Chef de Chemin de Fer Mike McGary and National Presidente Penny Haigler will lead La Societe in 2020.

Voyageurs and Dames got together before the Friday evening banquet in Myrtle Beach to help celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Forty et Eight by making a huge 100 out of the back lawn.
MEMBERSHIP 2020
October 24, 2019

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**TIME TO PAY YOUR DUES**

Mike Wood, National Membership Advisor

One of the excuses I hear most often from members when asked when they plan to pay their membership dues is “I’ll take care of them when I get around to it.” So please cut the item below out and keep it with you so that when you ask for their dues and get this excuse you can hand this to them and state “well now you can pay your dues because you have gotten a Round Tuit.” You’ll be surprised how often this works.

AUTISM DONATION

Voiture No. 364 & Cabane of the Grande du Indiana held a designer bag bingo. 230 attendees. Raised $12,000. Our La Femmes presented a $5000 check to an organization called ‘Cause We Can’ it’s an Autism Camp.

FORTY & EIGHT COMMUNICATIONS STAFF

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**TIME TO PAY YOUR DUES**

Ted Canellos

Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer

Dave Hill

Frank Kronen

Frank Campo

Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer
Chef de Chemin de Fer Mike McGary

First of all, I’d like to thank everyone; especially my wife Peggy for making an old man’s dream come true. I’m very proud but humble to lead La Société. I’m very proud but humble to lead La Société. I’m very proud but humble to lead La Société.


give you are in the know, I name is Mike McGary, my membership card says I’ve been a member for 32 years, at Voiture 37 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. When I was coming up the chairs in the Grande, something became very apparent, and that was, when a Chef went out of office they didn’t stop! They traveled to every function, watching, teaching, and if necessary, ripping your behind when needed. Whether it is a Chef or a Passe Chef de Chemin de Fer, you have to be there making it better for the one that followed. This made everyone become more involved in the organization. Everyone made us understand what the organization’s programs were all about and believed helped India. In the Grande Voitures in all of La Société. We still have two active Passe Chef de Chemin de Fer in Indiana, Paul Sorrentino, and Terry Sims and a number of Past Grande Chefs that are active, but unfortunately the Grande events are few and far between and the continued mentoring that was once so prevalent is now mostly an afterthought.

As a Sous Membership Director for the last four years, I can tell that if not for Tammy Bennet and the staff at National headquarters there would be quite a few Correspondants still swimming in the sea of despart. only because no one taught them prior to them taking office or stuck around for whatever reason to guide them into the future. You will notice through my appearances that we have some very good people in place, for membership and all the programs of La Société, to move us ahead into our next century USE THEM!! Let them be your mentors, whether at the Grand or Locale level. They have a wealth of knowledge to pass on and if they don’t know the answer, we’ll find it out and get back to you. I want to challenge all of you to go to your Grandes and Locales and make an effort to mentor a member, whether this new member is new or old, makes no difference for we’re never too old to learn and become even more involved in the programs of La Société. You’re never too old, or did too much, to stop being involved in taking care of our future and mentor a member. Pass on your knowledge, once a 40 & 8er always a 40 & 8er.

I want everyone to take this fun year, enjoy working together. The motto will be “mentoring a member for the future” and in doing so we’ll get the job done having fun. I had to think very hard as picking a program for the coming year. I was Nurses Training chairman for my Locale for ten years, the Grand Director of Youth Sports, and National Secretary/Treasurer for POW-MIA for three years, so you see my heart is in all the programs of La Société. The only way I could think of helping along all of the programs was to champion Boxcar for my year as Chef. So, Boxcar it is.

One last note: There are a lot of rumors out there and some people that want to make their life ambition to “air the pot”, DON’T listen to them. If you want verification or an explanation of something; please get ahold of National Correspondant ‘Terry Sims. Trust “ME” he’ll have a answer for you.

