



# CORRESPONDANTS CORNER



GRANDE VOITURE DE WISCONSIN

LA SOCIETE DES QUARANTE HOMMES ET HUIT CHEVAUX

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## NATIONAL GUEST FRANK COMPO

## GRANDE DE WISCONSIN PAST CHEFS CLUB

Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer "Frank Compo" of California has graciously accepted our invitation to be our National Guest at the 2021 Grande Promenade & Rendez-vous to be held in St. Croix Falls on August 5th thru the 8th.



During his time as Grand Chef de Gare of the Grande du California Frank was given the honor of carrying the Paul Bunyun gavel from Minnesota. Franks biography can be found on the 40 et 8 website.

Cheminot National Joe Story and Alternate Cheminot National Jim Bassett will be chaperoning Frank around during his visit to the Badger State!

**NOTE:** By email I have just been informed that Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer Frank and family are moving back to the great state of Illinois this spring and he plans on driving to St. Croix Falls this August.

Are you a current or past Chef de Gare of your Locale? If so then if not already, you should be a member of the Past Chef de Gares club or Wisconsin. To be a Life Member, it costs \$25.00 and you receive a past Chefs pin for your chapeau. We meet once a year on Friday after the completion of the Grande Promenade for the day. Free beer or soda. And "YES" a lot of jocularly and fun. The National guest is sworn in as a member and we vote on new Officers for the year. Some business is taken care of and overall it's just a good way to unwind from the business performed at the Grand Promenade.

The Wisconsin past Chef de Gares Club has been around for many years. In fact National thought it was such a good idea that they incorporated it into an affiliation with the breakfast meal / meeting held at the National Promenade.



If you are interested in belonging to the Past Chefs Club of Wisconsin, just sent \$25.00 to Secretary Al Johnson at 1000 Linden Dr. Apt 12; Holmen, WI. 54636 and he'll send you your life membership card and pin.



As I'm on the subject of the Past Chefs Club, Joe Story is the Grande Voiture Rep of the National Past Chefs Club. Dues are \$10.00 per year. Joe is currently accepting dues that he will be sending in to Voiture National after the Midwinter Petite Cheminot.

# RITUAL

There has been a lot of questions and concerns about the practice of saluting when entering or leaving the Promenade. This all came about during our Fall Cheminot in Black River Falls in October.

Page 43 in the Ritual & Manual of Ceremonies is very specific on this matter where it says that the Chef de Gare will render the French Salute to all who enter or need to leave the Promenade floor. "However" the practice has been that during Grande Promenades / Fall Cheminot's etc. when the Grand Chef de Gare is running the Promenade or Cheminot, one of the other Grande Voiture Officers will do the saluting for him or her which is usually the Grand Sous Chef de Train or Grand Conducteur.

The same holds true at the National Promenade where the Chef de Chemin de Fer is running the National Promenade and does not have time to be watching the entrance of the National Promenade floor for everyone coming in or leaving. That has been left up to one of the Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer's.

I have been informed that there might be a resolution brought up this September at the National Promenade that will state the Chef de Gare or one of his or her representatives will perform the saluting as to not interrupt the business at hand.

Being that Wisconsin is a stickler for properly following strict Ritual; until a provision is added to the Ritual & Manual of Ceremonies changing this portion of our Ritual, the Grand Chef de Gare will be saluting all who enter or leave the Promenade floor.

Now we have to figure out just what the Grand Sous Chef de Train and Grand Conducteur will be doing during these functions. The Grand Chef de Train sits at the head table for the purpose of taking notes and learning what the Grand Chef de Gare does at a Promenade besides pay fines. HA HA!

## P. A. L. S. Press Association La Societe

PALS is part of the Public Relations of La Societe. A large number of us also belong to this very informational affiliation in La Societe. If being a member and receiving the monthly Bulletin by email, it's \$10.00 and if you want a hard copy then it costs \$15.00. Renny Keagle. There is so much useful information you receive in these bulletins.

Interested in belonging to PALS. The Grand Correspondant can help you. Spreading the word about La Societe is the best way we know of in recruiting new Voyageurs.





# RAINBOW FLOWAGE CAMP AMERICAN LEGION

As Chairman of 40 et 8 Days at Camp American Legion, I am always promoting what a wonderful time we all have up there in the north woods for the event. But I never seem to talk about the Rainbow Flowage as much as I should. As you are all well aware of, there has been a lot of work done at the Flowage this past year with more to be done. Many of you have never been to the Flowage during your visits to the Camp.

Over the years some of you had fished by the Flowage when we had our Saturday picnic. Most are there to relax. Beth Laatsch runs the bingo games and there's always good conversation, plenty of food being cooked and above all else, camaraderie with your fellow members of the Forty et Eight family.

Here is a collage of pictures from the Flowage during 40 et 8 Days at Camp.





# From The Correspondant

Grand Headquarters is in need of nomination papers for all Line Officers who are moving up this year. "OK" we realize that many Locales are not meeting during the pandemic! "However" after a conversation with Grand Avocat David Wegener; he indicated that it was permissible to have a nomination read and approved at a Cheminot. Be it three of you meeting for morning coffee, at some ones home, the bowling alley, or adult beverage establishment. It doesn't matter as long as the nomination paper is signed.

The 2021 Communique reports have been ran off and are ready to be passed out at the Midwinter Cheminot in Appleton on February 13th. Last year we had over 1/2 of the Locales send in at least some of the reports. How else can you receive credit for all of the great work your Locale does during the year if you don't fill out these reports. Anyone who is in need assistance in completing these reports, just give me a call and I'll assist you in any way possible.

Within the next week; you'll be receiving Ad notices for the Badger 40 et 8 er. The cost of the Ad has changed because we are only printing the Badger quarterly so it will be less then in past years. We will also be accepting individual booster applications. They are \$25.00 each and good for the year. Al Ross has already made payment so I guess I'll use Al's booster Ad.

**Al Ross La Crosse # 830  
Grand Chef de Gare - 2010**

The cost of a large Ad will be \$100.00 and a medium Ad shall be \$50.00. If anyone wishes to sell any Ad's to businesses or other Veterans organizations; I'll be glad to assist you in this.

A reminder that on February 12th, (Friday) at the Appleton La Quinta 2:00 P. M. we will be having a Committee on Committee meeting followed by a meeting of the 2022 National Promenade & Rendezvous Committee. Everyone is invited to the second meeting because we are all representing the Grande Voiture & Cabane.

I have three of the new Ritual & Manual of Ceremonies booklets for sale and will be bringing them to the Midwinter Cheminot.

## 99<sup>th</sup> Grand Mid-Winter Cheminot

**February 13<sup>th</sup> 2021**

Headquarters Hotel

La Quinta By Wyndham Appleton

3800 W. College Avenue

Appleton, WI 54915

Phone: 920-734-7777

Mention the 40 & 8

Room Rate: \$80.00 plus tax (\$12.40)

Deadline for Reservation is January 11, 2021

I recently received a call from past Grand Chef de Gare - 2014 Lloyd Granberg. It was 78% where he and Peggy were at in Nevada. Lloyd is very worried about the current state of membership in La Societe and the effect that the pandemic is having on our renewals and recruitment in the 40 et 8. He asked for permission to send in an article on this topic for publication in the Badger. Anything for the betterment and growth of La Societe will always be published.



## GRANDE VOITURE MEMBERSHIP

I only have one word to describe our current membership year! "**Lousy**" The Grande de Wisconsin is in 37th place in La Societe and I can't ever remember a time when we were that low. We still have three Locales who are still Goose Egg and one with just a single life member for their count.

Wisconsin is at 613 paid up memberships for 64.66% and we need an additional 335 for 100%.

Now everyone realizes that due to the pandemic many events to include Locale Promenades, fund raisers, parades, Christmas parties, etc. have had to be cancelled. We all need to come up with ways to contact all Voyageurs to let them know that we are still operating on a high professional level as a Veterans organization.

Try a Voiture Locale newsletter to get the word out. Every Locale should have a Voyageur who is capable of sending out these letters.

Some weeks ago I spoke about sending out special dues notices to the 13 Voyageurs from my Locale who had not paid their 2021 dues yet. Did receive 6 of them. Now other Voyageurs in their respective areas are contacting them to see how everything is going and to see about collecting their dues.

Here is another little bit of information. The last figure I found on the website is that there are over 327,271 Veterans in Wisconsin. That means that only 0.28% of the Veterans population in Wisconsin belongs to La Societe. That tells me that we all need to do a better job of promoting the 40 et 8.

In the meantime I need for area Voyageurs to contact Racine County Voiture # 497, Sauk County Voiture # 652, Green County Voiture # 1121 and St. Croix County Voiture #1485 to see about assisting them in getting membership turned in to National.

100%+ in membership is not out of the question! We just need to band together and help out our fellow Voyageurs in promoting La Societe.

On a personal note, thank the good Lord 2020 has come to a close. Was in the emergency room 3 different times this last year due to my heart going into a fib and being blocked. They shocked me 3 times with no luck. Spent a week in ICU. Went to have a stent put in but they couldn't get through my arm and was given the wrong anesthesia. 10 days later they went up through my groin and get it done.

36 sessions with the wellness rehab people doing a hour of cardio got my health back and better because I work out at the gym five days a week.

Then after developing spots on my arms and legs and going to different doctors and dermatologists for two months, finally one scraped off some dead skin, put it under the microscope and realized that I have ringworm. Taking a pill and using a crême until this thing clears up.

The final kicker was yesterday. As I'm pushing the cart in a local Walmart as Mary is shopping; I received a call from my doctors office. They want to schedule my colonoscopy. Crap and that's how I'll remember 2020.

