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Moving Forward With The Basics



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From the Grand Chef

As I come to the close of my year as Grand Chef de Gare I would like to say how much I have learned and experienced this year. My last event was to attend the 37th Annual Gator Wreck in Goose Creek, South Carolina. The Wrecking Crew put 6 PGs through their paces and the Ritual Team had a few bumps but made the PGs' experience a true Active Wreck. As the weather continues to heat up keep in mind that June 14th is Flag Day and June 18th is Father's Day. The official 1st day of Summer is June 21st. If you plan on being out and about during the cooler weather, before the heat of the summer keeps you indoors, become involved with local events in your area. While you are participating in these events wear your 40&8 apparel as often as you can to promote our great organization.

Your year-end reports to the each of the Grand Directeurs were due the middle of May. You can find the forms on the Nationale Website (fortyandeight.org) under Petite Communique. If you do not know who to send them to, the list is below.

Americanism – Paul Bosco – hamptonschapter@yahoo.com
Box Car – Keith Varney – mustangridergt@gmail.com
Carville Star – John Lee – johnlee40and8@gmail.com
Child Welfare – Terry Lee – toplee4661@gmail.com
Nurses' Training – John Alicea –

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POW/MIA – Jesse Hixson –

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VAVS – Jim Tewes – jaws2z@comcast.net

Voiture Activities – Gary LaFrance –

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Youth Sports – Vacant so send to Grand

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When I became Grand Chef, I said I would not be micro-managing but I having a hard time understanding the low attendance at Grand functions. When you took a position, whether as an elected or an appointed officer/directeur, you agreed to fulfill an obligation. Too many of you have not fulfilled your obligation. Obligation, as defined, is the condition of being morally or legally bound to do something. Your obligation as an officer is to attend ALL grand functions. If you cannot make these events, it is YOUR responsibility and obligation to inform the Grand Correspondant AND ensure your report is presented in your place. The next Grand event is the Grand Promenade. The dates are June 8 through 11, 2023. ALL ELECTED and APPOINTED OFFICERS and DIRECTEURS are expected to attend. Additionally, Voiture Locale Chefs de Gare or a representative are obligated to attend. Each Voiture Locale is expected to be represented.

RENEW! RENEW! RENEW!

A reminder, anyone who has not renewed their membership card for the 2023 year, he/she will NOT be able to participate in any event, whether Locale or Grand or Nationale, until said mentioned membership has been renewed.

If you have any questions or need help with anything, please contact me. My phone number and email are listed above. I expect everyone to do their job, have a positive attitude, and to recruit. Remember we are a fraternity of veterans.

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Grand Correspondant

Just got back from another whirlwind of travel. The past several weeks, I have attended The Cajun Wreck in New Iberia, Louisiana. I was in good company at The Great Western Promenade in Rapid City, South Dakota and Southland's Dixie Promenade in Alexandria, Louisiana. I have had the most wonderful time with old friends and meeting new friends. This past weekend, I participated as the Conducteur on the Ritual Team and was the prostituting attorney during the trials at the Gator Wreck in Goose Creek, South Carolina (my old stomping ground) where my husband participated as the Chairman of the So-Long-League, among other tasks. Although the number of PGs were only 6, it was more easily handled than the 22 we were expecting. This Friday, I will be heading to Arlington for the Memorial Day Ceremonies followed immediately by the Great Lakes Promenade in Okemos, Michigan.

The Grand Promenade is only a few weeks away. That means elections are upon you at the Voiture level. I have received only 5 Officer Rosters out of 27 Locales in the Grand. Those received are V-294, V-304, V-472, V-1621, and V-1490. The Grand Correspondant needs to have a copy of each Locale's Officer list **PRIOR** to the Grand Promenade. The dates for the Grand Promenade are June 8-11, 2023. The registration form is attached to this bulletin. Officers **MUST** attend the Grand Promenade. Plan accordingly.

Also, I have received some of the Program reports but none of the one for Youth Sports. Since there isn't a Grand Youth Sports Directeur it falls on the Grand Correspondant to receive the reports.

If you are confused as to which positions are elected, here is the list:

- Grand Chef de Gare
- Grand Chef de Train

- Grand Conducteur
- Grand Garde de la Porte (2)
- Grand Commis Voyageur
- Grand Commissaire Intendant

This list constitutes “the chairs.” Grand Commissaire Intendant is not actually part of the chairs as not everyone has the capability to manage the financial side.

Those wishing to be appointed to a Grand position must let the Voiture’s Chef de Gare know so your name can be submitted to the current Grand Chef, who will pass the information to the incoming Grand Chef. Please be aware that an appointed position, also, has expectations of the office.

