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From the Grand Chef de Gare

Greetings Voyageurs,

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. I was fortunate to spend time with lots of family and friends. Now that 2026 is upon us, we have a lot of work to do. Membership is always a top priority. Please reach out to your members and make sure s/he is paid for 2026. In addition, I hope each Voiture is reaching out for new members. It would be great to see Grand du Michigan at 100% for membership.

Spring Cheminot is just around the corner. It will take place in Lansing at Voiture 946 on Saturday, March 14th. Registration starts at 9 a.m. and the cost is \$10 per person (to include lunch). All Voyageurs are welcome to attend, not just officers. Encourage everyone in your Voiture to attend. This is a great way to learn how business is taken care of at the Grand level. Also, I will be doing a block of instruction showing you how to complete each form for our programs that are due each June. The Official Call form is included in this edition.

Pin sales are a great way to raise money for the various programs. Traditionally, a Locale will sell each pin for an extra \$1 to earn money. For example, Youth Sports pins cost \$4 and you could charge \$5 to your Voyageurs. Don't forget you can sell pins to our LaFemmes, as long as, their symbol is on the pin.

Please don't hesitate to invite me to your local Promenade. I really want to meet other voyageurs around the state, to include those in the Upper Peninsula. You can email me at barber4158@comcast.net or call



From the Grande La Presidente

Greetings from Grande du Michigan, Happy new year! Winter is in full effect and we are all hunkering down for the cold season. My wish is for everyone to stay safe and find ways to support your fellow Dames and Voyageurs alike. Let's not forget about our friends who may be home-bound. A simple card in the mail can do wonders for the spirit. My challenge to you all is to send notes of encouragement to someone you haven't seen for a while.

I was fortunate enough to be able to celebrate with our Grand Chef de Gare Lori Barber, as she enjoyed her birthday in January. The time was spent laughing and enjoying her company as well as that of other Dames and Voyageurs. Please take the time to wish her a happy belated birthday when you see her next.

Coming up in March is Spring Cheminot. This will be held on Saturday, March 14th at Voiture 946. You can pre-register with Lori Coe or pay at the door. Registration will run from 9 a.m. to noon and Cheminot will begin at 1 p.m. Doughnuts, fruit and coffee will be available for those early birds who brave the weather. A lunch of sandwich wraps, soup and dessert will be available for an additional \$6. Sharon Schulte will be offering assistance for anyone who would like to work on reports prior to Cheminot. Please bring your documents and your questions. This will be a valuable opportunity to



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me at (517) 420-2087.

Finally, I would like to remind you of important events happening this year:

Spring Cheminot	March 14	Lansing
State Wreck	May 9	Lansing
Great Lake Promenade	June 4-6	Bloomington, IN
Grand Promenade	Aug. 7-8	Okemos
National Promenade	Sept. 22-26	Gettysburg, PA

For other 40 & 8 events going on around the country, go 40 & 8 events. The webpage is <https://www.fortyandeight.org/events-408>

Stay warm and I hope to see you on March 14th.

Yours in service,

Lori Barber

Grand Chef de Gare

Grand du Michigan

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to learn from the best. Looking forward I would like to direct your attention to several upcoming events. Great Lakes Promenade will be in June. The registration form is included in this edition. Grande Chef Lori Barber's homecoming celebration will be on April 25, so watch for details to come. Rendezvous Nationale will again be held in Gettysburg in September. If you are interested in attending I suggest reserving a hotel room

sooner rather than later. Lastly, our Grande Rendezvous will be in August. It is never too early to plan ahead for this event. I would encourage anyone who is interested in getting more involved to please see me or any of the other current officers. We can certainly answer questions and share our own experiences. We need more people willing to move into new positions, even if you are not able at this time to take a more active role

in leadership. There is a place for everyone who wants it. Thank you all for your continued support and participation. Our great organization is nothing without its dedicated members. As always, stay safe and look for ways to love those around you.

**Yours in service,
Krissy Brokenshire
La Presidente
Grande du Michigan**

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La Societe Des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux

To: Grand Officers
 Grand Cheminots
 Voiture Officers
 Grand Committee Directeurs
 Grand Executive Committee
 Interested Voyageurs

By order of the Chef de Gare, Grand Voiture du Michigan, the Spring Cheminot will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2026 at Voiture 946, 2949 S. Waverly Highway, Lansing MI 48911.

Pre-registration \$10, send checks to Gary Bourdeau, 34 W Phillips Ave., Milan MI 48160.
MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO GRAND VOITURE DU MICHIGAN.

