

Voiture Nationale 40&8

# VOYAGEUR BRIEFS

## Mike McGary – Chef de Chemin de Fer



It's been a very slow time of the year for traveling, but after looking at the schedule, things are going to pick up after the first of the year. I did go to V-364's Hog Butcher the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Talk about a great time, WOW!! The Voyageurs and Dames put on a fund raiser you have to experience to believe. Pass Chef de Chemin de Fer Rick Williams even made a return trip from Tennessee after having such a good time last year. Recent Pass Madam Presidente Cheryl Jamnick and her recently demoted pack mule Pass Chef de Chemin de Fer Joe Jamnick were also in attendance, along with a good crowd representing New York, as well as our National Correspondant Terry Sims and Joyce Low.

While the Voyageurs are busy making biscuits and gravy, tenderloin and sausage sandwiches to sell, or in the barn cutting up pork loins, grinding sausage or whatever processing was necessary, the Dames are running 50 tip pull tabs to raffle off the packaged meat faster than you can keep up. The favorite of everyone is the 15-pound box of bacon (imagine that), and sell out be-



fore the girls can get half way across the room. My wife won 2 boxes of bacon, 10 pounds of sausage, and ten pounds of pork chops. She ended up trading Joyce Low one of the boxes of bacon for a ham (Joyce won three of them).

This event raises tens of thousands of dollars that fund their Nurses Training scholarship fund, their award-winning Child Welfare program, and the work they do with the Indiana Veterans Home located in Lafayette, Indiana. I would

like to thank Chef Brad and his crew of miracle workers that put on a fabulous event and look forward to it next year.

While I'm at it I haven't had time to express my gratitude to the Voyageurs of the Grand du Indiana, the LeFemmes of Indiana, and my Aide de Camps for everything they've done to help me attain this position, none of which would have been possible without their efforts. I hope to make all of you proud and look forward to all of us moving this organization into the next one hundred years together.

For those of you that do not know, we lost one of our Sous Directeur of POW-MIA, L.S. Pauley, to the Supreme Commander this month. He was doing an excellent job and will be sorely missed. L.S. was a past Grand Chef de Gare for Ohio.

In closing I want to wish every Voyageur, Dame, and their families a very Merry Christmas. May the light of the Lord grace you with health, love and comfort. May you also experience a Happy and Prosperous New Year for 2020. God bless you and America and keep her great!

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## Terry Sims -Correspondant National

Voiture Nationale wishes all Voyageurs, Dames and all their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Travel safely wherever you may be going.

The "Dues Notices" for 2020 will be sent out the week of January 20<sup>th</sup>. We will be stuffing envelopes on January 21, 2020 starting at approximately

9:00 a. m. There will be around 8,000 notices to be placed and sealed in envelopes. Lunch will be furnished for anyone wanting to help.

Many Voyageurs are still sending "Communications" to my private email account [terrygs408@gmail.com](mailto:terrygs408@gmail.com). Please send all official emails to [cor-mat@fortyandeight.org](mailto:cor-mat@fortyandeight.org)



**Voiture Locale 1638**, participating in Wreaths Across America in a local Charlotte, NC cemetery yesterday. In the picture are 4 Voyageurs from V-1638 Mecklenburg County (Matthews) pictured are Grand du NC Garde de la Porte Fred Dorsey; V-1638 Medicin Margaret Draganac; V-1638 Garde de la Prisonniers Eddie Neely (in Legion cap representing our Legion Post as well as Voiture); and V-1638 Drapeau Michelle May (also doing double duty representing our Legion Post and our Voiture).  
En Service,  
Phil Philip G. Mowry, Esq Sous Avocat National

## Emblem Sales Highlight of the Month



The 2020 Frank Martin Memorial Walk shirts are available for \$24.95 each. They are available in sizes; Sm - 4X. This item can be ordered by calling - Terri Taylor,  
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## Voiture 414 Nurses Training



Christmas came early to 9 college nursing students receiving a total of \$6,750 from McLeod County Voiture 414 – Grande du Minnesota. An awards banquet was held December 7th at the Hutchinson VFW Post. Voiture 414 has given out over \$160,000 cash to nursing students over the past 25 years. Pictured standing- Service dog Riley, Grand Chef de Gare Elmer Baysinger, Voiture 414 Nurses Training Directeur Jerry Block, Denise Einck for daughter Allison, Kaitlyn Reiner, Ellie Hoover, Alexa Seifert, Grand Nurses Training Directeur Terry Steele. Seated - Morgan Johnson, Catherine Holtz, Chelsea Mortenson. Not able to attend were Allison Einck, Megan Machtemas and Catherine Eblen.