Any Voyageur wishing to run for an **ELECTED** position at the Nationale level **MUST** submit a Resolution to their Voiture, who must vote to approve your resolution. The Voiture Chef de Gare/Voiture Correspondant must forward the approved resolution to the Grand Correspondant thirty (30) days prior to the Grand Promenade so the Resolution Committee can review and recommend to the membership to approve the resolution to be sent to Nationale. An appointment on the Nationale level needs a letter of request for nomination to their Voiture, who must recommend you and forward the approved recommendation to the Grand Correspondant thirty (30) days prior to the Grand Promenade, same system as for an elected National position. **EVERY POSITION FOR NATIONALE MUST BE VOTED ON BY THE GRAND MEMBERSHIP TO BEFORE BEING FORWARDED TO NATIONALE FOR CONSIDERATION.**

☛ **ALL CANDIDATES MUST BE IN GOOD STANDING WITH THE LOCALE, WITH THE GRAND AND WITH NATIONALE.**

☛ **IMPORTANT NOTE: LEARN WHAT YOUR POSITION IS, WHAT YOUR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES ARE BEFORE YOU**

REQUEST THE NOMINATION OR GET ELECTED/APPOINTED.

Regional delegate’s name and contact information: This is not anything new, each Region **MUST** elect a delegate every year. The following Regions do not have a current delegate: 1, 4A, 6B*, 7, 8, 12, 13, 15*, and 17*. (*These Regions only have 1 Locale.) These delegates are considered part of the Grande’s Cheminots. There are obligations governing the Cheminots and are listed in the Grande du Florida’s Constitution and can be found in Article VII, Sections 2-7. These Cheminots are listed in Article VII, Section 1 (the last item on the list).

☛ **IF YOUR REGION HAS THE SAME DELEGATE AS THE PREVIOUS YEAR, THAT NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION MUST BE SENT AS WELL. DO NOT ASSUME THAT THE GRAND CORRESPONDANT CAN READ YOUR MINDS.**

WHO ARE YOUR VOTING DELEGATES?????

DELEGATE STRENGTH

ARTICLE IV, SECTION 2: “In the Grande Promenade every Voiture Locale shall be entitled to two (2) delegates and two (2) alternate delegates for the FIRST fifteen (15) members and one (1) additional delegate and one additional alternate delegate for each additional fifteen (15) members, or major fraction thereof, provided that the per capita tax has been paid and was properly reported of the regulation membership forms provided by Voiture Nationale, and which have been actually received Voiture Nationale at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the holding of the

Grande Promenade”.

Your voting strength is based on how many members are current with their dues. Your Voiture may be entitled to 7 votes but if only 70 have paid their dues, your Voiture will only be entitled to 6 votes. So, in order to be able to utilize the maximum voting strength of your Locale’s membership must be at 100%. I will be checking Grand du Florida’s roster 10 days prior to the Grand Promenade.

Anyone who has not paid their dues up to that date will not be eligible to attend Promenade giving up the benefit of their vote. This could very well change the outcome of an election.

THE ART OF PERSUASION – GENERAL GEORGE C. MARSHALL

Sometimes the best way to get somebody to do something is to set an example by doing it yourself.

When General George C. Marshall took command of the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia, before WWII; he found the post in a generally run-down condition.

Rather than issue orders for specific improvements; he simply got out his own paintbrushes, lawn equipment, etc., and went to work on his personal quarters.

The other officers and men, first on his block, then throughout the post, did the same thing; and Fort Benning was brightened up—an instance of leadership by example.

We all encounter an awkward situation now and then where we wish to get an individual or group to perform some task they probably would rather not perform.

Even if you are in a position to make a request an order, take a page from General Marshall’s book. Set an example to be followed. It’s an approach that will make you a popular and respected leader---and more effective as well.

ARE YOU AN ACTIVE MEMBER

Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed,
Or are you just contented that your name is on the list?

Do you attend the Promenades and mingle with the Voyageurs
Or do you stay at home and criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part to help the work along,
Or are you satisfied to be the kind that “just belong”?

Do you push the cause along and make things sort of click,
Or just leave the work to just a few and talk about a clique?

So come to the Promenades often and help with hand and heart
Don’t be just a member but take an active part!

Think this over carefully; you know the right from wrong.
Are you an active member?

OR DO YOU JUST BELONG??

