



Greetings Voyageurs

Finally, it's starting to warm up a little. It has been a long cold winter-just like the good old days. Can't change it so I guess we have to take it as it comes. It has been a busy couple of weeks. I made a couple trips to Little Falls to help prep the voyageurs for the Minn-Dakota, attended Cabane 415 style show in Waite Park, La Grande President Arlette's Testimonial Dinner in Sauk Rapids, Minn-Dakota weekend in Little Falls, and a couple promenades in between.

My chapeaux off to the voyageurs of V1329 Little Falls for the fine job they did hosting the Minn-Dakota this year. Everything went like clockwork. This was the first time in a number of years we finally had some pg's for an active wreck. There were 9 pg – all from Minnesota. It was my privilege to preside for the 3rd Degree. We had an excellent turn out of voyageurs from around the state. Also in attendance were the 2 candidates for Chef de Chemin de Fer for the upcoming year-Voyageurs Preston Olson from South Dakota and Mike Wood from Virginia. The only hitch in the weekend was on Sunday morning when Grand Drapau Bruce Panning took a tumble and got an ambulance ride to the hospital. After the functions were over I went to check on him and one eye was swelled shut and the doc told him not to drive. I offered to drive him home to Belle Plaine and Voyageur Lloyd drove his car. 100 extra miles but needless to say he was very grateful. Hope you are feeling better Bruce.

I would like to thank all who shared the fun and camaraderie at my testimonial. I was privileged to have guests from all around the state plus Grand Chef de Wisconsin, Lloyd Grandberg, Minn. Dept. Commander Mike Ash, NEC Ray Dzurek, and all my friends from V414. Thank you V414 for your gift of a Life Membership in the 40&8. It was a great evening enjoyed by all.

There is still some work to be done with getting your membership renewals turned in. As I have stated before, if you sponsored a Voyageur it is your duty to keep in touch with him and make sure he renews. We need all the members we can get to keep this fine organization going strong. To all Correspondants- it is time to start working on your reports. If you have any questions please get hold of me and I will assist you in any way. Fill them out and mail them to the respective program Directeurs. We have had poor reporting in the past. This is an important job that has to be done.

My travels will continue with Dept. Commander's Testimonial, Calvin Kain service at Grand Rapids, Memorial Day at Fort Snelling, and promenades and parades. Grand Promenade in Apple Valley and Promenade Nationale in Virginia Beach, VA. in the near future. It has been a great year so far and better times coming. Thanks to Voyageurs Chuck, Mel and Steve for filling in when there are doubles.

Jerry Block, Grand Chef de Gare

When you worry and hurry through your day, it is like an unopened gift....Thrown away.... Life is not a race. Take it slower. Hear the music before the song is over.

94th Grand Promenade

GRAND VOITURE DU MINNESOTA

AUGUST 2 & 3 2014



JERRY BLOCK-GRAND CHEF de GARE

HOSTED BY:

VOITURE LOCALE 1457

DAKOTA COUNTY — APPLE VALLEY, MINNESOTA

RICHARD WATLAND — CHEF de GARE — LOCALE 1457



HEADQUARTERS HOTEL
AMERICINN HOTEL & SUITES
15000 GLAZIER AVE.

APPLE VALLEY, MN. Phone: 952-431-3800

Contact Hotel direct; Contact for booking: Jess or Josh



ROOM RATE: \$89.00 Plus Tax, Continental Breakfast
Rooms are blocked under the 40/8— will be held until “JULY 2,
2014”

ALL MEETINGS OF THE GRANDE VOITURE AND GRANDE CABANE
WILL BE HELD AT THE “AMERICAN LEGION POST CLUB ROOMS”

Name _____ Voiture Locale _____

Address _____ Phone # _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Delegate: _____ Alt: _____ Persons: _____

Registration: \$20.00 per person

Send Checks Payable to: Voiture Locale 1457 — Joyce Rose 16347 Park Ave. S. E. Prior Lake, MN. 55372

Shuttle Service: Friday and Saturday from Hotel to Legion.

GRANDE VOITURE DU MINNESOTA 2014 - 2015 OFFICERS REPORT

MAIL completed. legible form to:

Mel. Stoppelman / Grand Correspondant, 2609 Goettens Way # 205 - St. Cloud, MN. 56301

To received by July 1, 2014

VOITURE LOCALE # _____ A. L. DISTRICT _____ CITY _____ COUNTY _____
OFFICE _____ NAME _____ TELEPHONE (Include Area Code) _____

CHEF DE GARE _____ () _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

CHEF DE TRAIN _____ () _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

CORRESPONDANT _____ () _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

COMMISSAIRE INTENDANT _____ () _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

AUMONIER _____ () _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

ACTIVITIES DIRECTEUR _____ () _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

AMERICANISM DIRECTEUR _____ () _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

BOXCAR DIRECTEUR _____ () _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

CARVILLE STAR DIRECTEUR _____ () _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

CHILD WELFARE DIRECTEUR _____ () _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

YOUTH SPORTS DIRECTEUR _____ () _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

NURSES TRAINING DIRECTEUR _____ () _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTEUR _____ () _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

RITUAL DIRECTEUR _____ () _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

GRAND or ALTERNATE GRAND CHEMINOT (Circle One) _____ () _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

OFFICERS REPORT DUE BY JULY 1, 2014 TO HAVE YOUR VIOTURE LOCALE INCLUDED IN THE 2015
GRANDE VOITURE DU MINNESOTA DIRECTORY AND CERTIFIED WITH VOITURE NATIONALE.



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.

8/2/3/14 – Grand Promenade Apple Valley Flier enclosed

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 Militiare committed to attending the monthly assigned visitation. A minimum of six Voyageurs are requested. La Femmes are welcome and encouraged to attend the Visitation.

