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Moving Forward With The Basics



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From the Grand Chef

The holidays are here. I would like to say ‘Happy Thanksgiving’ to everyone and I hope you enjoy your day with family and friends. As we gather together during the holiday season, remember to include those members that haven’t been heard from for a while. Maybe all they need is personal contact from you to let them know that they are important and not forgotten.

Last month we gathered together for the Grand du Florida 2022 Seminar & Picnic and all things considered it was a great success. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved with scheduling, hosting, and cooking. Voiture 304, Jacksonville, did a tremendous job in a short period of time. Voyageurs Bob and D.R. Richards did a fantastic job giving a brief history of the Forty and Eight. Continuing the job of surfing Nationale’s website was Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer and Grand Correspondant Deb Reynolds. It is hoped that this information will help each and every one who attended understand a little bit more of how important this information is and will pass it onto their Locale members. After the presentations, all of the attending Program Directeurs had the opportunity to sell their pins and give any information about their program to those who were asking for additional clarification. Altogether, fun was had by all.

Speaking of Grand du Florida functions.....the Time and Place Committee has not finalized the dates for Midwinter. The committee should have information for everyone in the December

Bulletin, if not before. This is a long and tedious process and they are working diligently on it.

We still have quite a few of blank boxes on our Officers/Directeurs list. Your Voiture will not be represented without a Cheminot. I would like to remind all Regions MUST elect a representative for their Region. This is an elected position that has to be nominated from the Locales in each Region. If there is only 1 Locale in a Region, at your next promenade, elect a member. Once elected report this individual's name and contact information to the Grand Correspondant. To date, there are only 5 of the 12 Regions represented.

For those of you who do not know, my motto for the year is 'Moving Into The Future with Basics.' But if you have any questions or need help with anything please contact me. My phone number and email is listed. I expect for everyone to do their job, have a positive attitude, and to recruit. Remember we are a fraternity of veterans.

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Grand du Florida's 2022 Seminar and Picnic was absolutely phenomenal. Lots of information was given out and some new material was covered. The picnic was awesome. Nothing like spending time with friends you don't see very often and making new friends.

Now that the 2023 Membership is officially underway, so it's time for everyone to hit the ground running. Membership in Number 1 priority, but do not let the rest of the Forty and

Eight's programs be forgotten. I am in the process of personally contacting each Locale's last known Correspondant in order to verify the officers and their membership's status.

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, 5A, 6B*, 7, 8, 12, 13, 15*, and 17*. (*These Regions only have 1 Locale.)

The following Voitures have a Constitution/Bylaws on file with the Grand Correspondant but are seriously out of date: 199, 202, 290, 954, 1219, 1571, 1604, and 1610. Please review your constitution/bylaws and update them as soon as you can. The following Voitures do not have a Constitution on file with the Grand Correspondant: 215 (I know you are working on yours), 294, 334, 472, 795, 880, 899, 1120, 1352, 1490, 1526, 1606, and 1621. You had to have a Constitution in order to charter your Locale and it should have been available at all Promenades. It is the Locale's responsibility to review and update as well as furnish a copy to the Grand Correspondant.

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Grand Chef de Train

For those of you that could not or did not make it to the Seminar, you missed a well-planned and well executed visual class Presented by our New Grand Avocot D. R. Richards. The Correspondents who were registered and attended the Seminar received a copy of the training to take back to their Voitures.

November the 11th is Veterans Day, and we are Veterans first then we are Voyageurs. You wouldn't be a Voyageur if you were not a Veteran. This is our day to be Proud. Take a few membership applications and go to one of the Restaurants that give free meals on Veterans Day. You have a trapped audience. You may see old friends that have not been to the Promenades, and new Veterans there to talk to. This is a win - win situation for your Voiture.

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Grand Advocat/ Protocol

Protocol and Courtesy: Chapter 5: General: Webster's definition of protocol is **“rigid long established code prescribing complete deference to superior rank and strict adherence to due order of precedence and precisely correct procedure”** and courtesy is **“a well-mannered conduct indicative of respect for, or consideration of others.**

It is without hesitation that I bring these definitions to your attention, because our organization needs to continue to follow Protocol and Courtesy on a regular basis. These standards when followed as normal activities will become natural and not forgotten when necessary.

So, always remember to use the Protocol and Courtesy procedures set forth in our Ritual Manual therefore, one will not forget what is required when needed.