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Grand Chef de Train

I said this last month I am proud to be a member of the 40 & 8. You went out there and did your best to bring our membership up this year. We didn't get to 100% but 12 Voitures did and 5 Voitures went above 100%, again great Job. We had 7 Voitures that had internal problems such as severe storms, key members that passed, which caused disruptions in leadership. This happens and it takes time to get Leadership in line and trained

to do the job. For those of you that had the storms dampen the spirits of delinquent Voyageurs, work on those members. You can get credit for helping Grand get 100% up until August. Go out there and get new blood. Yes, they will be 2023 members and will have to pay in 2024. That is the privilege of being a member of The Honor Society of American Veterans the 40 and 8. I am going out on a limb here, but I am looking for a Voyageur who can take the position of Ways and Means. We also need Directeurs to fill POW/MIA, VAVS, Youth Sports, Voiture Activities. The Directeurs are required to do an article each month. In the last Grand Bulletin, the Grand Chef de Gare stated that we needed Regional Grand Cheminot. If you stepped down as Chef de Gare, you would be a prime candidate for this position.

Paul J Bosco Jr

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Grand Advocat/ Protocol

No requests from anyone for the Grand Avocat.

I hope that I See you all at the Grand Prom??

D.R.Richards

Director Grand Protocol
Grand AdvocatDu FL
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Grand Ritual

Greetings Voyageur's, I'm hoping everyone (Voiture) in Grand du Florida will have candidates in for City of the Year, Hero of the Year, Law Enforcement Officer, and Voyageur of the Year. I would like to give everyone some information directly from the form. "There is a lot of satisfaction in giving out these awards. The pride in the eyes of the recipient will make you a believer when you present them with an award. The presentation can be made at your regular Promenade. A special meeting or a dinner meeting is even nicer. Contact the media to get some publicity for the recipient. He or she will enjoy this and believe it or not, it will acquaint the public with La Societe also. You can promote

your other programs at this same time. Your Voiture will appreciate this publicity the next time they are raising funds for their programs. If people have heard of you, it is a lot easier to sell tickets and other fund-raising items." The Nomination Form is designed so it can be used for any of the four awards. A separate nomination form must be submitted for each award; for instance, one form for Hero; one form for Voyageur; etc. The top part of the Nomination Form is to be completed by the Locale. The bottom is used for reporting to Nationale Special Awards. Please try to get your Ritual report in by the 7th of May 2023. Merci.

Lawson Dukes

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Grand Conductor

Greeting Voyageur's, It's that time of the year again. You can account for all the traveling, Promenades and money spent. So, please take the time to submit your reports. I have the same problem as everyone else, taking the time to get the reports done. But I'm going to download all the forms. Check all my notes and submit as many reports as I'm able to (if I can do, you can do). Merci.

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Boxcar



The Grand Promenade is almost upon us just weeks

away. The Final drawing for the Nurses Shadow Box Pin collection (see below) will be during the Promenade. Box Car pins, crew and associate cards will be available for those who have yet to purchase them. I am waiting for the 2024 pins to come in. Remember Crew Cards can ONLY be sold to Voyageurs; Associate Cards and program pins may be purchased by anyone wishing to support the program. Final reminder, the box car program is the only one that will allow you to get credit for two programs when you send monies through the box car program. See you in June.

Keith Varney

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POW-MIA



NO INPUT THIS MONTH

Jesse Hixson

Voiture Activities

Had a yard sale and made over \$700. We had 8 Voitures and 7 Dames involved. We got to meet a lot of people. Set up a yard sale and have some great time together. Merci

Gary LaFrance

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Grand Trophies and Awards



Nick Weyers

Nationale Sous Director of Youth Sports

Grande du Kansas Chef de Train

Grande du Kansas Director of Youth Sports

Voiture 58 Avocat

Voiture 58 Chef de Gare Passé, 2021-2022



Americanism

This is my last article as Americanism Directeur. I'm turning over my position to Ron Garland, your National Americanism Treasure. Ron has asked Marina Perez to stay on as Sous Americanism Directeur. We will be having a raffle again this year at our Grand Prom and all the funds will go to the Grand Americanism account. Make sure you by the pins and keep our Americanism program strong. I have but three yearend reports to turn into National. This year I didn't beat your ear and call all the Voitures Chef de Gare's or Correspondents to get them to do their Jobs. This sure makes our Grand look bad at National. Some dates to remember in June are June 6th D-Day, 8th thru 11th Grand Promenade, 10th Belmont Stakes, 14th Flag Day, 14th Army Birthday, 18th Father's Day, 19th Juneteenth 20th American Eagle Day, 21st Solstice or the beginning of summer. Plan an event have some fun and make some money. We need to get our mojo going again.

Paul J Bosco Jr
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Youth Sports

Vacant

Nurses Training

Greetings to all, hoping everyone is doing well.

As I have discussed earlier, setting up a Nurses Training scholarship program for the grand. Where each Volture once they have depleted their scholarship funds.

Can Submit an application to the Grand. This student cannot be the same as the one that has already received a scholarship from the locale. The application is sent to your locale director on Nursing each locale can only submit one applicant to Grande Nurses Training Chairman.

