



*From the office of Jerry Block
Grand Chef de Gare
Du Minnesota*

La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux

Fellow voyageurs, it is with bitter-sweet emotions as I pen this letter. My term as your Grand Chef de Gare is quickly coming to an end. Let me tell you it has been one hell of a ride. It has been a GREAT year for me and that is because of all of you for your fantastic support and friendship. I cannot thank you all enough. It has been a pleasure serving with President Arlette and especially Grand Correspondant Mel. Believe me there have been many phone calls to both and together we got things done that had to be done. You are both a great asset to the 40&8 organization. I salute you. This year has gone way too fast, but one I will never forget.

Since the last newsletter, my loyal companion Aid de Camp Lloyd and I attended a Promenade and Calvin Cain service at Grand Rapids. Thank you Correspondant Don for the invite and hospitality. On Memorial Day I attended the services at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. It was a very humbling service even with the "promise speeches" from our favorite politicians. I even got my picture taken with Governor Dayton. I had to remind myself that it is not always the person but the position that demands respect. And I do respect the Governor but what makes this a great country is I don't always have to agree with his decisions. Nuf said. July 3rd and 4th I will be at the Forest Lake Celebration. I am looking forward to the Grand Promenade in August at Apple Valley. In September, Lloyd and I will be driving to Virginia Beach to attend the Promenade Nationale. Probably take in a few side trips on the way home. When we have nothing else to do you can find us with the V414 LOCI at a dozen or so parades around the area.

I would like to ask all Locale Chef's to check out your membership lists and see if you can scrounge up another 75 renewals. Those of you who are not at 100% need an average of only 3 each to make our goal. Minnesota is at 94.87% and currently in 28th place nationally. Interestingly there are only 5 Grands with more membership than Minnesota and only Pennsylvania has a higher percentage than we do. You are all doing a fine job but a little more would be nice.

Hopefully all Correspondants have their reports sent to the proper Directeurs. A reminder again please send your "taps" list to Memorial Directeur Mike Schaffer, 308 Mill Ave. - Fulda, MN. 56131 so we can give our proper respect to our fallen comrades at Grand.

I wish nothing but good health, good times, and safe travels to all my 40&8 friends.

Grand Chef Jerry



La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux



GRANDE VOITURE DU MINNESOTA

GRANDE PROMENADE

OFFICIAL CALL

By order of the Grand Chef de Gare, Donald Snow, Grande Voiture du Minnesota, the call of the 93rd Annual Grande Promenade, of the Grande Voiture du Minnesota, La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux hereby made. The Grande Promenade will be held in Hutchinson, Minnesota, August 1-2-3, 2013. All meetings of the Grande Voiture and Cabane will take place at the Headquarters Hotel.

PURPOSE:

The Grande Promenade is called for the following purposes: To hear and act on the reports of Grand Officers, Grande Cheminots, Directeurs and Committees, to elect and install Grand Officers for the ensuing year, to consider amendments to the Constitution & Bylaws of Grande du Minnesota if presented. To consider any other business for the Good of the Grande Voiture which may come before the Delegates assembled.

REPRESENTATION:

In tis Grande Promenade, representation will be on the following basis: Each Voiture Locale, with ten (10) or more current paid up memberships paid to Voiture Nationale, and certified to the Grand Correspondant thirty (30) days prior to the convening of the Grand Promenade, shall be entitled to five (5) delegates and five (5) alternates for the first fifty (50) members, and one (1) additional delegate and one (1) additional alternate for each additional twenty five (25) members or a major fraction thereof.

All Grand Chefs de Gare Passe of the Grande Voiture, Department of Minnesota, while in good standing in their respective Voiture Locale, shall be a delegate to the Grande Promenade, with one (1) vote to be executed only when present in person and not as a Delegate of his Voiture Locale.

AMENDMENTS OF THE CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS:

Amendments must be presented in writing to the meeting of the Grande Cheminot of Friday prior to the opening of the Grande Promenade and shall be referred to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee before being presented to the Delegates present at the Grande Promenade.

CREDENTIALS:

Credentials to identify the delegates and alternates will be furnished to each Delegate or Alternate when registering by the Grande Convention Corporation. No Voyageur Militaire is allowed on the floor of the Grande Promenade without Credentials being displayed on his person.

BY ORDER OF THE GRAND CHEF DE GARE.

Jerry Block

GRANDE VOITURE DU MINNESOTA 2014 - 2015 OFFICERS REPORT

ALL 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 GRAND 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 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.

