	-1
BEMIDJI	582	32	15	46.88%	-17
VIRGINIA	634	41	43	104.88%	2
PARK RAPIDS	712	23	11	47.83%	-12
CASS COUNTY	714	14	14	100.00%	0
EAST GRAND FORKS	734	32	16	50.00%	-16
THIEF RIVER FALLS	737	28	23	82.14%	-5
PEQUOT LAKES	754	27	19	70.37%	-8
CROOKSTON	772	19	17	89.47%	-2
BRAINERD	778	27	17	62.96%	-10
BAYPORT/STILLWATER	791	59	59	100.00%	0
GRAND RAPIDS	806	45	35	77.78%	-10
RAMSEY COUNTY	838	19	1	5.26%	-18
ALBERT LEA	1210	10	1	10.00%	-9
MINNETONKA	1281	96	75	78.13%	-21
FAIRBAULT	1324	28	15	53.57%	-13
LITTLE FALLS	1329	52	42	80.77%	-10
WILLMAR	1413	33	20	60.61%	-13
ROSEAU	1436	36	37	102.78%	1
DAKOTA COUNTY	1457	53	51	96.23%	-2
SOUTHWEST MINN	1468	22	18	81.82%	-4
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>1344</b>	<b>1011</b>	<b>75.22%</b>	<b>-333</b>



**VOYAGEURS ALL**

Hello March, hope you are bringing warmer weather with you. Lets hope that the snowbirds are on there way safely back home to Minnesota. If your Locale has any snowbirds lets make sure that they have paid there membership dues. Grande du Minn. is currently at 27th place with 1081 memberships into National. The Grande has 263 more memberships to collect to reach our 2013 goal of 1344. The 2014 goal is 1371. There are 6 Locales at 100% or better, 4 Locales at 90% or better and finally 8 Locales at 80% or better. We have a little over 6 months left to collect the remaining memberships. Lets see if the Cheminots can contact the Locales in there Districts and talk to them about membership and the prospect of bringing any goofs to the Minn Dakota in May for the Wreck.

Steve Dircks  
Grande Membership Directeur