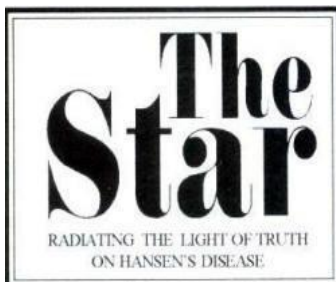
At the grand the nurses training committee will select one applicant for the scholarship. The amount has not been set yet.

There are still a few details to be work out, which I hope to work out soon and submit to the Grand for ratification.

John Alicia

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Carville Star



I would like to again emphasize that there is a new Nationale special project in support of the Carville

Star which is restoration of the monument located in the first Carville cemetery and your donations are very much needed to make this project a success. Make your checks out to "Carville Star" annotated in the remarks "Special Project" and send checks to your Grand Directeur Carville Star. I have 14 pins remaining so for those locales that still haven't supported the program and still want pins please send me your order. A picture of the 2023 pin is depicted above. Pins for 2022 are still available as well. You can order them now by sending a check made out to Grand du Florida for the pins at \$3.00 each for the 2023 pins ad \$1 each for the 2022 pins. Your support is desperately needed as this is one of our organizations oldest programs and pays for the distribution of the Carville Star research paper that comes from the only research center in the US and is distributed virtually all over the world. When you order pins send your request to me, again if paying by check please make it out to "Grand du FL". If your Locale would like to buy a country or buy a clinic you can download the forms for each of those subprograms that also support the Star from the Nationale website at www.fortyandeight.org under the caption forms. Lastly I would like to wish the Grand du Florida a great Grand Promenade, I will miss seeing you all there as I have a very important engagement that is happening at the same time and Becky and I will be in Pittsburgh PA attending our granddaughters high school graduation and seeing her off to college with the goal of becoming a future anesthesiologist.

John R Lee

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Child Welfare



Greetings fellow Voyageurs.

I'm looking forward to the Grand Promenade and Rendezvous this month. I will have another cheer

basket for raffle, so get your dollars together. I have the 2024 Child Welfare pins and will have them for sale at the Grand Promenade. I will also have Russell Home pins and "PG Passe" buttons for purchase. All proceeds will go to Child Welfare. Remember, supporting the Russell Home is a Grand Child Welfare function. If you have any donations for the Russell Home Thrift Store, please bring them to the Grand Promenade and I will deliver them in your name. I will be pushing for every Voyageur to purchase a Russell Home pin during the Grand Promenade. They are only \$2.00 each and the proceeds will be donated to the Russell Home. I Look forward to sharing some camaraderie at the Grand Promenade.

***CHILDREN ARE OUR MISSION
CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE
CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE***

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The **HILLBILLY WREK**
 March 30, 31 & April 1, 2023
 American Legion Post 81
 227 James Asbury Dr. NW
 Cleveland, TN

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Voyager's Name: _____ Voiture #: _____
 Address : _____ City: _____ State: _____
 Zip: _____ Phone #: () - _____ E-Mail _____
 Dame/Guest Name: _____ Cabane #: _____

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Early Bird Greeting 30th 4 to 6 pm..... \$ 20.00 each \$ _____
 Hillbilly Wrek Registration 31st 9 am to 4pm \$ 30.00 each \$ _____
 Banquet 1st \$ 30.00 each Turkey Ham \$ _____

HOTEL RESERVATIONS MADE ON YOUR OWN. SUGGESTIONS

BE SURE TO MENTION THAT YOU ARE WITH THE FORTY AND EIGHT

- Exclusive Quarters 423 479 1333 210 James Asbury Dr.
- Clarion Inn 423 559 1001 185 James Asbury Dr (ONLY NON SMOKING) (headquarters)
- Red Roof Inn 423 472 5566 156 James Asbury Dr
- Quality Inn 423 478 5265 153 James Asbury Dr
- Classic Suites 423 339 4900 179 Bernham Dr

All of the motels are within walking distance of the American Legion.
 Early Bird and Wrek Events to take place at the American Legion Post 81

AD BOOK

DEADLINE MARCH 1ST 2022

Color Full page	\$80.00	\$	_____
Color Half page	\$50.00	\$	_____
Color Quarter page	\$35.00	\$	_____
Booster \$2.00 per name (list on back)		\$	_____
e-mail word format or jpeg to: voiture735_tn@charter.net		\$	_____
	TOTAL	\$	_____

Make checks out to: Voiture 735 40 & 8MAIL to: Voiture 735 40 & 8 Societe
 P. O. Box 2153
 Cleveland, TN 37320-2153

INFORMATION AND QUESTIONS?

