

Whistle Stop

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A publication of the Grand du Michigan Forty and Eight

From the Grand Chef de Gare

Voyageurs

I would like to remind all Chef de Gare's that you are required to attend Grand Cheminot. We cannot conduct Grand business without you and the elected Cheminots.

Our next Cheminot is on October 8 2022 @ American Legion Post 29, Jackson MI.

As of this writing, we only have three cheminots. We need districts 4- 5- & 6, so get some one elected ASAP. Your districts are:

#1-102, 120, 1002, 1061, 1116, 1536

#2-746, 957, 997, 1153

#3-161, 181, 396, 545, 1223

#4-553, 600, 721, 756, 868, 946, 1420

#5-669, 767, 1363, 1425

#6-599, 659, 1288

This year's pins are in and will be available at Fall Cheminot. I would prefer that you pay for the pins when you get them if you are able.

Respectfully

Michael Spitzley
Chef de Gare du MI



From the Grande La Presidente

Hello Dames!

Once again, I want to thank you for electing me to this position of responsibility and trust. I will do my utmost to maintain the high standards set by my predecessor. And thanks to my officers and chairpersons for stepping up! You are all wonderful! And congratulations to our new Grand Chef Mike Spitzley!

I thought I would offer a little information about me, since some of you may not know me well. I have been around the 40 & 8 for many years, specifically since I was 18 years old (its more years than I want to think about). My father was a Voyageur, who introduced me to our Chateau in 1971. He took me there on my 18

th birthday (drinking was legal at that time for 18 YO's) and he taught me a lesson that, to this day, I remember very well and will never forget. I first joined the La Femmes when my children were young, around 1981 or so. I maintained for a few years, letting it go for a few, and rejoining in 2014 at C-1067 in South Carolina. I returned to C-946 in 2017 when Jim became Grand Chef de Gare. I am retired now for seven years, and Jim and I do a lot of traveling for the 40 & 8, which gives us a chance to meet

many Voyageurs and Dames from across the country. We have five children between us and two



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grands, plus one little dog.

I'm looking forward to a successful year. My theme this year will be "Just One" to encourage members (who are able), to recruit at least one new member during the year. Looking forward to seeing many of you at Fall Cheminot, which is on October 8 in Jackson, American Legion Post #29.

Remember....it's membership time. Get those current members renewed and try to recruit "just one" more.

Yours in service,
Lori Coe
Grande La Presidente

From the Grand Correspondant

Fellow Voyageurs,
Grand Promenade has come and gone, and the Michigan turnout was less than stellar. I have heard from many Chefs de Gare Locale that they did not receive the Official Call. I am likely most to blame for that and I apologize.

In an effort to better the process of communication, I sent the official call to all Chefs de Gare and Correspondants Locale at the start of September. I did get a few returned and will contact those Voyageurs to perhaps get a more accurate address. I now have an extensive email list of those Michigan Voyageurs who provided them on the list Nationale provided us. I will send out emails with the same information and with the Whistle Stop to ensure as many members as possible are aware of Grand events.

The Grand Chef, Commissaire Intendant and I will be telephoning Voyageurs from each Voiture to get an up-to-date list of officers. I am working from a roster handed down to me five years ago with updates as Voitures turned in their officer lists.

Respectfully,
Rich Adams
Grand Correspondant

From the Grand Avocat

Greetings!

When you receive this, we will be back from Promenade Nationale in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Hope it doesn't snow!

Grand Promenade was a somewhat success. Problem was-attendance. We had 14 Voyageurs from Michigan. Had more than that from other states. Again, we cannot fill our Grand line. The answer to this is

membership! We can only guarantee survival by bringing in new members, train them, and once they serve at least one term as Locale Chef de Gare, they are qualified to get in the Grand line. We need to get our people involved. Please start planning to attend Fall Cheminot at Jackson Legion Post 29 on Lansing Avenue in Jackson on October 8. Bring some members. We would love to see them. We will have all the pins from Nationale. Let's get them sold! See you soon.



James A Coe II
Grand Avocat

Scenes from Grand Promenade and Promenade Nationale



Grand Chef de Gare 2022-23 Michael Spitzley receives his chapeau from daughter Randi Lynn Kennedy.



Chef de Chemin de Fer Bill Simpson hands the gavel to new Grand Chef de Gare Michael Spitzley at Michigan's Grand Promenade.



Grand Chef de Gare Michael Spitzley and Chef de Chemin de Fer Bill Simpson at Michigan's Grand Promenade.



Michigan's table at Promenade Nationale in Green Bay, Wisconsin.



Grand du Michigan Grand Chef Michael Spitzley and Grand Garde de la Porte Ted Hendges at Promenade Nationale in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

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La Societe Des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux

To: Grand Officers
 Grand Cheminots
 Voiture Officers

Grand Committeemen
 Grand Executive Committee
 Interested Voyageurs

By order of the Chef de Gare, Grand Voiture du Michigan, the Fall Cheminot will be held on Saturday, Oct. 8, 2022, at American Legion Post 29, 3200 Lansing Ave., Jackson MI 49202, hosted by the Great Lakes Promenade 2023 Committee.

Pre-registration \$10, send to Lonnie Haynes, PO Box 115, Leslie MI 49251
MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO 62nd GREAT LAKES PROMENADE
 Doughnuts, fruit and coffee will be available at registration desk.

Femmes pre-registration \$10, make pre-registration checks payable to Grande Cabane de Michigan and send to Lori Bolley, 5918 S Waverly Road, Lansing MI 48911.

Registration for voyageurs and dames begins at 0930.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE meets at 1130, then each committee will be called in order, then the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will close the meeting.

SCHEDULE

Saturday, Oct. 8, 2022 Executive Committee, 1130
 Lunch 1200, included in voyageur registration, lunch available for \$6 for Dames and guests. Menu is assorted sandwiches, soups and desserts.
 CHEMINOT CONVENES at 1300

ALL OFFICERS, CHEMINOTS AND COMMITTEE DIRECTEURS ARE ADVISED TO PROVIDE A WRITTEN COPY OF THEIR REPORT to the Correspondant.

Michael Spitzley
 Grand Chef de Gare

Rich Adams
 Grand Correspondant

Joint Fundraiser

40 & 8 Grand du Michigan

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American Legion Post 29

Feather Party & Raffles

October 8th, 2022

Post 29

3200 Lansing Ave., Jackson, MI 49202

Following Fall Cheminot

\$5 donation - includes

Pulled pork dinner and door prize drawing

Need not be present to win door prizes

**For tickets call/text Lonnie Haynes at 517-652-4847 or
email: carrie.haynes@gmail.com and at the door.**