## Nurses Training

On November 1, 2019 Sunkist Voiture 1450, Los Angeles Grand du California presented their Nurses Training Scholarships at the Annual Forty and Eight Night held at Bob Hope Patriotic Hall in Los Angeles, Calif.

Students were selected by Voiture Nursing Chairman James Hadley, scholarships were awarded to (l to r) Jose Godoy, an EMT and a second-year student at Southwest College in Los Angeles, Kathleen Lopez-Gutierrez, a second-year nursing student and Melody Greer, a first year nursing student, both attend Rio Hondo College in Whittier, California.

Photos courtesy of Gil Soto, Past Chef de Gare



## Voiture 364 IN 51st Hawg Butcher



## Proper Protocol

presented by Correspondant National Terry Sims

Webster's describes Protocol as a code prescribing strict adherence to correct etiquette and precedence (as in diplomatic exchange and in military services).

Our Chef de Chemin de Fer and other National Officers have already begun their travels around the country. Therefore, many of you will be involved with protocol, as it applies to La Societe during the visits of your National guests.

While most Voyageurs are polite and knowledgeable about etiquette there have been examples of poor taste and lack of protocol during past visits of your National dignitaries.

While such errors in judgement can be the result of many things, they are more than likely the result of poor planning, a lack of communications or a lack of knowledge about the customs, habits, likes and dislikes of our Forty & Eight personalities.

Exercising "visitor courtesy" effectively, requires that we are at least familiar with the basic aspects of protocol. We will therefore discuss some of them.

First and foremost is "communications". After your guest (s) have accepted your invitation (send to Voiture Nationale Headquarters), the chairman should give all the details about the event, when requested. Be specific and complete in the information you send to the guest, and above all, avoid vague terms.

Do not describe attire as "informal". Use definite descriptions, such as: business suite, gold coat-tuxedo shirt, black dinner jacket, evening gown, cocktail dress, etc. Over time, attire changes. If possible, tell the guest (s) what you and your lady will be wearing.

A complete description of the event (s) is imperative. Advise what normal weather situations may be. Make sure the guest (s) have telephone numbers and addresses of your local contacts. Lastly, confirm their travel plans, as you understand them, including flight numbers and arrival/departure times. Above all, don't assume anything!

Meeting your guest (s) properly and punctually is your next step. When meeting your guest (s) at the airport, you must guarantee immediate recognition as soon as they clear the security area (or the gate) if possible; not the baggage area, main lobby or any place else.

If your guest (s) don't recognize your

face, they will certainly know the cheapeau, a large Forty & Eight emblem, or a sign. Nothing is more distressing or embarrassing to a traveler than to arrive for a function and find no one at the meeting place. There is no excuse for this. The plane was early/late, the weather was bad, the traffic was congested, etc. ; these things can be determined ahead of time and changes and allowances made.

When possible, it is nice to have a colleague, or perhaps someone who has served with the guest (s) to meet him/her. Circumstances may preclude this, but in any event, try to have as knowledgeable a Voyageur as possible to act as a driver. While your guests will be comfortable with any Voyageur, someone who is familiar with details of the event and local 40/8 activities will add greatly to the enjoyment of the trip.

Don't forget that your guest (s) may have been traveling for hours before you met them and if the car trip is lengthy, be sure to include an adequate comfort stop on the route.

If your guest is driving to your city, he/she should be met at the hotel (motel). Be sure to be there waiting for them. You should plan to be at the hotel before their estimated time of arrival, in case they should get there early. Registration and room assignment should be done before they arrive and the room should be the best available. Always provide two keys. (if signatures are required they can be obtained later).