God Bless you for all you’ve done and God Bless our troops that provide the umbrella of freedom to get it done. Thank you all.

CHILD WELFARE
Joseph R. Donovan, National Director

GREETINGS VOYAGEURS ALL: NATIONAL PRÉMONÉE is behind us, it’s time to get moving with this year’s program. Our National Sous Directeurs Russian East, Norm Crawford WEST, Jim Mayhew CENTRAL, and Charles Nicholson SOUTH are in monthly contact with each Grand Voiture (IF WE HAVE CURRENT INFORMATION). Grand Chef’s and Grand Correspondants, please pass the Voiture National (and myself) have contact information for your Grand Director of Child Welfare. We successfully distributed over 1400 pins in Myrtle Beach, coupled with the previous distribution of almost one thousand, we are off to a good start. HOWEVER, there are 26 Grande Voitures who have taken NO pins or made NO donations to our Child Welfare Program as yet. Based upon last year’s closing membership, that is 65% of the 40,949 Voitures from those 26 Grande Voitures don’t have the opportunity to support the original charitable endeavor of our organization. Grandes, and Locales, you can help! Please order a supply of pins and order forms are on the National Web Site.

Order Pins and your shirts from me. My complete information is above. Make all checks payable to NATIONAL CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM. Our country is constantly being bombarded with both accidents and other incidents. Hurricanes, tornado’s, Floods, Fire, etc. Our Child Welfare Program raises money for the Ardery Trust.

The Trust is available to Locales who help children from the tragedies of those events. The Trust cannot be sustained without your help! Won’t you PLEASE assist us?

Thank you for your support, Joe National Director Joseph R. Donovan 4660 N River Rd Spc 12 Oceanside CA 92057-3879 jdonovan4660@hotmail.com Phone (760) 725-940 Cell 760-905-658

MEMBERSHIP
Joe Story, National Director

Locales in place, the question becomes where do we find qualified veterans to become Voyageurs Militaire? The 40 & 8 National Emblem sales store has an informative pamphlet called “What is the Forty and Eight?” These pamphlets are an excellent recruiting tool for new members. You can order 100 of these pamphlets for $2.75ea.

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 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 Société. 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 Société. We need to THINK – Think about what you may say before you say it. No matter what position that you hold in La Société, 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. There is a difference in talking to someone and talking at someone. We are all walking examples of La Société, so walk proudly and set that example positive so others will want to remain involved in La Société. In the Bible it is told that Sampson killed 40,000 Philistines with the jawbone of an ass. We need to have the same ambition to look after the young 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 Société. 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 Société. We need to THINK – Think about what you may say before you say it. No matter what position that you hold in La Société, 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. There is a difference in talking to someone and talking at someone. We are all walking examples of La Société, so walk proudly and set that example positive so others will want to remain involved in La Société.
Sous, Danielle Duffaut cov-solved to do just that! The time to roll up our sleeves and centennial version of Prome-tures mark the start of another times seem to overwhelm us. we have things that we strug-gle with and things that at times seem to overwhelm us. Actually, it’s a prayer that all of us should be identified by. Let’s take a moment and break it down:

“God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change”

- Serenity is the place where we are calm, peaceful, and free from stress. Begin by stilling your being for one minute. You may want to play some calm, tranquil music. During this time offer to God any anx-iety you may be feeling from the day, or anything that may be preoccup-yng your thinking right now.
- “Courage to change the things I can”
- The Apostle Paul writes “when I am weak, then I am strong.” Bring to mind any areas in your life that you are falling in, and where you want to see change in. Ask God for His courage and strength to overcome these problems. As you meditate on the image above, allow God’s light to flood your being with His strength and hope, just as the rays in the picture are flood- ing the words with light.
- And wisdom to know the differences.