Rick (423) 716-3370, or Gary (423) 364-9119 Leave Message if no answer.
voiture735_tn@charter.net



GRANDE PROMENADE GRANDE DU FLORIDA ORLANDO, FLORIDA

June 8-11, 2023

Courtyard Orlando Lake
Buena Vista at Vista Centre
8501 Palm Parkway, Orlando, Florida 32836



RESERVATIONS NEED TO BE MADE BY MAY 15, 2023

USE A SEPARATE SHEET FOR ADDITIONAL VOYAGEURS/DAMES/GUESTS

Voyageurs Name: _____ Title: _____

Grand/Locale: _____ Email: _____ Phone # _____

Dame Name: _____ Title: _____ Grand/Locale: _____

Dinner, Lodging and Program Ad

Full registration includes promenade and banquet. The Hospitality Room is **NOT** a Grande function and is provided by those who are running for elected positions.

Voyageur Registration \$10.00 (per Voyageur)	=	\$ _____
Banquet – \$55.00 per person x _____ (covers meal & tips)	=	\$ _____
Lodging - \$115.00 per night x _____ nights	=	\$ _____
Program Book – Flyer is attached to this form	=	\$ _____
Total Cost	=	\$ _____

Check or Money Order #: _____ Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

For Credit/Debit Cards: Name on Card: _____

Card Number _____ Expiration Date: _____ CVV: _____

NEW THIS YEAR!!!! The Grand now has the ability to accept credit cards! The Grand Correspondant has opened a Square Account which allows accepting credit/debit cards. **There is a fee however that will be added to your account. The fee is 4.5% per transaction.** All is needed is to fill out this form and mail it to The Registration Chairman Deb Reynolds, 12383 162nd Terrace, McAlpin, FL 32062. Of course, you can still pay by check.

>Make ALL checks payable to: Grand du Florida.<

Reservations can be made individually by calling 407-239-6900. Advise you are with 40/8 Grand Du Florida Hotel Room rate per night - \$115.00 plus tax. (See attached page 2,



**GRANDE PROMENADE
GRANDE DU FLORIDA
ORLANDO, FLORIDA**



June 8-11, 2023

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Buena Vista at Vista Centre
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AD ORDER FORM – BOOK SIZE IS 8½” BY 11”

➡ MUST BE RECEIVED BY GEORGE NLT MAY 22, 2023 ➡

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

****GRANDE DU FLORIDA****

Full Page \$80 \$ _____

Half Page \$40 \$ _____

Quarter Page \$20 \$ _____

Boosters \$2 each name (Mr. & Mrs. = \$4) \$ _____

Total Cost = \$ _____

(It is advisable but not mandatory that those running for elected positions place an ad)

Send ads via Email in PDF format to George Hall at

georgehall@earthlink.net

**Send payment for ads to George Hall, PO Box 213,
Woodville, FL 32362. (If you wish to pay by Credit Card
contact Deb Reynolds at 843-729-6011.)**

➡ MUST BE RECEIVED BY GEORGE NLT MAY 22, 2023 ➡



GRANDE PROMENADE GRANDE DU FLORIDA ORLANDO, FLORIDA

June 8-11, 2023

COURTYARD ORLANDO LAKE BUENA VISTA
AT VISTA CENTRE
8501 Palm Parkway, Orlando, FL 32836



The Time and Place Committee has negotiated with the above mentioned hotel and are confident that you will be pleased with the choice made on your behalf.

There are a few pieces of information that must be passed along to you before you plan your attendance.

- Unfortunately, the cost of living (or staying) has gone up. The committee was not able to lower the cost of reserving a room but were able to get a lot more bang for your buck. Items like
 - Free buffet breakfast for everyone (up to 4) in your room for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday mornings. (\$20 per person per day savings)
 - No charge for parking. (\$17 per day savings)
- Additionally, the cost of food increased, therefore, the cost for the banquet also increased. This is the reason for the increase in the banquet cost.
- Again, you will be able to reserve and pay for your room through the Grand which will utilize the tax exemption status. (The hotel charges 22% hospitality tax) You must pay for your room in full at the time of registration in order to take advantage of this privilege. The tax savings will be about \$25 per night and with the other items mentioned there will be approximately an \$82 SAVINGS per night.
- **AGAIN THIS YEAR!** Grand du Florida has the capabilities to accept credit/debit cards. When submitting your registration just fill in the spaces provided on the form and let the Grand Correspondant know what type of room you will require. There is a catch – (isn't there always?) there is a fee attached to that privilege. The fee will be 4.5% per transaction. **YOU STILL CAN USE A CHECK!** Whichever is more convenient for you.
- If you have any questions feel free to contact the Grand Correspondant Deb Reynolds (843-729-6011) or the Chairman, Time and Place Committee, D.R. Richards (954-439-4093) Monday – Friday, 8am-8pm.
- **IMPORTANT!** If you plan on attending but need to pay at the event, it is important that a registration form be filled out and sent by the deadline in order to reserve your room and ensure there will be enough food prepared for your meals. Waiting to register at the event WILL NOT guarantee you will be accommodated.

