

Voiture Nationale 40&8

VOYAGEUR BRIEFS

Rick Williams –Chef de Chemin de Fer



Well Watertown would not let me take the cold weather back to the South. Can't really blame them. It was really nice at that time of year. Cheryl and I were treated to a great Italian dinner along with a host of others. Thank you, Voyagers of Voiture 534 and all from the Grand du New York, for such a great time in Watertown NY. Grand Chef de Gare Charles Ellis you had a good year 101.13%. My escort was one of my Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer, Charles Graham a very interesting time in New York state.

A very warm welcome to North Carolina by the Voyagers and their Grand Chef de Gare Diane Yager and Grand Correspondant David Van Wormer. Excellent care was provided by the candidate for National La President Penny Hagler and Grand Correspondant David Van Wormer. They were on top of everything. Congratulations Diane and Voyagers for achieving over 101% membership. Good luck and a successful year as Grand Chef de Gare du North Carolina James Bowman, I know



that you will be a great inspiration to the Voyagers and Dames.

Some misunderstood communications caused me to be lost somewhere in space, but thanks to Sous Directeur Membership Red Costa who put out the alert in time. It is nice to know that someone is looking after you. I was called on my cell phone by our National Correspondant Terry Sims, and Executive Assistant Holly Claunch, trying to locate me. I was right there in the parking lot of the Hotel in Westminster, MD. Red was using my home number but of course I could not answer it at the time. Thank You Red for your concern; it is touching. Between sessions I had some time to tour the battlefield of Guilford Court House, a lovely place to tour, and imagine being back in time! Good job Paul Emmert Sr. Grand Chef de Gare and the Voyagers who worked to get Maryland to 93.36%. You will have another shot at 100% next

year. I was presented with special gift of a flag with 15 stars that flew over the grave of Francis Scott Key and Monument at Mount Olivet Cemetery, and being placed on the Francis Scott Key Patriot Honor Roll. This honor means a GREAT deal to me and I offer a humble and appreciative THANK YOU.

Off to the land of cheese, Wisconsin, to attend their Grand Promenade. There was a small delegation of Chef de Chemin de Fer Passes in attendance, I thought we were having a reunion! It was nice to see them all there. A special thank you to Black Mark-- my mistake his slate was wiped clean-- Rich Ruland, you provided a very entertaining time and a great experience for my stay. Several of us had a tour of Camp American Legion. It is not just a fishing or kids camp as I first thought, but it is a camp for Veterans and their families to help them with their concerns by talking to other veterans and counselors. Just being there in the north woods was very relaxing and rejuvenating. Thank You Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer Tom Orval and Grand Chef de Gare Joe Story, also the National Directeur of Membership, for such an enlightening and eventful time. In attendance were two of my Aids de Camp Tom Russell and Jim Scott, and a candidate for Chef de Chemin de Fer, Mike McGary, along with a host of others.

Left Wisconsin and headed over to Michigan for their Grand Promenade, the last one this year. My travels took me to the UP (that is the upper peninsula) and over

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the Mackinac Bridge into lower Michigan to Lansing (to be greeted by a lot of the ones from Wisconsin!) With my Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer Jim Coe and the Grand Chef de Gare Robert Bi-alecki leading Michigan to 91.35% in membership. The hospitality was all that could be asked: they even imported some beverages for me across state lines, good job! Their Grand Chef de Gare for 2020 was installed by some south of the border charters made up of some passe Chef de Chemin de Fers, it was very interesting and filled with great emotions. Good luck to you Lonnie Haynes as Grand Chef de Gare along

with your officers for a very successful year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my officers, Directeurs, and Sous Directeurs for all of the work they did to make this year a successful one for La Societe. It is not easy to keep up with every one with all the latest information, but I think that for the most part you all did a GREAT job of it.

My membership team help you going and we had a good year in recruitment we just lost to many to non-renewals. This seems to be a large problem that

we need to take a look at. What is causing this decrease? Is it that the old members are just too tired? Is it the Locale for not working the programs? Is it the inconsistency of not going by the Ritual during the Promenades and other functions? Is it lack of communication from the Program Directors? Can any one of the above be the cause? For they can all be corrected. We just need to find the reason and implement the corrections. This is something that everyone of us need to be concerned with and work to correct it.

Rick Williams

Chef's Travels



2019 Maryland Promenade



2019 Wisconsin Promenade



Terry Sims -Correspondant National

Voyageurs are registering for Promenade Nationale to be held in Myrtle Beach, SC in huge numbers. In fact, it is one of the largest in years. Dave Hill and the South Carolina crew of Voyageurs and Dames have put a lot of work in this upcoming Promenade.

The costs for the 40/8er Magazine are very high. The Past Chef de Gare Club collects dues to support the

40/8er. If you are a Chef de Gare passe of a Voiture Locale, you may join and help this cause. A breakfast is held each year at Promenade Nationale to discuss business and meet old and new friends. Information for joining can be viewed on line at fortyandeight.org

Come and join us in Myrtle Beach.



Emblem Sales Highlight of the Month



This months highlight is a notepad and pen set that features 60 sheets of white paper, and a soft touch calendar pen. The pen features a two-year pull out calendar and a soft touch barrel. This convenient product is perfect for pocket or purse!

The price for this item is \$7.50. Part number 13PAD. This item can be ordered at our emblem

sales store online at - <http://store.fortyandeight.org/> or contact Terry Taylor, E-mail: ttaylor@fortyandeight.org Ph. (317) 634-1804 Fax. (317) 632-9365

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V-20 Boxcar Roundup



VAVS/SVH



VAVS/SVH WORKSHOP/SEMINAR

**WHEN: WEDNESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER
2019**

**WHERE: PROMENADE NATIONALE,
MYRTLE BEACH, S.C.**

Come one Come ALL
A VA Representative will be on hand to
discuss key issues within VA

(Event open to anyone wishing to attend)

The American Legion Cabin for the Families of the Fallen



Grande Chef de Gare of Wisconsin, and Commissaire Intendant Jim Vissars are presenting a check to Department Commander Frank Kostka. This check is Grande de Wisconsin's commitment to the Department of Wisconsin for The American Legion Cabin for the Families of the Fallen. This cabin will be built at the Camp American Legion site in Northern Wisconsin. Should anyone want to make a donation to this project please call the department Adjutant Amber Nikolai at 608-745-1090. For more information about Camp American Legion go to www.campamericanlegion.org

MEMBERSHIP RETENTION PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE

STOP – LOOK – LISTEN – THINK

We need to **STOP** – We have been traveling down the same old tracks for so long, at full speed and oblivious to what is going on around us. Those tracks are getting bumpy and in dire need of repair if we are to make it to the station successfully.

We need to **LOOK** – We need to look at ourselves, we need to look at what is working and what is not working. Then we need to look at what we can change, and what we can do to improve La Societe.

We need to **LISTEN** – Not only do we need to listen to other members, old, new, and prospective ones, but most importantly we need to listen to ourselves. Are we projecting a positive image of the HONOR, FUN, FELLOWSHIP, and VETERAN SERVICE of La Societe.

We need to **THINK** – Think about what you may say before you say it. No matter what position that you hold in La Societe, it needs to be remembered that we are all volunteers. None of us are here doing what we do because we have to, but we are serving because we want to. Remember there is a difference in talking to someone and talking at someone.

We are all walking examples of La Societe, so walk proudly and set that positive example so others will want to remain involved in La Societe.

In the Bible it is told that Sampson killed 40,000 Philistines with the jawbone of an ass.....We probably loose members from our ranks daily with that same weapon.

Mike Wood

Building Donation Challenge Grand Total \$167,872.07

July 2019



NAME	VOITURE	GR	AMT
Voiture 364	IN	364	\$ 333.00
Voiture 967	IN	967	\$ 139.50
Voiture 567	GA	567	\$ 75.30
Voiture 1067	SC	1067	\$ 64.50
Voiture 1216	OH	1216	\$ 63.50
Grand du TN	Grand	TN	\$ 54.00
Voiture 1510	KS	1510	\$ 46.00
Voiture 1098	AK	1098	\$ 45.50
Voiture 737	MN	737	\$ 24.00
Voiture 129	SD	129	\$ 21.65
Voiture 1539	AK	1098	\$ 20.00
Voiture 233	IL	233	\$ 18.00
Voiture 376	PA	376	\$ 17.25
Voiture 199	FL	199	\$ 17.15
Voiture 1576	FL	1576	\$ 12.00
Voiture 523	CO	523	\$ 6.25
Voiture 631	IA	631	\$ 5.00
Voiture 955	IN	955	\$ 3.85
Voiture 925	OH	925	\$ 1.50
Voiture 1387	KY	1387	\$ 1.00





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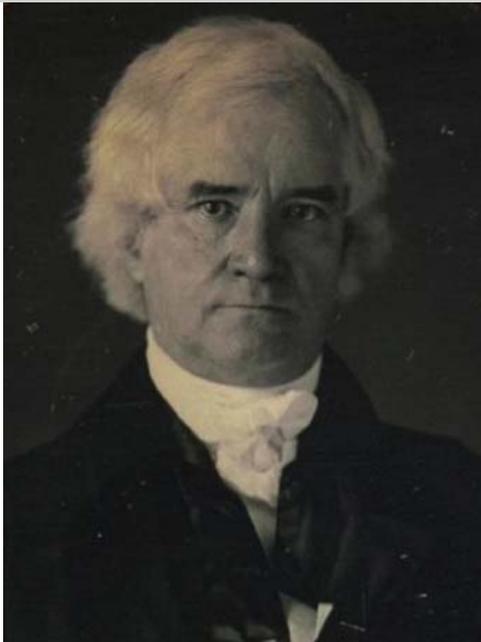
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Vice Presidential History

George Mifflin Dallas (July 10, 1792 – December 31, 1864) was an American politician and diplomat who served as mayor of Philadelphia from 1828 to 1829 and as the 11th vice president of the United States from 1845 to 1849.

The son of Secretary of the Treasury Alexander J. Dallas, George Dallas attended elite preparatory schools before embarking on a legal career. He served as the private secretary to Albert Gallatin and worked for the Treasury Department and the Second Bank of the United States. He emerged as a leader of the "Family party" faction of the Pennsylvania Democratic Party, and Dallas developed a rivalry with James Buchanan, the leader of the "Amalgamator" faction. Between 1828 and 1835, he served as the mayor of Philadelphia, the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and the Pennsylvania Attorney General. He also represented Pennsylvania in the United States Senate from



1831 to 1833 but declined to seek reelection. President Martin Van Buren appointed Dallas to the post of Minister to Russia, and Dallas held that position

from 1837 to 1839.

Dallas supported Van Buren's bid for another term in the 1844 presidential election, but James K. Polk won the party's presidential nomination. The 1844 Democratic National Convention nominated Dallas as Polk's running mate, and Polk and Dallas defeated the Whig ticket in the general election. A supporter of expansion and popular sovereignty, Dallas called for the annexation of all of Mexico during the Mexican-American War. He sought to position himself for contention in the 1848 presidential election, but his vote to lower the tariff destroyed his base of support in his home state. Dallas served as the ambassador to Britain from 1856 to 1861 before retiring from public office.

Dallas returned to Philadelphia, and lived in Philadelphia until his death from a heart attack on December 31, 1864, at the age of 72. He is interred in St. Peter's Churchyard.