- “For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding” (Proverbs 2, New Interna-tional Version (NIV))
- Everything ultimately comes from God in heaven - the clothes we wear, the food we eat, our families and loved ones, and the very breath in our bodies. Give thanks to God for His goodness and the wisdom that he has nurtured in you. Offer Him your life and allow Him to lead you in the areas where change is possible, and ask for His grace to cover you in the areas where you feel things are too difficult for you right now.
- “The words in the image above form the shape of a tri-angle. Just as this prayer has three elements yet is one prayer, so the Lord is three persons (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) and yet is one God - perfectly united in love.

From wisdom we are led back to serenity, and a place of rest and calm. Before you finish, spend one more minute receiving God’s peace. Allow His peace to permeate your whole being.

“And the peace of God, which transcends all understand-ing, will guard your heart and your mind in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:7, New Interna-tional Version (NIV)).

Visit our Facebook Page (40&8) La Societe des Quar-tiers Hommes et Huit Chevaux daily for words of en-couragement and prayer.

Till next time, God Bless La Société, it’s Voyageurs, Dames and the United States of America.

JOHN C. MURPHY
Amonier National
VOITURE ACTIVITIES

John Helgeson, National Directeur

The purpose of the Voiture Activities program and its reports is to measure a Voiture Locale’s activities as a unit and to measure the percentage of participation of individual voyageurs. Any activity which is sponsored by the Voiture Locale/Grande and at which a quorum of the Voiture is present is a reportable activity. Any activities which voyageurs plan and two or more participate are also reportable. The possibilities are limitless. There are numerous ideas presented at our webpage: fortyandeightight.org/Voiture-activities.

Voyageurs/Voiture’s should keep track of their activities, the number of voyageurs and dames who take part, number of hours, miles, and dollars spent and persons served or helped. The easiest way to do this is with a notebook. Your Voiture checkbook and other reports you should be submitting also will help you complete the report. You can familiarize yourself with the Voiture and Grande Voiture Directors report to find out how and what to report. The forms can be found at: fortyandeightight.org/forms-petite, then click on the Grande and Voiture Activity reports. The program committee consists of an advisor (Chef de Chemin de Fer Passe Paul Sorrentino), myself as Directeur and four Sous Directeurs, each with an assigned number of Grande Voiture’s. The Sous Directeur’s will soon be in contact with you. You must keep track of whatever you are doing for different organizations this makes it so much easier for us to review your activities. There are some awards presented at Promenade Nationale each year for the outstanding Voiture Locale and Grande.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Bob Cearlock, National Directeur

NEVADA, NEW MEXICO, OREGON, UTAH, WASHINGTON

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If you have questions or comments about the Voiture Activities program, I can be contacted by e-mail at jhelgeson86@gmail.com or phone at 307-346-2986. Directions to the office can be found at: fortyandeightight.org/national-officers, under “Resources”.

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Have you gotten your pins yet? This year you are a special one. That’s right the 40&8 has been going for 100 years and we still have a lot more to go. We have a few pins that have not been handed out yet. So if you want any get a hold of Milt Harrison.

FOURTY & EIGHTER

FALL 2019

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$500 was donated to the Ralph Johnson Memorial VA Outpatient in Myrtle Beach. L to R: Box Car Secretary Frank Kronen, VA Administrative Officer Paula West, Box Car Directeur Jim (Pretty Boy) Maxwell, VAVS Directeur Ron Rolfe, Sous Directeur Wanda Hunter and VA Specialist Candy Anderson.

2019 National Voyeur of the Year David VanBaricom of the Grande du Florida.

Members of the Time & Place Committee Bob Mattson, Dan Tarbell, Chairperson Jose Aldecoa, Silas Noel and Jesse Cumbee before the presentations. Going to Green Bay in 2022.

THE PAUL BUNYUN GAVEL: Voyagers Dwight Dreyer and Terry Steele from the Grande du Minnesota along with Chef de Chemin de Fer Rick Williams present Grand Chef de Garde of the Grande du Pennsylvania Clayton Pickens with the gavel for 2020.

