Greetings fellow Voyageurs,

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving, sharing the feast with family or friends. And maybe you even found some Black Friday deals in preparation for Christmas Day.

Back to business: We need to think membership. Current Voyageurs have until the end of this month to renew their membership, or face being left out of locale Promenade, among others.

We also need to grow our membership. If you are a member of the American Legion, DAV, VFW or other veteran organizations, try to recruit members of those organizations to add to your membership.

Have you been considering Special Awards, such as someone in your town or county who has made a difference in someone's life? Perhaps a member of your police force, a firefighter or someone who has done something bold? Celebrate a Hero of the Year and send the information to the Grand Correspondant. You also may designate a town or city in your district as Most Patriotic Town in Michigan,

While I personally have much to be thankful for, it is with great sadness I announce Voiture 746 had to move out of our Chateau for financial reasons. We have been busy working on that problem since we sold the Chateau. A flyer is included in this edition for my Homecoming, which will be shortly after Spring Cheminot.

May you have a merry Christmas, and keep those who are deployed who will missing celebrating the holiday with family.

Yours in comradeship Your Grand Chef de Gare Clare W Knickerbocker