



La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux Grand Voiture du Texas



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To: All Voyageurs in Grand du Texas



**ONE NATION UNDER GOD
&
GOD BLESS AMERICA**

Monsieur Voyageurs,

Hope that all are doing well and are in good health and that you had a great Easter. Don't forget the meaning of Easter. Let's look at it as a new beginning.

I had to go to El Paso with Kathy to check on her Mother. While there I had the pleasure of attending the Promenade at V-605. It is always great to go back to where I started in the 40/8. Since my birthday was the same as their Prom they had a birthday cake for me. It was probably the best tasting cake I've every had for my birthday. Thanks to all of 605 for the thought. Due to health we had to bring Kathy's mom back with us.

This past month I had the opportunity to attend the Promenade at V-266 with Chef de Train Division 2, Larry G. Eary. We had a great time associating with everyone. Larry has assured me that Division 2 will achieve goal.

Then it was on to San Antonio for Chef de Chemin de Fer Jerry Brady's Homecoming. This was an outstanding event. We had people from allover the country. I met a lot of old friends. I was kind of disappointed in the number from Texas. This was a time to show Jerry and National that we are proud to have Jerry as our Chef de Chemin de Fer. The one's that planed this event should be very proud. Everything was well organized. The boat ride down the river walk and the trip to the Alamo. The banquet was outstanding and the hospitality room had more food than the law allows. Everyone that had anything to do with Jerry's Homecoming deserves a great big pat on the back.

As I have already sent out and article we need more Voyagers from Texas to sign up for Central States. I talked to Lanny and he said that we are 12 short for the hotel to get our 80%. This is what we need so that we do not have to pay the hotel for not feeling up enough rooms. So if you have not made your reservations please do so. We need to make a great showing since this is our first Central States. I want to thank all that have worked so hard on making sure that it is one to remember.

It is time to look at our membership. First some Locals are sending to much money to national. The Local should be sending \$20.00 to National and National will return a portion of that back to Grand. So make sure you check that you are sending the right amount.

At present we have six Locals over 100%. (V-1123, V-1031, V-231, V-542, V-605, & V-1055) I know the report shows five but I know V-1031 has turned in three renewals that have not been counted. This is one of the problems I see with everything going to National instead of through the Grand Correspondant.

A new report is sent out each week and sometimes it takes National two or more weeks to get the information back to the Grand Correspondant so he can update the membership rooster. Thanks to all six Locals for and outstanding job on helping us grow. This kind of work is what it will take to make Grand du Texas and La Societe great.

We have three at 100% and they are (V-1185, V-312 & V-1096). I want to thank them for a great job and ask that they work hard to reach a goal of 109%. Because this is what it takes to grow.

We have eight that have not made goal. (V-939, V-1601, V-163, V-266, V-980, V-175, V-1077 & V-1134). Out of these four only need 1 to get 100%. I would like to thank them for the work they have done and ask that they keep working to get to goal.

As I said before some of you may have already turned in membership to National and the Grand Correspondant has not received it yet.

We only have a couple of months left to make goal. I still can not figure out why members can not pay there dues in June or July of each year to make it easier for the Local to make goal. As I have said before if you need help with your dues please let us know. Membership is everyone's responsibility but paying your dues on time is your responsibility. As Kathy keeps telling me GET-R- DONE.

Here is the cycle we should be using for any new member.



It is also time to starting thinking about officers for next year.

Each Division has to elect its own Chef de Train. You need to pick someone in your division that will work all year long with the Locals in your Division and help in any way to assure they achieve goal. Also help in starting up a New Voiture in your Division.

If you are going to accept a position for one of our programs then be sure to know the job and willing to work it. If you are not going to put 100% into the position then please don't accept it. If you need help then ask, that is what we are all here for. Our Programs are our biggest tool in recruiting new members so these have to be worked to show that we are not just setting at the bar.

I hope that everyone will take some part at the Local and Grand level to keep Grand du Texas and La Societe on the move.

We are behind on Box Car from last year. Every Voyageur should have a crew card and pin. If you do not then please have your Local order some. Attached is a list of where the money is spent each year at National. With Box Car all monies are spend at National and none is carried over for the next year. As you can see this supports a lot of things so please get a card and pin. And you can also make a donation from you are your Local.

Any program that needs help please let me know. I can not help if I am not aware of your situation.



AND



If you would like for me to visit your Local please let me know. If at all possible I will be there.



**KEEP ONE EYE CLOSED TO NEGATIVITY
KEEP ONE EYE ON GETTING NEW MEMBERS
KEEPING GRAND DU TEXAS ON TOP**

**“WORKING TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A
DIFFERENCE”**

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