OFFICIAL CALL

101st GRAND PROMENADE

GRAND VOITURE du FLORIDA

The 101st Grand Promenade is called to convene June 8-11, 2023, at the Courtyard Orlando Lake Buena Vista at Vista Centre in Orlando, Florida.

The 101st Grand Promenade is called for the purpose of electing Officers and Directeurs and for transactions of such business as may come before it.

In accordance with the Grand Constitution of the Grand Voiture du Florida, each Voiture Locale shall be entitled to two (2) delegates and two (2) alternates for the first 15 members, and in addition thereto, one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each additional 15 members or major fraction thereof. Additional votes for Grand Officers shall be provided for in the Grand Constitution of Grand du Florida.

All other business of the 101st Grand Promenade shall be in accordance with the Constitution of the Grand Voiture as amended June of 2021 at Orlando, Florida.

By order of the Grand Chef de Gare.

Deb Reynolds
Grand Correspondant



STANDING RULES OF PROCEDURE
(101st) ANNUAL GRANDE PROMENADE
Grande Voiture du Florida
June 8, 2023, in Orlando, Florida

The following Special Rules are hereby adopted to govern the Grande Promenade held at the Courtyard Orlando Lake Buena Vista at Vista Centre in Orlando, Florida June 8, 2023

1. Matters of procedure not provided for in the Constitution of the Grande Voiture du Florida or in these Special Rules shall be covered by Robert's Rules of Order.
2. When a delegate desires to offer a notion or address the Grande Promenade, they shall rise, address the chair as "MONSIEUR GRAND CHEF DE GARE," and upon receiving recognition, shall state his/her name and the Voiture Locale to which he/she belongs before proceeding.
3. Any resolution shall not be considered by the Grande Promenade unless presented to the Grand Correspondant in writing prior to the opening of the Grande Promenade. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates at the Grande Promenade is required for consideration of the resolution originating on the floor, which must be in writing. All resolutions shall be referred to the Resolutions Committee for further consideration and recommendation.
4. The voting order procedure used shall be that in which a tag bearing the number of each Voiture Locale in the Grande Voiture du Florida be placed in a container and drawn at random to determine the order of voting. The Chairman of each Voiture Locale delegation shall poll his delegation on the floor and shall announce the vote of his delegation. The vote of the Grand Chefs de Gare Passé and the Grand Voiture Officers shall be added to and included in the roll call vote of each delegation, as appropriate, and in accordance with Article IV, Sections 2 and 3 of the Constitution of the Grande Voiture du Florida. The voting order will be drawn and the Grand Wreck, or if not Grand Wreck takes place, prior to the convening of the Grande Promenade, and no publication of the voting order will be made.
5. Consent of two-thirds (2/3) of the delegates present is necessary for suspension of these Special Rules. Provisions of the Constitution of the Grande Voiture du Florida may NOT be suspended, altered, amended, or nullified except as provided in Article X of the Constitution of the Grande Voiture du Florida.
6. A delegate shall be properly registered when it is shown that his name is registered as being present at the Grande Promenade in accordance with the certification to the Grand Correspondant by the Voiture Locale as elected and the proper registration fee for each delegate has been paid. All Grand Chefs de Gare Passé and Grand Voiture Officers must be registered and have paid the proper registration fee to be entitled to vote on any and all questions before the Grande Promenade.

Presented to and adopted by the Grand Cheminots of the Grande Voiture du Florida for adoption by the Grand Promenade this 8th day of June 2023 in Orlando, Florida

ATTESTED:

Debra Reynolds
Grand Correspondant

D.R. Richards
Grand Avocat



➤ **GRAND VOITURE DU FLORIDA**
➤ **MID WINTER CHEMINOT MEETING**
➤ **JANUARY 12-15, 2023**

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- **The Grand Voiture du Florida Mid-Winter Cheminot Meeting came to order at 1300 hours January 13, 2023, by Grande Chef de Gare Binion Williams.**
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- **COMMITTEE MEETINGS – All Committees Chairpersons or Program Directeurs held micro-meetings within the 4-hour period. All voyageurs were invited to attend all meetings. Reports will be given by the Committee Chairman or Program Directeur during the Promenade on Saturday.**
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- **Americanism, Paul Bosco; Membership, Paul Bosco; Child Welfare, Terry Lee;**
- **Nurses' Training, John Alicea; POW/MIA, Jesse Hixson; Ritual, Lawson Dukes; Carville Star, John Lee; Finance and Budget, George Hall; Time and Place, D.R. Richards; Resolutions and Bylaws, D.R. Richards**
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- **With no further business coming before this Cheminot, Grande Chef de Gare Williams closed the meeting at 1530 hours.**
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- **Submitted by**
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- **Deb Reynolds**
- **Grande Correspondant**