The room should reflect comfort, hospitality and your careful planning. A modest arrangement of flowers as a token of appreciation is certainly in order. Fruit and/or snacks, especially if your meal function is much later, may also be provided. Other suggestions include the local newspaper, copy of the program of events, etc.

As soon as possible after arrival, give your visitors a chance to rest. Let them determine the amount of time they require... to ignore them for several hours because nothing was planned would be rude. Set a definite time for someone to call for them, so they will be ready for scheduled events.

Next comes the main event itself and the challenge of seating arrangements at the head table. A primary rule of seating places the two most important persons (the chairman and the principal guest) at

the center of the dais, with the guest at the right of the chairman.

If a podium is used it should be set between the two, with the rest of the seating delegated according to the importance of the assignment as well as the office held in the chain of authority. If there is insufficient room at the head table to honor everyone you wish, then a lower table or group of tables in front could solve the problem. Place cards should be used and any tickets required should be provided for your guest (s) long before the waitress requests them.

Now you have everyone seated and you are ready for the meal. You may find it difficult to offer deluxe food service at your function, due to the prohibitive costs, and occasionally paper or plasticware is used...That's O.K., so long as whatever the menu, serve your guests the same food in the same manner as everyone else.

However, should your guest have dietary restrictions or a religious conviction which requires special diet, it is essential you provide for that situation. While it is the guest who has the responsibility to make such restrictions known, it is the welcome committee who has the responsibility to act on that information and provide for special food ahead of time. Never wait until the program is underway to make such arrangements.

Now you are ready to introduce your guest, an honor that is often given to the highest ranking member in attendance and not necessarily the chairman or master of ceremonies. The reason for giving him/her this task is that it is a means of giving them an honor and involving him/her in the program.

Forty and Eight functions usually, include some type of fundraising activity as a raffle and or fines. While the head table is considered fair game, you should not approach your special guest directly. If they so desire to participate they will make this fact known.

When it comes time to show your appreciation to your guests, remember that the very best way is to simply thank him/her. Many Voitures give a gift and when this is done, the emphasis should be more as a memento or token of appreciation, rather than an item of major monetary value. If your guest is flying, you should avoid bulky items that could make travel difficult or offer to ship it

## Proper Protocol - cont'd

home for him/her at no cost to the guest.

If possible some local sightseeing should be planned. After all, the visit may be the only time your guest will be in your area of the country. What may be an everyday attraction for you may well be a "once in a lifetime" opportunity for your visitors. The guest's spouse may have even more time to take in the sights, but give them both an opportunity to express their wishes.

Never wait until the event is over before informing your guests of your departure plans for them, and don't embarrass your guests by obtaining transportation or discussing your arrangements in their presence. Inform them when they should be ready, and don't plan on too tight a schedule. Always assume there will be heavy traffic.

Checking out of the hotel should be accomplished without incident. Forty and Eight policy dictates that the host is re-

sponsible for accommodations for the guests at official functions, but if everyone involved, including the hotel is not aware of this, there could be problems at checkout time.

No matter how heavy the traffic, or how difficult the parking, it is rude to drop your guests at the airport and drive on. You should arrange to have a small delegation stay with them until departure time or until it is time to proceed to the gate.

This period before departure could also be used to go over the event, and it is an opportunity for the guests to get names and addresses of those they may want to thank by note. It could also be an opportunity for a light breakfast or snack. Whatever you do, remember that your goodbye should be just as gracious as your welcome.

Also remember that the courtesy shown to your principal guest should also

be given to your other visitors. Whether they play an active role in your event or simply grace your tables with their presence, they deserve the respect of their position and an appreciation of their interest in your event.

Last, but not to be forgotten, is saying "Thanks". Thank you notes are simply good manners. Your guests will send you and your committee expressions of their appreciation, but they also deserve a message of thanks from you. Be sure to include in your correspondence any photos that were taken.

This communication is the last stop in the process of protocol and being nice. It is the proper conclusion to your event and ties a ribbon on the whole package.