D.R.Richards

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Grand Ritual

Greetings Voyageur's, it was good to see so many of you at the picnic, in Jacksonville a few weeks ago. My congratulations to Voiture 304, you were a great host to everyone. My Thanks to Monsieur

Don D.R. Richards past Grand Chef de Gare 2017 and Monsieur Robert R. Richards past Grand Chef de Gare 2003, they did a wonderful job of setting up a program explaining La Societe des Quarante Hommes Et Huit Chevaux. A lot of detail information was put out, duties of Officers and a copy of the disk was distributed to all the local presents (I got mine, thanks). The disk also contains information on Grand du Florida Constitution (with amendments & revised), List of Grand du Florida Grand Chef's de Gare passe, Grand du Florida Officers list, information from Madame Debra Reynolds Grand du Florida Correspondant. If you miss the flash drive that was given out, the duties of Officers information are contain in the Voyageur's Guide. Merci.

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Grand Conductor

Greeting Voyageur's, we've spoke about initiation the last two months (with that understanding). We need to know the duties of officers for initiation. Better known to all of us, as the Wrecking crew. The manual said, "The initiatory work at each Wreck shall be conducted by a Degree Team, known as the Wrecking Crew, comprised of as many members as are necessary". At this point the manual goes into detail to explain each job of the officers of the Wrecking crew. That makes things simples for smaller locals, to be part of an area wrecking crew. Your local has three Voyageur's who wants to participate, doing their locals duties. Join with one are two more local and you have a Wrecking crew. The manual said, "It strongly recommended that every spoken word of the initiatory work be memorized". I think that would be Great, but it's more important to get the reading correct then to have it memorized. So, if everyone has their Ritual & Manual of Ceremonies book (and read it directly from the book), that's getting it done the proper way. At this point, you have your crew together. Set a lot of time to train your crew in their duties (so we all

get together with our manual) and read thru the entire process. It's important that everyone show's up for this to be effective. We'll talk about the process next month. Merci.

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Boxcar

Fall is here and October's session has passed. The Holidays with friends and acquaintances are around the corner. As stated, before what a better way to think about new membership and program pin sales. As I mention last month The Box Car Program will attempt a different approach with a raffle on the Nurses Pins that will span several years so look forward to helping with your support. Attached is a picture of the pin box to be ruffled off. If your local Voiture can not make the October training and would like to buy raffle tickets, send me an email with how many tickets you would like. I will respond to all Voitures email per-orders for the Nurses raffle. The 2023 Box Car pins are in, and I thank those who already purchased. Mid-Winter Session will provide and opportunity for those who have not purchased yet. Remember you can pay by check/cash or get them on consignment. 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.



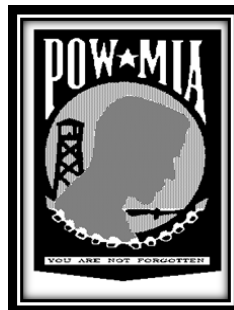
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POW-MIA



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Grand Trophies and Awards

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Americanism



November is a highly active month. Get out there and vote on the 8th.

Day light savings time is on the Sixth (6) remember to set your clocks back one hour.

November 11th is Veterans Day. If you attend or participate in any activity on this day pertaining to

Veterans, count your hours and make sure you add them to the end of the year report. Thanksgiving is the 24th of the month, happy Thanksgiving Day to you and your family. I still have Americanism pins available if you need them, please call me they cost \$3.00 dollars each.

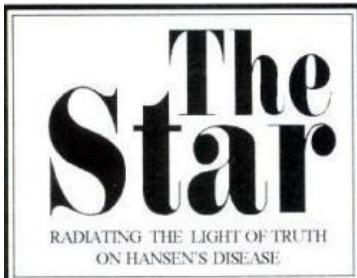
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Youth Sports

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Carville Star



Here its September 15th and I have received the 2023 Carville Star I only ordered 100 pins this year and will have them available at the Seminar/Picnic and I can always order more if we can sell all of these. a picture of the new pin is depicted above. Pins for 2022 are still available as well and I will have them with me too. You can order them now either on consignment or send a check made out to Grand du Florida for the pins at \$3.00 each. If you want them on consignment send me a note including your name, Voiture Locale number and quantity requested, 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".

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the picnic in Jacksonville.