**➤ GRAND PROMENADE
GRANDE VOITURE DU FLORIDA
COURTYARD ORLANDO LAKE BUENA VISTA AT VISTA CENTRE
ORLANDO, FLORIDA JUNE 8-11, 2023**

THURSDAY, JUNE 8

2:00 PM – 5:00 PM REGISTRATION LAKESIDE FOYER
HOSPITALITY ROOM WILL OPEN AT THE DISGRESSION OF ITS COMMITTEE

FRIDAY, JUNE 9

9:00 AM – 12:30 PM REGISTRATION LAKESIDE FOYER

10:00 AM – 4:30 PM COMMITTEE MEETINGS TBA

Each session will begin promptly at stated time unless prior session runs over. Each speaker is allotted thirty (30) minutes for their program training and information with audience participation. They will present their reports during the Grand Promenade session on Saturday, June 10.

10:00	Budget/Finance	George Hall	1:30	Carville Star	John Lee
10:30	Resolutions & Bylaws	D.R. Richards	2:00	POW/MIA	Jesse Hixson
11:00	Americanism	Paul Bosco	2:30	Ritual	Lawson Dukes
11:30	Child Welfare	Terry Lee	3:00	Box Car	Keith Varney
12:00	Lunch Break		3:30	Time & Place	D.R. Richards
1:00	Nurses' Training	John Alicea	4:00	Special Awards	Mike Klyap

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM REGISTRATION HOTEL LOBBY
THE HOSPITALITY ROOM WILL BE CLOSED DURING THE PROMENADE.

9:30 AM	GRAND CHEMINOT	LAKESIDE MEETING ROOM A
	Opening Ceremony	Grand Chef de Gare Binion Williams
	Pledge of Allegiance	Grand Chef de Train Paul Bosco, Jr.
	Invocation	Grand Aumonier David Trogdan
	Reading of Official Call	Grand Correspondant Deb Reynolds

Reading of Special Rules

Grand Avocat D.R. Richards

Roll Call

Grand Correspondant Deb Reynolds

Reports of Grand Cheminots - Reports of the Grand Cheminots will be confined to accomplishments this year and limited to three (3) minutes.

Region 1 –

Region 2 – George Hall

Region 3 – Alberto Marriott

Region 4A -

Region 4B –

Region 5A – Clarence Williams

Region 5B – Clarence Richardson

Region 6A –

Region 6B – Leon Jones

Region 7 –

Region 8 –

Region 9 – Jamie Grinis

Region 11 –

Region 12 – Bob Swinski

Region 13 – Meade Holland

Region 14 –

Region 15 – Frank Smith

Region 16 –

Region 17 –

Grand Chef de Train Membership Report

Paul Bosco

Time and Place

D.R. Richards

Finance & Budget Committee

George Hall

Announcements

Grand Chef de Gare Binion

Williams

Closing Ceremony

Grand Chef de Gare Binion

Williams

LUNCH BREAK

Hospitality Room opened 12-1pm

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

1:00 PM GRAND PROMENADE

LAKESIDE MEETING ROOM

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Opening Ceremony

Grand Chef de Gare Binion

Williams

Roll Call

Grand Correspondant Deb

Reynolds

Reading of minutes from Mid-Winter Cheminot

Grand Correspondant Deb

Reynolds

Reading of Correspondant		Grand Correspondant Deb Reynolds	
Committee Reports			
Resolutions/Bylaws	D.R. Richards	Ritual	Lawson Dukes
Child Welfare	Terry Lee	Special Awards	Mike Klyap
Nurses' Training	John Alicea	Carville Star	John Lee
Americanism	Paul Bosco	POW/MIA	Jesse Hixson
Audit, Finance & Budget	George Hall	Time and Place	D.R. Richards
		Box Car	Keith Varney
Special Order of Business – Election		Grand Correspondant Deb Reynolds	
Good of the Grand Voiture du Florida		Grand Chef de Gare Binion Williams	
Closing Ceremony		Grand Chef de Gare Binion Williams	
2:30 PM(TENTATIVE)	MEMORIAL SERVICE JOINT WITH LA FEMMES	TBA	Grand Aumonier David Trogdan Grande Aumonier
3:30 PM(TENTATIVE)	INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS JOINT WITH LA FEMME	TBA	
6:00 PM	Dutch Treat Cocktail Party	TBA	
7:00 PM	Banquet	TBA	
SUNDAY, JUNE 11			
8:00 AM	Past Grand Chefs Club Breakfast	TBA	
9:30 AM	Grand Cheminot Meeting	TBA	

ALL MEETING ROOMS AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME!!