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

MAY 28 Richard Hammond, Tony Grggelko, Bob Fritsche, Darrin Ewing, Carl Renaus

V-415 ST. CLOUD
V-1468 PIPESTONE
V-39 ST. PAUL
V-1281 MINNETONKA
V-415 ST. CLOUD
V-44 FOREST LAKE
V-414 HUTCHINSON
V-414 HUTCHINSON
V-806 GRAND RAPIDS
V-327 ROCHESTER
V-327 ROCHESTER
V-327 ROCHESTER
V-281 MANKATO
V-281 MANKATO
V-791 BAYPORT/STILWATER
V-39 ST. PAUL
V-45 MINNEAPOLIS
V-415 ST. CLOUD
V-806 GRAND RAPIDS
V-734 GRAND FORKS
V-734 GRAND FORKS
V-806 GRAND RAPIDS
V-1281 MINNETONKA
V-1281 MINNETONKA

STEVE DIRCKS
MIKE SCHAFFER
DAVE GUSTAFSON
TOM ALLEN
DAVE HECTOR
TERRY STEELE
ELMER BAYSINGER
JERRY BLOCK
DONALD SNOW
CHUCK KRUGER
BOB RONNINGEN
DICK SKILLESTAD
BRAD HARDT
VIRGIL MARBLE
CARL RENALLS
TERRY JOHNSON
BILL BRAY
PAT WOLNEY
JERRY TRAST
TOM CONWAY
LOU EFTA
JOHN SELANDER
BOB LOCKER
JOHN TORMA

GR. CHEF DE GARE
GR CHEF DE TRAIN
SOUS GR. CHEF DE TRAIN
SOUS GR. CHEF DE TRAIN
GR. GARD DE LA PORT
GR. GARD DE LA PORT
GR. GARD DE LA PORT
CHEMINOT NATIONAL
ALT. CHEMINOT NATIONAL
GR. COMM. INTENDANT
1ST DIST. GR. CHEMINOT
1ST DIST. ALT. GR. CHEM.
2ND DIST. GR. CHEMINOT
2ND DIST. ALT. GR. CHEM.
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4TH DIST. GR. CHEMINOT
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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.

TAPS

VOITURE EVERLASTING

JUNE 2014

Martineau, William J. Grand Rapids V-806
Pierson, James O. Champlin V-390



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. La Femmes are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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.



Happy 4th of July



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 Grand Promenade will begin on Saturday August 3, 2013 with the Cheminot Meeting at 11:00 A. M. , followed by the convening of the Grand Promenade at 1:30 P. M. and concluding on Sunday August 4, with the election of the Officers for the 2014-2015 Voiture year.

The Memorial Service will be at 9:00 A. M. on Sunday August 4, 2013. for those that have not sent their Taps List, Send it today to Grand Memorial Directeur; Mike Schaffer, at the address listed else wear in this News Letter.

Attached is a Copy of the Officers List for 2014-2015, for those that have not sent it yet do so as soon as possible, for those that have thank you.

Respect yourself enough to walk away from anything that no longer serves you, grows you, or makes you happy. If you aren't being treated with love and respect, check your price tag. Maybe you've marked yourself down. It's YOU who tells people what your worth is. Get off of the clearance rack and get behind the glass where they keep the valuables.

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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; 3rd Dist. Alt. Cheminot, 4th Dist. Alt., 5th Dist., 6th Dist. Alt., 7th 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.

VOYAGEURS

Just received; There was a error made and a misunderstanding when the Hotel contract was signed for the Grande Promenade.

Those that made hotel reservations for Friday night will have to pay for the room, but will be refunded at the Grand Promenade on Saturday. Thank you for your patients, see you at the Grand on August 1-3, 2014.

**GRAND VOITURE DU MINNESOTA
MEMBERSHIP AS OF June 19, 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	10	125.00%	2
MADISON	62	26	26	100.00%	0
MANKATO	281	70	71	101.43%	1
ROCHESTER	327	101	98	97.03%	-3
ANOKA	390	38	37	97.37%	-1
HUTCHINSON	414	132	129	97.73%	-3
ST. CLOUD	415	77	75	97.40%	-2
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	40	88.89%	-5
RAMSEY COUNTY	838	19	10	52.63%	-9
ALBERT LEA	1210	10	10	100.00%	0
MINNETONKA	1281	96	89	92.71%	-7
FAIRBAULT	1324	28	29	103.57%	1
LITTLE FALLS	1329	52	51	98.08%	-1
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	1267	94.27%	-77



Voyageurs

I do hope and pray that with all the rain that no Voyageurs are having problems with flooding in their homes and farms. It seems like we need to set the big hook to reel in those remaining memberships with all this rain. As of June 19th the Grand is in 28th place in membership. With 1267 turned in to Nationale. That leaves the Grande 77 members from reaching goal of 1344 members.

Again I would like to say thank you to the 12 Locales that are at 100% or better. Also, to the 11 Locales that are at 90% or better.

Don't forget the Grande Promenade in Apple Valley on August 1-3, 2014. More info on the Promenade is in this newsletter.

Now on a different note. If am elected to be the Grand Chef for 2014-2015, I am looking at filling my appointments. Looking to fill the position of Americanism Directeur. If any Voyageur would be interested in taking this position please cll me at 320-237-3666.

See you all at the Grande Promenade;

God Bless

Steve Dircks

Grande Chef de Train