



FELLOW VOYAGEURS

First and foremost I would like to thank all Voyageurs and Voiture Locales that attended the Grand Promenade in Apple Valley. It is a great honor to have been elected during the Grand Promenade to be your Grande Chef de Gare for the up coming year. I would like to thank Grande Chef de Gare Passe Chuck Hartung for doing the installation ceremony.

Also, Thanks goes out to Voyageur Duff and the Voyageurs from Voiture 1457 that hosted and provided shuttle service during the Grand Promnade.

Would all Voiture Locale Correspondants please make sure that your Officers list for 2015 is sent to Grand Correspondant Mel. That way Correspondant Mel has updated info on your Locale and correct addresses for sending out info from the Grand and Nationale.

Membership, according to the Nationale web site, Grand du Minnesota is at 1288 memberships for a 95.83% that is still 56 below last years goal.

I know that November is a ways out there yet, but lets start looking for some Poor Goof's. Voiture 44 and Voiture 791 will be holding a Active Wreck on Nov. 20th in Forest Lake. So lets start now to make up that deficit of 56.

My travels have officially started. I attended the Promenade of Voiture 414 in Eden Valley along with their delicious Pork Chop dinner. Rode on the Voiture 415 loci in the Kimball Days Parade. Talk about being baptized started raining at the beginning of the parade and lasted until the end.

Thanks for Voiture 414 for bringing their loci to Kimball.

Attended Voiture 415 summer picnic in Kimball as well. A few special auction items were bid upon during the picnic that Voiture 415 and Cabane 415 were able to raise 616 dollars for their Nurses Scholarships.

Please contact me at 320-237-3666 if your Voiture would like me to attend any functions that your Locale or Town are holding.

God Bless,

Steve Dircks

Grande Chef de Gare



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.

Wreck—November 22 Voiture Locale 44
11/22/14

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



MINNEAPOLIS VETERANS HOSPITAL VISITATION

ENDORSEMENTS 2015—2016

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.

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.

25 Sept. Voiture 791 Bayport/Stillwater
29 Oct. Voiture 33 St. Paul Park
27 Nov. Voiture 39 St. Paul
2015

28 Jan. Voiture 390 Anoka County
25 Feb. Voiture 1281 Minnetonka
25 March Voiture 44 Forest Lake
29 April Voiture 1457 Apple Valley
27 May Voiture 791 Bayport/Stillwater
24 June Voiture 33 St Paul Park
29 July Voiture 39 St Paul
26 Aug. Voiture 390 Anoka County
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

TAPS

VOITURE EVERLASTING AUGUST, 2014



Dallas Jensen V-33 Cottage Grove
Fred Klutz V-327 Rochester
Norman Olsen V-33 Cottage Grove
Raymond Oney V-33 Inver Grove Heights
John P. Tabor V-33 St, Paul Park

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 2015 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.

WRECK

Voiture Locale 44 has scheduled a Wreck for November 22, the Goof's are to report at 9:00 A. M. with the Wreck to start at 10:00 A. M., If you have any Voyageurs or Poor Goof's to be Wrecked let the Correspondant know how many and their names. More info to follow as received.



The Grand Promenade has past, Past Chef Jerry, it was a pleasure and honor to serve as your Correspondant, now that the new Officers are in place Chef Steve the best to you this coming year as well to all of the new Officers and Chairman, Have a good year.

ENDORSEMENTS 2015-2016

The time has come to start to Submit those Endorsements for the 2015-2016 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, 2015.** 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. **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

Voiture Nationale has moved to their new location, all Membership should be Mailed to the **NEW ADDRESS** At.

**VOITURE NATIONALE
250 E. 38TH ST.
INDIANAPOLIS, IN. 46205**

**GRAND VOITURE DU MINNESOTA
MEMBERSHIP AS OF AUGUST 7, 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	49	83.05%	-10	
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	101	100.00%	0	
ANOKA	390	38	37	97.37%	-1	
HUTCHINSON	414	132	130	98.48%	-2	
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	22	95.65%	-1	
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	25	92.59%	-2	
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	18	94.74%	-1	
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	1288	95.83%	-56	

Voyageurs All

I BELIEVE A BRIEF INTRO OF MYSELF AND MY BACKGROUND WOULD BE IN ORDER AS THIS IS MY FIRST MEMBERSHIP ACTICLE. I'M MIKE SCHAFFER AND AM YOUR CHEF DE TRAIN FOR THIS YEAR AND AM IN CHARGE OF THE MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM. MY BACKGROUND IN MEMBERSHIP IS FIVE YEARS AS A DISTRICT LEGION MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR AND ONE YEAR AS STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR SO HAVE LEARNED A FEW THINGS ALONG THE WAY.

ENOUGH OF THE ABOVE, NOW TO THE BUSINESS AT HAND THAT BEING THE MEMBERSHIP OF GRAND DU MINNESOTA FOR THIS COMING YEAR. WE ALL KNOW THAT THE NEW MEMBERSHIP CARDS ARE OUT AND HAVE BEEN SINCE MID JULY, AND I TRULY HOPE YOU ALL HAVE SENT IN YOUR OFFICER ROSTERS FOR THE NEW YEAR AND HAVE GOTTEN A GOOD START ON THE RENEWALS FOR THIS YEAR.

PLEASE GET THOSE RENEWALS IN AS EARLY AS YOU CAN AS IN A SHORT THREE MONTHS YOUR VOYAGERS WILL HEAD FOR WARMER CLIMATES AND GONE TIL SPRING, SO RENEW THEM NOW WHILE THEY ARE HERE. AS ALWAYS WE ALL NEED TO BE LOOKING IN OUR OWN LEGION POSTS AND DISTRICTS, FOR POTENTIAL GOOFS (NEW MEMBERS) FOR THE 40 ET 8. WITHOUT THEM "WE" HAVE A NOT TO BRIGHT FUTURE, SO START LOOKING NOW. THEN WE CAN GET INTO TO PROMOTING THE PROGRAMS AND WHAT WE DO BEST OR AT LEAST WE USED TO, THAT BEING HAVING FUN, FUN, FUN. AM WORKING ON SOME POSSIBLE INCENTIVES FOR MID-WINTER FOR REACHING A PERCENTAGE OF GOAL.

MORE NEXT MONTH

MIKE SCHAFFER, CHEF DE TRAIN
GRAND DU MINNESOTA