

Whistle Stop

December 2021



A publication of the Grande du Michigan Forty and Eight
From the Grand Chef de Gare

Michigan Voyageurs

I want to thank the 20 Voyageurs out of the 798 Voyageurs in the state of Michigan who took the time to attend Grand Fall Cheminot in Leslie. You helped shape the upcoming 2022 year. This is your Grand, thank you very much.

1 or 2 bodies can make the difference in membership.

Fall Cheminot was a success, we elected a new Grand Lampiste, and now have a complete Grand Line. Hopefully we got the message out, that we need Grand Cheminots for the six (6) Districts. Please forward to the Grand Correspondant Rich Adams the contact information.
(Name, Phone Number, Mailing Address, E-Mail Address)

Grand Line Officers

Grand Chef de Gare	Michael Brokenshire	517-490-3512
Grand Chef de Train	John Bradford	734-634-1328
Grand Conducteur	Michael Spitzley	517-582-0493
Grand Lampiste	Claire Knickerbocker	976-946-9756
Grand Guard de la Porte	Teddy Hendges	517-740-4720



Respectfully Submitted;

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Spring Cheminot is the next event for Grand, it will be March 12th 2022, if no one has stepped up to host is by December 31st 2021. It will be held at V946 in Lansing MI. If you are interested in hosting, please contact Jim Coe II for more information.

From the Grande La Presidente

Hello Dames,

I am hoping everyone had a wonder Thanksgiving spent with family and friends! I am thankful for all of you and all you do!

Looking forward to the holidays and wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

Spring Cheminot is just around the corner I hope the weather is good so all can attend.

As you all know we do

not have a 2nd La Sous this year so I am looking for ideas for fundraisers if you have any please reach out I would love to hear all ideas. If any Cabanes are able to bring a basket for raffle to Spring Cheminot or Grand Rendezvous if you would also please let me know so I can get the schedule arranged I would greatly appreciate it as well.

Membership is past due at this point and cards will be void as of 12/31/21 so please get your

memberships paid and reported to Mary Orval, I look forward to Michigan as a whole again having 100% membership!

Like any other year this time of the year always reminds me of all our losses, while being



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From the Grand Avocat

Happy holidays, Voyageurs,

I hope everyone had a very happy Thanksgiving and spent some quality time with your families. As long as politics and religion didn't come up in conversation, things likely went well at your turkey day table.

This is a very busy time of year, what with gift shopping and get-togethers with friends and family. But please remember to renew your membership before the end of this month.

I'll be posting and mailing out the Official Call for Spring Cheminot once the location is set. If you want to host this year, please contact Time & Place Directeur James Coe II.

As the Grand Chef mentioned at Fall Cheminot, the Grande du Michigan website is fairly useless. The Whistle Stop is up to date and available on the site, but we need to have a complete redesign of the website. I have been doing my best to put important documents on the website, such as the Official Call, any documents that the Grande is considering, such as the district plans we voted on at Promenade. I hope to update information in the next week to make it more relevant, but it is due a serious redesign. My apologies for the amateurish design (it was my first attempt) and not being able to keep it up to date.

Inside this edition you will find a list of officers and appointees, with many spots open and available to anyone who is interested in filling the open slots. Grand Chef de Gare Michael Brokenshire is asking for Voyageurs to step up and take an active role.

I hope you enjoy your Christmas and have a happy and safe New Year.

Yours in service,
Rich Adams
Grand Correspondant

Howdy.

Just a short note to wish everyone a very enjoyable holiday season and an exciting New Year.

As of now, I have no Voiture bidding to host Spring Cheminot, scheduled for 12 March 2022. If interested, please contact me prior to 31 December 2021 and I will get you a contract. If nobody bids, it will be a V-946, Lansing.



I also have 25 Nurses Training pins, \$3.00 each. Pins are programs! The happiest to all.

Yours in service,
James Coe II
Grand Avocat, Time & Place, Nurses Training

From the Grande La Presidente

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very thankful for all we have the holidays bring thoughts of those we truly love and miss. So please take a moment to remember and always be thankful for the time we had!

Please stay safe and warm during this lovely Michigan winter I look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Yours in service,
Lori A Bolley
Grande La Presidente

List of Grande du Michigan Openings

The list below where it says "OPEN" needs to be filled by anyone willing to do the JOB! Your help is needed.

Grand du Michigan 2021 - 2022 Officers & Appointments & Directeurs							
Title	Voiture	Name	Address	City	Zip Code	Phone Number	E-Mail Address
Elected Officers							
Grand Chef de Gare	V946	Michael Brokenshire	4365 West Holt Road Apt. #1	Holt	48842	517-490-3512	GySgtRet99@gmail.com
Grand Chef de Train		John Bradford				734-634-1328	johnwa364@gmail.com
Grand Conducteur	V946	Michael Spitzley	1214 N. Briarfield	Lansing	48910	517-582-0493	
Grand Guard de la Porte	V746	Teddy Hendges	P.O. Box 16	Pleasant Lake	49272	517-769-2418	
Grand Lampiste	V746	Clair Knickenbocker	423 Oakwood Beach	Brooklyn	49230	989-970-9469	
Cheminot Nationale	V746	Lonnie Haynes	506 Mill Street	Leslie	49251	517-652-4847	Carrie.Haynes@ymail.com
District Cheminots							
District # 1 Eastern Michigan		OPEN					
District # 2 South Eastern Michigan		OPEN					
District # 3 South Central Michigan		OPEN					
District # 4 Central Michigan		OPEN					
District # 5 Northern Lower Peninsula Michigan		OPEN					
District # 6 Northern Upper Peninsula Michigan		OPEN					
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Appointments							
Grand Correspondant	V946	Rich Adams	1919 Danbury East	Okemos	48864	517-388-4962	rileyadams946@gmail.com
Alternet Cheminot Nationale		OPEN					-
Grand Avocat	V946	James Coe II	277 Maple Run	Mason	48854	517-582-1035	cmscoe@yahoo.com
Grand Commis Voyageur		OPEN					-
Grand Historien		OPEN					-
Grand Drapeau		OPEN					
Grand Aumonier		OPEN					