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Child Welfare



Greetings fellow Voyageurs.

Was a pleasure meeting with friends and sharing camaraderie with fellow Voyageurs at the Grand Seminar/Picnic last month.

As I have said before, I do not have any 2023 Child Welfare pins left, but have beaucoup Russell Home, American Flag and PG Passe pins remaining.

Again, with Hurricane Ian recently hitting South Florida, there are numerous children affected, losing all of their belongings. The 40/8 Ardery Trust Fun can reimburse Locales for monies spent on the children affected by this disaster. Children need not be associated with the 40&8. The information is located on the 40&8.org website under programs. You can also contact me, and I will assist you with applications.

I continue to ask for your Voiture's support of The Russell Home. Keep in mind, the home is operated entirely from donations and receives no Government funding. Although I ask this every month, I am getting little to no support. Come on folks. Everyone has clothing and household items lying around, that can be donated to their Thrift Store. Additionally, The Russell Home is constantly in need of paper

products, cups, plates, paper towels, toilet paper, and kitchen products (anything you use in your own kitchen). If you will take the initiative to bring items to the Mid-Winter Cheminot, I will take the initiative to deliver them for you.

A big Merci to Voyageur Ben Meredith, Grand L'Editeur, for purchasing a brick from The Russell Home. You can purchase one in your name, your Voiture's name or in memory of someone.

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

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VAVS

No Article

Jim Tewes

TIME & PLACE

Our Grand Correspondant (Deb Reynolds) Sous Chef de Fer) & I recently performed SITE VISITS to the two properties that were designated by the Grand Cheminot for the Grand Mid-Winter Prom for January 2023. We have decided to recommend the Courtyard Orlando, Lake Buena Vista at Vista Centre for our 2023 Mid-Winter Prom. This was not an easy decision, however, one that was the best choice for the Grand. The other facility (Ramada by Wyndham, Kissimmee), just would not accommodate our needs and would have cost the Grand \$800 plus just to cover their charge for our meeting spaces. Listed below are some of the accommodations that the Courtyard has provided to the Grand: 1. our Meeting Space, the Hospitality Room, & The Banquet Space will all be Comped. The VIP Quarters will be Comped, (Rooms for the Nationale Official Visitor, Grand Chef, & Grand La President). This has been the Standard for the Grand to Cover the Costs for these individuals. If our Attendance is as expected, then all this will be true, however, If we don't get the attendance needed, then the Grand will have to pay up to \$6,000 for the meeting space, & have to pay for the VIP's Quarters for the Prom. As Soon as the Registration Form & instructions to make

reservations comes out next week, get your reservations in ASAP. January is just around the corner. 2. The Room Rate is: \$115.00 per night, however, we have negotiated for each room registered guest to receive a Comp Buffet Breakfast, Value of \$20. Per Person, per day. Plus all Room Taxes will be Tax Exempt by paying for your room through the Grand's Master Account. Therefore all attendees will save at least \$65. Per room per night. SO, your room rate would be \$50. Per night with average of 2 people per room. This is a huge savings to our Voyageur's & Dames. As everyone knows, the cost of eating out has risen tremendously over this last couple of years, therefore, our Banquet costs have also risen. So the Banquet will cost \$50. PP. We will have a Hawaiian Themed Banquet. We also have an offer to be at this venue for the future through 2024, at the same contract we agreed to, if approved by the Grand at this Mid-Winter Prom. (FYI: The Grand Mid-Winter Prom arrangements have been approved by the Grand, & the Contract will soon be Signed by the Grand Correspondant. Now, these events are turned over to the Officers of the Grand to RUN this Event. It is the responsibility of the Grand Chef, & his ELECTED OFFICERS to RUN the Mid-Winter Prom, with the Time & Place Committee to be available for assistance as needed.)

**D.R.Richards
Chairman**

REMINDER.....

We cannot stress the importance of **communication!** Each and every Voiture Local in Grand du Florida **will** receive a **free** copy of the Grand Bulletin. Take it to each Prom and share it. Enforce all officers and directors get all of the information that will assist them in the performance of their duties. Ensure your lists of officer's have been sent to the Grand Correspondant, ensuring all names and addresses are **correct** and **current**, especially the email addresses. We cannot send a Bulletin to a Correspondant whose name has not been submitted.

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All Voyageurs who wish to subscribe to the Grand Bulletin. Please use the form below.