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Upcoming Events

May 5 Cinco de Mayo

Oregon Grand Promenade

May 14 Mother's Day

June 14 Flag Day

May 18-20 2023

37th Annual Gator Wreck
Goose Creek SC

June 18 Father's Day

June 19 Juneteeth

May 19-21 2023

Mid Atlantic Association Cheminot

July 14-16 2023

Arizona Grande Promenade
Sierra Vista, AZ

May 27-29 2023

Memorial Day in Arlington –

July 28-30 2023

Oregon Grande Promenade
Sierra Vista, AZ

June 1-3 2023

62nd Great Lakes Promenade
Okemos MI

July 28-30 2023

Virginia Grand Promenade
Lorton, VA

July 14-16 2023

Arizona Grand Promenade

2023Nationale

Kalahari
Sandusky, OH

July 21-23 2023

Remember ALL Activities for this calendar must be sent by the 15th of the month to Deb Reynolds, Grand Correspondant

County	Locale	Region	Meets	2023	2022	% of Quota	Short/ Over
Hillsborough	199	15	Tampa	14	16	87.50%	-2
Orange	202	6B	Orlando	0	0	00.00%	0
East Duval	215	5	Jax Beach	30	30	100.00%	0
Polk	218	7	Winter Haven	5	17	29.41%	-12
Palm Beach	290	11	W. Palm Bch	32	42	76.19%	-10
Volusia	294	17	Daytona Bch	16	22	72.73%	-6
Duval	304	5	Jacksonville	28	29	96.55%	-1
St. Lucie	334	12	Fort Pierce	5	7	71.43%	-2
Lake	400	6A	Mt. Dora	15	18	83.33%	-3
	472	1	Panama City	10	10	100.00%	0
	728	9	Plantation	0	0	00.00%	0
Collier	795	13A	Naples	17	29	58.62%	-12
Manatee	880	8	Bradenton	15	15	100.00%	0
Broward	890	9	FT. Lauderdale	40	38	105.26%	2
Highland	899	8	Avon Park	21	19	110.53%	2
Brevard	954	12	Cocoa	15	20	75.00%	-5
Leon	1120	2	Tallahassee	26	21	123.81%	5
Citrus	1219	4A	Crystal River	36	34	105.88%	2
Okaloosa	1233	1	Ft Walton Bch	0	0	00.00%	0
Columbia	1352	3	Lake City	16	18	88.89%	-2
Alachua	1388	4B	Newberry	1	1	100.00%	0
Okaloosa	1490	1	Niceville	4	5	80.00%	-1
Charlotte	1526	13B	Port Charlotte	1	1	100.00%	0
Escambia	1571	1	Pensacola	19	23	82.61%	-4
South Pasco	1576	16	New Port Richey	0	0	00.00%	0
South Marion	1580	4A	Bellevue	33	32	103.13%	1
North Lake	1598	6A	Lady Lake	0	0	00.00%	0
North Duval	1604	5	Jacksonville	32	35	91.43%	-3
Bay	1606	1	Panama City	25	27	92.59%	-2
St Johns	1610	5	St Augustine	14	14	100.00%	0
S Brevard	1621	12	Palm Bay	29	39	74.36%	-10
	1634			9	9	100.00%	0
				508	571	88.97%	- 63

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**Pat Beamer	due 1/25	3/24	
Paul Bosco	due 1/27	Tom Smith	due 1/19
Bosco	due 1/27	Cheryl Smith	due 1/19
Gloria Case	due 10/23	Don Wittenberg	due 1/26
*Ron Garland	due 1/24	Voiture 472	due 1/22
*Robbie Garland	due 1/24	**** Voiture 899	due 1/26
IMOJohn Gore	due 1/22	*****Voiture 1120	due 1/27
IMOJacque Gore	due 1/22	Voiture 1604	due 3/24
Barbara Guglielmo	due 6/24		
George Guglielmo	due 6/22	Boosters:	
George Hall	due 8/27	Add boosters \$5.00 a year. A *	
Joanne Hirst	due 1/22	for each additional \$5.00. Ask	
*Wanda Hunter	due 1/24	your Voiture to be a booster.	
Roland Jones	due 1/26		
Carol Kaiserian	due 1/24	Underlined due dates are soon to	
John Kaiserian	due 1/24	be removed from this special list.	
John Lee	due 10/3		
Terry Lee	due 3/23		
Anita Lee	due 3/23		
Henry Legros	due 8/23		
Andrew Nagy	due 1/24		
*Charles Patterson	due 1/27		
Mirna Perez	due 1/27		
****Debra Reynolds	due 1/25		

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