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Grand Photographer		OPEN					
Grand L'Editeur	V946	Rich Adams	1919 Danbury East	Okemos	48864	517-388-4962	rileyadams946@gmail.com
Grand Aid de Camp	V946	Curtis McLendon	900 Long Blvd #228	Lansing	48911	517-667-1739	
Grand Aid de Camp		OPEN					
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Grand Organizer		OPEN					
Grand Dignitary Host		OPEN					
Directeur Grand Membership		OPEN					
Directeur Constitution & By Laws		Edward MacLachan II	9436 Farrand Road	Otisville	48463	810-631-4011	
Directeur Time & Place	V946	James Coe II	277 Maple Run	Mason	48854	517-582-1035	cmscoe@yahoo.com
Directeur Finance & Audit	V946	Randal Gregor	2684 Rampart Path	Holt	48842	517-256-0259	rgregor27@aol.com
Directeur Credentials & Resolutions		OPEN					
Directeur Special Awards	V746	Lonnie Haynes	506 Mill Street	Leslie	49251	517-652-4847	Carrie.Haynes@ymail.com
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Directeur Americanism		OPEN					
Directeur Box Car		OPEN					
Directeur Carville Star		OPEN					
Directeur Child Welfare		OPEN					
Directeur Nurses Training	V946	James Coe II	277 Maple Run	Mason	48854	517-582-1035	cmscoe@yahoo.com
Directeur POW/MIA		OPEN					
Directeur Youth Sports	V946	Lori Barber	900 Long Blvd #228	Lansing	48911	517-517-420-2087	barber4158@comcast.net
Directeur Ways & Means		OPEN					
Directeur Public Relations		OPEN					
Directeur Voiture Activities		OPEN					
Directeur Ritual		OPEN					
Directeur VAVS & National SOUS Directeur VAVS	V957	Gary Bourdeau	34 W. Phillips	Milan	48160	734-649-2041	gbourd001@sbcglobal.net
VAVS Ann Arbor	V957	Gary Bourdeau	34 W. Phillips	Milan	48160	734-649-2041	gbourd001@sbcglobal.net
VAVS Battle Creek		Jeremiah Andrus	2029 Parkwood Ct.	Brooklyn	49230	517-474-6161	Jabearone@gmail.com
VAVS Detroit		OPEN					
VAVS Iron Mountain		OPEN					
VAVS Saginaw	V600	Frank Rocha Jr.	118 Heyn Street	Saginaw	48601	989-992-0930	
VAVS MVF Grand Rapids		OPEN					
VAVS MVF Marquette		OPEN					
Directeur Fort Custer National Cemetery		OPEN					
Directeur Great Lakes National Cemetery		OPEN					

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Clare County Voiture 767 40 et 8
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Harrison, Michigan 48625
(231)743-6466

Fellow Voyageur Militaire's

Today we honored Thaddeus (Ted) Mieczkowski, one of our "Voyageur Militaire" who has been in the "The La Societe des 40 Homes et 8 Chevaux Voiture" (40 et 8) for more than 60 years. It was our honor to present Ted with a "Certificate of Appreciation for 60 Continuous Years of Service", plus a plaque "Presented For his Outstanding and Dedicated 60 years of Service to The La Societe des 40 Homes et 8 Chevaux Voiture. As a tribute to his decades of service to the Voiture, Voiture 767 will pay Ted's Lifetime dues, also we felt compelled to present Ted with a few personal gifts representative of the Voiture and the American Legion so we brought things that we thought he would find meaningful. A Chapeau decorated with symbolic service membership, a Cap with 40&8 Decal, Thank You Coin from American Legion, "The Honor Society" of Veterans"...George B Boland Nurses Training Trust", POW – MIA Patch. Ted and his wife were both over the moon about the gifts and the visit.

Ted was in the Air Force as a radio man during the Korean war from 1954 to 1958 after his discharge he worked in refrigeration as a service man until he retired, he was very active in the legion and the 40 et 8 until about 8 years ago when he had a stroke, and now gets around with a walker for assistance and no longer drives.

We had a very nice visit with the sweetest couple I have had the pleasure of meeting Thaddeus Mieczkowski and his wife Rhea.

They both made us feel welcome into their home it was our honor to present Ted with these Awards and the few humble gifts.

Respectfully Officers of 767

The La Societe des 40 Homes et 8 Chevaux Voiture,

George Freiberg, Chef de Gare

Jim Dekett , Chef de Train

Jerry Diem, Correspondant

William Wallace, Program Techn