All of the present and past National Presidente’s who attended the Friday evening banquet.

Carville Star Directeur Tom Adams and some of his Sous working at their table handing out pin consignments.

Approximately 300 attended the Early Bird party on Tuesday evening.

The Grande du Indiana delegation with their newly elected Chef de Chemin de Fer Mike McGary.
Always the kids favorite, the Grande Cabane Wisconsin Hobo Clowns grew by two this year for the annual National Box Car Association Children’s party.

Grand Chef Clayton has plenty of guards ready to assist this year with the Paul Bunyan in and around the Grande du Pennsylvania.

Dianne & John Digilio before the Friday banquet.

Some of the Illinois delegation enjoying the camaraderie of the Friday evening banquet.

The newly refurbished Grande du Minnesota Merci Box Car.

VOITURE NO. 37 GRANDE DU INDIANA NURSES TRAINING SCHOLARSHIP

Presenting a Scholarship check to Nurse Laura Gaerte is Locale Chef de Gare Ed Domeif and Chef de Chemin de Fer Mike McGary at their October 1st Promenade.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Coos County Voiture 316 Grande du Oregon recently presented a check for $500 to the Oregon Coast Community Action and their Snack Pack Program. The program provides food to grade school students to ensure they have something to eat each day after school and on the weekends. Voiture 316 was honored to provide monetary support to help in its local community. Pictured is Paul Truex Chef de Gare Locale and Laura Hunter.

Voiture and Cabane 1219 Grand du Florida taught the Safety Patrol at Crystal River Primary the proper etiquette, folding and care of the American flag. Pictured with the Safety Patrol is left to right Carol Kaiserian, Grande Presidente de Florida 2017-18, John Kaiserian, Grand Correspondant du Florida, Mike Klyap, Grand Chef de Gare du Florida, and Charles Klyap, Chef de Gare Voiture 1219.

National Dame of the Year Lisa York - Wisconsin
Greetings,

Let me introduce myself. My name is Penny Prevette Haigler, your newly elected Presidente Nationale for 2020 from Cabane Locale 173. It was a great honor to be with the Cabane de Grand Voiture du New York North for all their support while I am campaign-

ing this past year. Congratulations to all the elected and appointed officers and chairmen. I am looking forward to working with all of you.

I want to say Congratulations to the newly elected Chef de Chemin de Fer Mike McGary from Indiana. May his term be very successful. I want my Committee Chairmen to get to know and work with the Voiture Nationale Directeurs to make all programs succeed. Communication between both organizations is a must, to make us grow bigger and stronger.

My theme this year is "La Fun" La Femmes United Nationale. Let’s get the fun back into everything we do for La Societe de Femme. If we use all our energy in a positive direction and don’t have an awestruck year.

My program is “Aid to the Voiture.” I don’t want to single out just one program this year since we support all the Voiture programs.

The week before the 60th Rendezvous Nationale was take place, we had a scare thanks to Hurricane Dorian. Thank goodness there was no major damage to the hotel, so I traveled to the DoubleTree Hilton in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The weather cooperated the entire week except for one storm that came during the night, so it didn’t interfere with outdoor activities.

There were around twenty Damas from different Cabanes that attended National for the very first time. It was wonderful to see several Damas that hadn’t been to Nationale in a long time.

On Saturday morning we started with the fire alarm going off around 4:30 am. While many of us were sleeping, some said they saw a black cat cross the lawn the way a cat to start the day. Finally came time for the elections. Having my name called as new Presidente Nationale, my emotions got the best of me. “I cried like a baby!” I can’t express my thanks enough for your trust and faith in me to hold this office. I will do my utmost to make this year a success.

On Saturday, holding my first Cheminot National, many nerves were getting the better of me and after a few mistakes, I successfully got the appointment announced.

I want to thank North Car-
olina Voyages National who worked extra hard to help with the hospitality and make the meet & greet. I heard from many, many folks that the Bar-
B-Q was the bonus of the meet & greet.