La Femmes pre-registration \$10, make checks payable to Grande Cabane de Michigan and send to Lori Coe, 2544 Marina Dr. Apt 9, Holt, Michigan 48842

Doughnuts, fruit and coffee will be available at the registration desk.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE meets at 1100 Saturday, March 14, then each committee will be called in order, then the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will close the meeting.

SCHEDULE

Registration Starts	0900
Executive Meeting	1100
School of Instruction (Annual Reports)	1130
Lunch (included in Voyageur registration)	1200
Grand Cheminot	1230

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

Lunch is available for \$6 for Dames and guests. Menu is Sandwich Wraps, Soup & Desserts.

Lori Barber
Grand Chef de Gare

Gary Bourdeau
Grand Correspondant

65TH GREAT LAKES PROMENADE

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REGISTRATION & BUFFET \$60.00 FOR VOYAGEURS & \$60.00 FOR GUESTS

BOOSTERS- \$2.00 EACH NAME- PLEASE INDICATE GRAND & VOITURE NUMBER

_____ GRAND TOTAL _____

BUFFET- SOUTH WESTERN- SPINICH AND KALE SALAD, POTATO SALAD, PULLED PORK, PULLED CHICKEN, BAKED MACARONI AND CHEESE, GREEN BEANS, FRESHLY BAKED ROLLS, CHEF'S SELECTION OF COOKIES, ICE TEA

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RONNY DERESH, P.O. BOX 211, WANATAH, IN 46390

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MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: INDIANA GREAT LAKES

MAIL TO: BOB HOCK- 5611 W. LAKEVIEW DR, LAPORTE, IN 46350

EMAIL: indbobhock@gmail.com (Ad copy is preferred via email)

Grande du Pennsylvania & Grande du Maryland invite you to attend the



107th Promenade & 63rd Rendezvous Nationale

Gettysburg, PA

September 22-26, 2026

Explore Civil War History in Gettysburg

Date form completed _____



PLEASE SUBMIT SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH REGISTRANT. SPOUSE/SIGNIFICANT OTHER MAY SHARE FORM. BOTH NAMES NEED TO BE ON IT

Last Name _____ First _____ MI _____
 Address _____
 City /State/Zip _____
 Phone _____
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Payment by Check? (Enter Check Number): _____

Payment by Credit Card? (Check one below)

VISA Master Card Discover

Card Number: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

Card Exp Date: Month _____ Year _____ CVV _____

BILLING ADDRESS AND ZIP CODE FOR CREDIT CARD REQUIRED

BILLING ADDRESS _____

BILLING ZIP CODE _____

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
# _____	Voyageur's Registration @ \$30.00 (NON-REFUNDABLE)	\$ _____
# _____	Voyageur's Late Reg. Fee (AFTER 6/1/26) @ \$5	\$ _____
	Grande Voiture: _____ Voiture Locale: _____	
# _____	Dame's Registration @ \$25.00	\$ _____
	Grande Cabane: _____ Cabane Locale: _____	
# _____	La President Luncheon (9/24/26) @ \$35.00	\$ _____
# _____	Early Bird (9/22/26) Tickets @ \$30.00	\$ _____
# _____	Banquet (9/25/26) Tickets @ \$45.00 each	\$ _____

Select one meal for each attendee:
 London Broil _____

Chicken Marsala _____

TOTAL \$ _____

THE EISENHOWER (HQ) AND ASPIRE HOTELS ARE FOR BOTH VOYAGEURS & DAMES.

ALL VOYAGEURS & DAMES WILL BE EXPECTED TO MAKE THEIR RESERVATION WITH THE HOTEL DIRECTLY.

RESERVATION LINKS:

EISENHOWER (HQ) HOTEL:

ASPIRE HOTEL:

OR YOU CAN CALL

1-717-334-8121

MAKE SURE TO LET THEM KNOW YOU ARE THERE FOR 107th PROMENADE & 63rd RENDEZVOUS NATIONALE

NOTE: Rates ONLY available through Promenade Nationale Corporation

REGISTRATION AND RESERVATIONS

Promenade Registrations must be received by August 28, 2026

PROMENADE REGISTRATION FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

ALL VOYAGEURS & DAMES MUST REGISTER WITH THE PROMENADE NATIONALE CORPORATION.

Please provide your credit card information or make your check payable to "107th Promenade Corporation"

Mail form and payment to:

Voiture Nationale

1635 Hawthorne Drive

Plainfield, IN 46168

Or Email to ttaylor@fortyandeight.org

HOTEL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY

AUGUST 20, 2026

Additional forms are online at www.fortyandeight.org

HANDICAP ROOMS ARE LIMITED: PLEASE CONSIDER THIS

WHEN MAKING YOUR REQUEST. HANDICAP ROOMS ARE

ASSIGNED ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS