

Whistle Stop

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From the Grand Chef de Gare

Greetings, all,

It's great to get back to traveling. Great Lakes – I was joined with Grande Officers Avocat Jim, Nationale La Sous Presidente and La Presidente Lori and Nationale La Garde la Port & Grande Correspondante Lori. Thank you to Carrie, Lori and Lori for your help on the putting together the Grande du Michigan Baskets, they were such a hit, I thought a fight might break out.

Lansing's V-946 Silver Key Past Chef and Installation of Officers -

It's such a wonderful program and we loved having our dinner served by the Sexton Honor Students.

La President Passé Nancy Hanson's Memorial – It was clear to all how much Nancy cared, inspired and loved in her life.

American Legion Convention (MI) – Grande La Presidente Lori and I traveled to Sault Saint Marie where we met up with **Grand Chef de Train U.P. Michael Trickey** to host a **40 & 8 Meet & Greet** held at Post 3. I was able to connect with Jim and Jan Hafeman, who I met at my first Grande in Marquette with Dad, Mike and Clive. Jan even made us a gourmet breakfast.



From the Grande La Presidente

Dear Dames,

I hope your summer has been enjoyable now that we can get out and do things without so many restrictions! I am highly looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible in West Branch for Grande Rendezvous!

I am hoping that some of you are giving some consideration to running for an office or are interested in a chairmanship. If you are interested please contact me I would love to hear from

you and see what we can get done together! There are several jobs to be filled in this organization and I have found every single one has something to offer! Please give some thought and if you are interested let me know.

Since things are considerably back to normal I am hoping for a fun-filled productive year with the hopes of getting out to see everyone!

See you at Grande and do not forget to reach out even if you just need to talk, I am here for you!

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Yours in Service,

Lori A Bolley-Majeske

La Presidente Grande De Michigan



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Voiture 102's 100th Anniversary Celebration and Voiture Locale Installation of Officers for 2021 – 2022 Promenade and Dinner -- It was an honor to be invited to this special event on July 17. Congratulations V-102!

Upcoming – **Grande Promenade & Rendezvous** Aug 6th & 7th. I'm looking forward to seeing you all there in West Branch. The Grande La Presidente and I will be having our final **Salute Our Heroes Presentation** on Friday afternoon at the hotel. Please try to attend. We'll have details at the Registrations tables.

This will be my final report as your Grande Chef for the Whistle Stop, so I would like to take a point of privilege to give some **special thanks** for all your help especially over these past two years:

- **Grande La Presidente Lori**, you've been a great partner over the last 2 years and a friendship that goes beyond.
- **Correspondant Rich**, keeping us and our records moving forward.
- **Avocat Jim**, your special guidance, especially over these past 2 years
- **Voyageur Mentors – Dad of course, 3 Amigos Joe-Bob-Vern, Terry, Pretty Boy & Teddy**
- **Dame Mentors – Cheryl Jamnick**
Presidente Nationale, Lori C, Sharon S, Judy E, Kathy

- MY Voiture 746 and MY home away from home V & C 946

- And so many more of you all.

THANK YOU!

Grand Chef Lonnie 2019-21



Some scenes of the fun time we had at the 40 & 8 Meet & Greet at Post 3. It felt good meeting with friends face-to-face!



From the Grand Correspondant

Greetings Voyageurs,

I hope you are enjoying your summer and getting out more. Isn't it great to see people without a mask covering half their faces? I want to sincerely thank the correspondants locale who sent or emailed me the results of their 2021 elections. Thanks go out to Voitures 669, 746, 767, 997 and 1288. It will aid me when I update the grand roster. Correspondants who have not provided me with the results of their elections, please email them to me at richadams946@gmail.com or via snail mail at 1919 Danbury E, Okemos MI 48864. You can even call me at (517) 388-4962 with results. I was honored to be invited to Voiture 102's 100th Anniversary Dinner and Voiture Locale Installation of Officers. It was great to see familiar faces and meet new voyageurs. Congratulations to Chef de Gare Shannon Warwick for being installed to office. I thanked the incoming officers for stepping up and taking leadership roles. We need more of that, and the Grand Line is a sad example of nobody stepping up and taking a leadership role. Chefs and Correspondents, be on the lookout for mail I will be sending next month with the Fall Cheminot Official Call. Please disburse the information to your voyageurs. We need more participation so we can achieve a quorum and vote on policies and changes that will affect Voitures on a local level. Hope to see you at Grand Promenade Aug. 6 and 7 in West Branch.

Yours in service,
Rich Adams
Grand Correspondant

From the Grand Avocat

Here we are only mere days from Grand Promenade in West Branch. Since we didn't have anything last year, this will be hugely important. We will have our Grande elections. As of now, we have a Grand Chef de Train and a stand-in as the Grand Garde de la Porte. That means with the Chef de Train being elected Chef, we need to elect a Lampiste, Garde de la Porte, Conducteur, and Chef de Train. We need to get some QUALIFIED individuals to rebuild our Grande line. We can no longer settle for NO line. We will also vote on the realignment of Cheminots. If your Voiture is not represented, we will let you know what you got and you can work it out with your fellow Voitures.



We must vote on the Charter withdrawal for one Voiture. There are many other issues that we need to discuss. If we have little turnout, you get what you get.

Looking ahead, Nationale Promenade is in September, in Springfield, MO. If you have a qualified individual that you want to put in for a national office, you need to get the info to the Grand Correspondent and Nationale, ASAP. Also, Grand Fall Cheminot will be in Jackson on October 9, 2021. We should have all pins, etc., for distribution. Reports should have been sent to the Directeurs by now. I received two Nurses Training reports, Sad! I'll see many of you in West Branch. Make certain that your Voiture is represented!

Jim Coe

**Grand Avocat, National Time & Place Chairman,
Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer Passe**

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Michigan Voyageurs,

Greetings, here we are again 2022 MEMBERSHIP, Membership, MEMBERSHIP.

2022 Membership *PLEASE GET 2 !*

1 or 2 bodies can make the difference.

HOPE TO SEE YOU AT Grand Promenade August 6th & 7th West Branch, MI.

Please come and support your State (GRAND) and have your voice be Heard and have your VOTE count. Help decide the future of our GRAND !!!

Respectfully Submitted;

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TORNADO TERMINOLOGY



Tornado Watch

Weather conditions could lead to the formation of severe storms and tornadoes. **BE PREPARED:** Know your safe location. Be ready to act quickly if a Warning is issued or you suspect a tornado is approaching.

Tornado Warning

A tornado has been spotted or indicated by weather radar, meaning a tornado is occurring or expected soon. **TAKE ACTION:** There is imminent danger to life and property. Immediately seek refuge in the safest location possible.

Tornado Emergency

An exceedingly rare situation with a severe threat to human life and catastrophic damage due to a confirmed violent tornado. **TAKE ACTION:** There is imminent danger to life and property. Immediately seek refuge in the safest location possible.