To celebrate, I was taken to the Medieval Times Dinner Theatre. The evening was great, and the horses were magnificent. Dinner and the entertainment was wonderful.

Then it was finally time to pack and head home. I spent the first few days getting all the information that the Grande Presi-
dente Correspondante Carol asked for. I have received and accepted invitations to Florida, North Carolina, New York, Oregon and Wisconsin and look-
 forward to seeing them and their Grande Cheminot or Rendez-
uous. I am also looking forward to receiving all the met-
ations. I’m excited in travel-
ing to different Cabanes while I am the National Officer.

If I can be of service to you for anything don’t hesitate to ask, send me an email, text or call me.

Yours in Service, Penny Prevette Haigler
Presidente Nationale 2020
surprise we found out that it is in fact a camp for Veterans and their families. Their mission statement is “Helping to Heal those who served, continued to serve, and their families, through Wisconsin’s Northwood’s Experience.” Their vision is “Giving Wisconsin Veterans the pathway to quality of life.” The one-week camp is free and includes a private cabin, three meals per day in the dining hall and an opportunity to spend time with family, go fishing, do crafts, take walks or just sit and enjoy the peaceful surroundings. We were so impressed by the golf cart tour of the facilities and surrounding area that once back to the dining hall the “Chefs” took up a collection and presented Don Grundy with $640 to go toward renovations that are being made at the camp. This camp is truly a lifesaving experience for the Veterans and their families.

After the tour we had a quick lunch at a very quiet bar/restaurant that handled our crowd with just the bartender, who was also our waiter. Friday night dinner was handled by the awesome food in the hospitality suite where I had my homecoming just a few short months ago. Since the incoming Chef Lonnie Haynes does not have a Jackson County Cabane Majeste and Carrie Haynes started our weekend off with a bang by having drinks and snacks for those that arrived Thursday. Lori, Lori, Rick and I also received awesome gift packages from Lonnie and Carrie.

Friday morning was a shopping trip to my favorite Polka Dot Boutique, Kaleido-square (3rd Floor) Boutique and Sir Pizza. After some much needed retail therapy, and my favorite pizza, it was back to the hospitality room to meet Grandes and chairmen for the coming year! So much so that traveled from Ohio, Indiana, Louisiana, South Carolina, North Carolina and yes— even Alaska! Saturday morning Michigan has a joint Memorial Service followed by Grande Rendevous. Reports progressed quickly because each Chairman sends a printed report to our Trophi and Award Chairman, Sharon Schulte. Sharon prints a Book of Reports and each Dame at attending receives a copy of the report. Any additional information is reported on the floor by the Chairman along with their families. After a good night’s sleep it was back on the road to Michigan for a short four day rest before traveling to Michigan’s Grande.

August 8th thru August 11th we traveled to Lansing, Michigan for Michigan’s Grande Rendevous. I was truly back home for this visitation. The Promenade/Rendevous was held and grown my Big Bag family where I had my homecoming just a few short months ago. In this Promenade/Rendevous all while trying to find the right elevator to get to the banquet room. The banquet dinner was quite a challenge, but the dinner was really good. A DJ played some great music and we even had a few songs compliments of Don Carr. Each day the banquet dinner was the HOBO meeting and the Children’s Party at 1200 AM. There were over 200,000 15 year old female students in this year! Because this Promenade National was celebrating 100 years the children were given T-shirts by the HOBOs to help celebrate. The HOBOs also donated $500 to the school, $500 for transportation and $500 to Camp American Legion in Wisconsin.

“Keep the Wheelchair Rolling” Contest “2020”

The “Keep the Wheelchairs Rolling” Contest is an annual contest by which the facilities and our Veterans you serve may benefit. Entry is simple— compose a short letter of 200 words or less stating how it is we veterans patient need most. Include— what the item is, unit cost, how many, total amount requested and intended use of the project or equipment.

