# Whistle Stop

October 2022

A publication of the Grand du Michigan Forty and Eight

## From the Grand Chef de Gare

## From the Grande La Presidente

## Voyageurs

I would like to remind all Chef de Gare's that you are required to attendGrand 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



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 YOs) 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 Correspondant** 

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, Commisaire 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

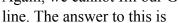
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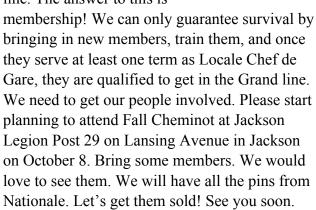
Greetings!

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





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.



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



Chef de Chemin de Fer Bill Simpson hands the gavel to new Grand Chef de Gare Michael Spitzley 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 62<sup>nd</sup> 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 Correspondent.

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@ymail.com and at the door.