TAPS

- Mark Worrill (V-1606) 4/13/22
- Fred Schelm (V-1571) 8/31/22
- Paul J. Hamel (V-215)
- Franklin D. Madigan (V-304)

Upcoming Events

January 20/2022

Grand Mid-Winter

January 21/2022

Joint Carolinas

February 11/2022

Wisconsin's Mid-Winter

February 11/2022

Kansas Wreck

March 24-25/2023

Chef de Chemin de Fer
Frank Kronen
Homecoming

April 20-22 2023

Southland Dixie

May 27-29 2023

Memorial Day in
Arlington –

June 1-3 2023

Great Lakes
Promenade

2023Nationale

Kalahari
Sandusky, OH

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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	4	30	13.33%	-26
Polk	218	7	Winter Haven	0	17	0.00%	-17
Palm Beach	290	11	W. Palm Bch	6	42	14.29%	-36
Volusia	294	17	Daytona Bch	14	22	63.64%	-8
Duval	304	5	Jacksonville	24	29	82.76%	-5
St. Lucie	334	12	Fort Pierce	0	7	0.00%	-7
Lake	400	6A	Mt. Dora	12	18	66.67%	-6
Bay	472	1	Panama City	3	10	30.00%	-7
W. Broward	728	9	Plantation	0	0	00.00%	0
Collier	795	13A	Naples	5	29	96.67%	-24
Manatee	880	8	Bradenton	0	15	00.00	-15
Broward	890	9	FT. Lauderdale	22	38	57.89%	-16
Highland	899	8	Avon Park	15	19	78.95%	-4
Brevard	954	12	Cocoa	4	20	20.00%	-16
Leon	1120	2	Tallahassee	1	21	131.25%	-20
Citrus	1219	4A	Crystal River	11	34	32.35%	-23
Okaloosa	1233	1	Ft Walton Bch	0	0	00.00%	0
Columbia	1352	3	Lake City	1	18	5.56%	-17
Alachua	1388	4B	Newberry	1	1	100.00%	0
Okaloosa	1490	1	Niceville	3	5	60.00%	-2
Charlotte	1526	13B	Port Charlotte	1	1	100.00%	0
Escambia	1571	1	Warrington	12	23	52.17%	-11
South Pasco	1576	16	New Port Richey	0	0	00.00%	0
South Marion	1580	4A	Bellevue	8	32	25.00%	24
North Lake	1598	6A	Lady Lake	0	0	00.00%	0
North Duval	1604	5	Jacksonville	13	35	37.14%	-22
Bay	1606	1	Panama City	25	27	92.59%	-2
St Johns	1610	5	St Augustine	12	14	87.71%	-2
S Brevard	1621	12	Palm Bay	3	39	7.69%	-36
	1634			9	9	100.00%	0
				223	571	39.05%	-348

NA = New Locale - No Quota Established.

New Totals as of 16 October 2022
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Our Very Special Newsletter Boosters

Bill Barkett	due 1/29	Tom Smith	due 1/19
**Pat Beamer	due 1/25	<u>Cheryl Smith</u>	due 1/19
Gloria Case	due 10/23	Don Wittenberg	due 1/26
*Ron Garland	due 1/24	<u>Voiture 218</u>	due 1/19
*Robbie Garland	due 1/24	Voiture 472	due 1/22
IMO John Gore	due 1/22	**** Voiture 899	due 1/26
IMO Jacques Gore	due 1/22	**** Voiture 1219	due 3/20
Barbara Guglielmo	due 6/24	***** Voiture 1120	due 1/27
George Guglielmo	due 6/22	Voiture 1604	due 10/23
George Hall	due 8/27		
Joanne Hirst	due 1/22		
*Wanda Hunter	due 1/24		
Roland Jones	due 1/26		
Carol Kaiserian	due 1/24		
John Kaiserian	due 1/24		
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		
Larry Pink	due 7/22		
Marie Pink	due 7/22		
Debra Reynolds	due 1/24		
Carol Sloat	due 1/24		

Boosters:

**Add boosters \$5.00 a year. A *
for each additional \$5.00. Ask
your Voiture to be a booster.**

**Underlined due dates are soon to
be removed from this special list.**

The Names in **BOLD PRINT** are current in their booster payment. All others are in the rear. If you wish to remain a VERY

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