Applications and renewals may also be submitted at www.fortyandeighter.org.
SHAMROCK WRECK

Chef de Chemin de Fer Mike McGary and National President Penelope Haigler welcome seven new Voyageurs at the Shamrock Wreck held in Savannah, GA on October 11th & 12th.

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SHAMROCK WRECK
Born October 8, 1890, as Edward Reichenbacker, Eddie Rickenbacker was the son of German-speaking Swiss immigrants who had settled in Columbus, OH. He attend- ed school until the age of 12 when following the death of his father, he ended his education to help support his family. Lying about his age, Rickenbacker soon found employment in the glass industry before moving on to a position with the Buckeye Steel Casting Company. Subsequent jobs saw him work for a brewery, bowling alley, and cemetery monument firm. Always mechani- cally inclined, Rickenbacker later obtained an apprenticeship in the Pennsylvania Rail- road's machine shops. Increasingly obsessed with speed and technology, he began developing a deep interest in automo- biles. This led him to leave the railroad and gain employment with the Frayer Miller Air- cooled Car Company. As his skills developed, Rickenbacker returned to employing his engineer's cars in 1910. A successful driver, he entered his second “Eddie” and participated in the inaugural Indianapolis 500 in 1911. In 2000, he retired Lee Frayer. Rickenbacker returned to the race in 1912, 1914, 1915, and 1920 as a driver. He continued racing-developed technology to add to his total and on Sep- tember 24 was promoted to commandant of the rank of captain. On Octo- ber 30, Rickenbacker downed his first enemy aircraft Rickenbacker continued to add to his total and on Sep- tember 24 was promoted to commandant of the rank of captain. On Octo- ber 30, Rickenbacker downed his first enemy aircraft making him the top American ace of World War I. Upon the announcement of the armistice, he flew over the line at 6:00 A.M. Returning home, he became the most celebrated aviator in America the day after the end of the war, Rickenbacker downed a total of seventeen enemy fighting aircraft, four reconnaissance planes, and five balloons. In recognition of his achieve- ments, he received the Disting-uished Service Cross a record eight times as well as the French Croix de Guerre and Legion of Honor. On Novem- ber 25, he was made a full commander of the German Military and Service Cross earned for at- tacking seven German aircraft (downing two) on Septem- ber 25, 1918, was elevated to the rank of captain. On October 20, Mit- chell had Rickenbacker appoint- ed as the chief engineering of- ficer for the base. Permitted to fly during his six hours, he was prevented from entering combat. In this role, Rickenbacker was able to attend aerial gunnery training at the School of Avia- tion Special and advanced flight training a month later at Ville- neuve-les-Argus. After locat- ing a suitable replacement for himself, he applied to Major Carl Spaatz for permission to join the newest US fighter unit, the 94th Aero Squadron. This request was granted and Rickenbacker arrived at the front in April 1918. Known for its distinctive “Hat in the Ring” insignia, the 94th “Hat in the Ring” in this role, Rickenbacker was commis- sioned by Major Lewis Bur- chard and joined the squadron as its commanding officer, Ricken- backer was tasked with an additional four Sous Directeurs that he might take a little time to work up but is not an im- possible task. If you are a leader of a town or city that has and/ or you are in something significant for your town, we would suggest that you go speak directly to the sheriff. He, as rep- resentative, would make us sure if they wouldn’t assist you with the background check and the paperwork. Your 2020 Special Awards Applications are now up and available for download. Please consider nominating someone who is doing amazing work in your town or city for a 2020 Special Award. Nominating someone helps you join in the recognition of a fellow citizen doing amazing work in your town or city. Nominating someone also supports the community because donations to our organization are what build this program and make it possible. You must submit your completed form electronically. Additional information and forms can be found on our website, which is www.americanlegion.org. DEADLINE: MARCH 1, 2020.
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