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

Mar. 26 Voiture 44 Forest Lake

**Apr. 30 Voiture 39 Ramsey County
Richard Hammond, Tony Grggelko, Jim Hamilton.**

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.

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 RONNINGEN	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-734 GRAND FORKS	TOM CONWAY	9TH DIST. GR. CHEMINOT
V-734 GRAND FORKS	LOU EFTA	9TH DIST. ALT. GR. CHEM.
V-806 GRAND RAPIDS	JOHN SELANDER	8TH DIST. ALT. GR. CHEM.
V-1281 MINNETONKA	JOHN TORMA	10TH DIST. GR. CHEMINOT



TAPS VOITURE EVERLASTING MAY 2014

David Seggeke	Stillwater	V-791
Vernon L. Teichroew	Minneapolis	V-45
Carl Vonderhaar	Little Falls	V-1329

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

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



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

To all Locale Correspondants: put that "Taps" list of your deceased together and send to Grand Memorial Directeur, Mike Schaffer, 308 Mill Ave. Fulda, MN. 56131 so he has it for the Grand Promenade.

The Minn-Dakota has Just passed with 9 new Voyageurs wrecked into the 40/8, Mike Rickard V-754, Mike Marcum V-754, Randy King V-754, Mike Thompson V-754, Jack Schmidt V-754, Robert Larson V-415, Robbie Kies V-415, Kevin Grose V-415, and Mike Costello, V-1329, we bidding you a hearty welcome, also the weekend was well attended with 72 Voyagerus registered, probably one of the largest turn-outs that the Minn-Dakota has had in years. The Minn-Dakota for next year 2015 will be held in Aberdeen, S. D. The information will be on the National Web site in the near future keep a eye out for it.



This Memorial Day Remember those that gave it all in defending the Freedom that we have today.

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. **Note: Make sure that endorsements are correct and for the current year to which endorsement is made.**

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

NOTICE

The 2014-2015 year Officer reporting forms are attached, **FILL THEM OUT AND RETURN IT TO THE GRAND CORRESPONDANT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.** This information is used and sent on to Nationale for the New Chef de Gare and any other officer changes, and is also used to publish the Grand Directory.



Cabane Grade de MN. during the MN Dakota held in Little Falls hosted ladies from N. Dakota, S. Dakota to Camp Ripley for a tour of the Museum and View the Boxcar. 12 ladies went to Camp Ripley, MN had 9 Dams in attendance including La Presidente Nationale Passe Sandra Wood who is originally from MN and now lives in VA.

GRAND VOITURE DU MINNESOTA MEMBERSHIP AS OF MAY 8, 2014

VOITURE	#	2013	2014	% of Quota	Short	
ST. PAUL PARK	33	24	20	83.33%	-4	
ST. PAUL	39	45	44	97.78%	-1	
FOREST LAKE	44	59	43	72.88%	-16	
MINNEAPOLIS	45	46	47	102.16%	1	
CHIPPEWA COUNTY	54	8	3	37.50%	-5	
MADISON	62	26	26	100.00%	0	
MANKATO	281	70	71	101.43%	1	
ROCHESTER	327	101	98	97.03%	-3	
ANOKA	390	38	30	78.95%	-8	
HUTCHINSON	414	132	129	97.73%	-3	
ST. CLOUD	415	77	70	90.91%	-7	
WINONA	580	22	24	109.09%	2	
BEMIDJI	582	32	29	90.63%	-3	
VIRGINIA	634	41	43	104.88%	2	
PARK RAPIDS	712	23	20	86.96%	-3	
CASS COUNTY	714	14	14	100.00%	0	
EAST GRAND FORKS	734	32	31	96.88%	-1	
THIEF RIVER FALLS	737	28	26	92.86%	-2	
PEQUOT LAKES	754	27	24	88.89%	-3	
CROOKSTON	772	19	17	89.47%	-2	
BRAINERD	778	27	18	66.67%	-9	
BAYPORT/STILLWATER	791	59	59	100.00%	0	
GRAND RAPIDS	806	45	39	86.67%	-6	
RAMSEY COUNTY	838	19	10	52.63%	-9	
ALBERT LEA	1210	10	9	90.00%	-1	
MINNETONKA	1281	96	89	92.71%	-7	
FAIRBAULT	1324	28	29	103.57%	1	
LITTLE FALLS	1329	52	46	88.46%	-6	
WILLMAR	1413	33	20	60.61%	-13	
ROSEAU	1436	36	37	102.78%	1	
DAKOTA COUNTY	1457	53	56	105.66%	3	
SOUTHWEST MINN	1468	22	20	90.91%	-2	
TOTALS		1344	1241	92.34%	-103	



VOYAGEURS ALL

Spring has finally arrived the fishing opener has come and gone, hope that those that had a chance to get out had good luck, now is the time to go fishing for those that have not renewed their membership for 2014. We have 10 Voiture Locles at 100% or better congratulations for a job well done. There are still quite a few at 90% or better, but the job is not complete until all have reached that 100% mark. Grande du Minnesota stands at 25h in the Nation with a 92.34%, with only 103 to go to reach our goal or 130 to reach our ATH once again, so you can see llllwe have a ways to go, and a short time to do it.

May 2-3-4 the Minn-Dakot and Grand Chef's wreck was held in Little Falls at Votuire Locale 1329, where 9 new Voitures were initiated into the 40/8, congratulation and welcome.

Memorial Day this year is on May 26th, plan on attending services to pay tribute to those that gave of their lives in efense of the freedom that we now today, ant to honor those that are still serving today defending that freedom.

Steve Dircks
Grand Chef de Train