**REMEMBER, PROPER PROTOCOL WILL MAKE YOUR EVENT BE MEMORABLE FOR BOTH YOU AND YOUR GUEST AND REFLECTS ON LA SOCIETE AS A WHOLE.**

## From the L'editeur

**Thomas J. Orval, National L'editeur Forty et Eight magazine**

To all of you Voyageurs and Dames who have been sending in pictures and articles in the past; a big merci bou coup to each of you. I do however need for everyone to be properly informed when it comes to sending pictures or articles for the publication.

As of late I am receiving pictures without any caption or article to go with them. You need to have an accompanying article or at least a caption to go with all pictures.

Except when there is a picture of a hospitality room or at a banquet in good taste, there will be no pictures of anyone drinking! It's very distasteful and definitely does not depict what La Societe is all about. Two pictures will not be in the next publication due to that.

Articles and or pictures need to be sent to me as an attachment. Just send it to [wigrandvoiture@tds.net](mailto:wigrandvoiture@tds.net) After you have finished typing up your article, it's always a good idea to push the spell check button before sending it.

Voiture and La Femme Directeur's, Chairpersons, etc. a deadline does not mean that you can wait until the last day. When doing the layout, Jennifer, who is our graphic designer and I try to have everything ready for the proofreading before it is sent to the publisher to burn the plates for the printing press. Please get your information in early. The next deadline is January 24th but already have a number of pictures. National Correspondant Terry Sims, Bill Beaumont and I do the proofreading with assistance from Sous National L'editeur Ben Meredith.

When submitting articles for your respective program or for a picture; always remember the Who, What When, Where and Why.

What better way for you to inform the membership what your Locale, Grande Voiture, Cabane Locale or Grande Cabane, are doing than to submit information on it into the Forty et Eight magazine. Don't forget the local newspapers. The same holds true for all of our National Directeur's. If you don't have time to submit an article; well that's another reason why there are many qualified Sous Directeur's!

Remember this is your magazine and what better way to get the information out to the membership than having your news worthy articles printed in the magazine.  
Faith Family Forty et Eight

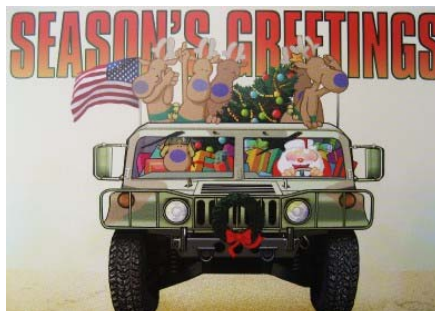


## Building Donation Challenge Grand Total \$182,169.02

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Frank Fritz	53	VA	\$ 100.00
Voiture 1539	1539	AK	\$ 70.00
Voiture 589	589	NC	\$ 66.00
Voiture 1604	1604	FL	\$ 50.00
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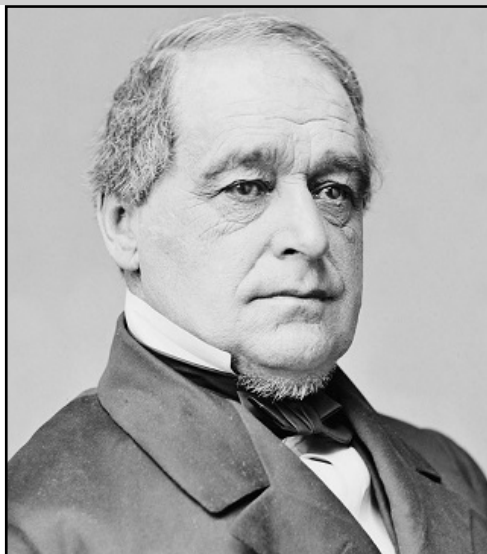
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## Vice Presidential History

**Hannibal Hamlin** (August 27, 1809 – July 4, 1891) was an American attorney and politician from the state of Maine. In a public service career that spanned over 50 years, he served as the 15th vice president of the United States. The first Republican to hold the office, Hamlin served from 1861 to 1865. He is considered among the most influential politicians to have come from Maine.

A native of Paris, Maine (part of Massachusetts until 1820), Hamlin managed his father's farm before becoming a newspaper editor. He studied law, was admitted to the bar in 1833, and began to practice in Hampden, Maine. Originally a Democrat, Hamlin began his political career with election to the Maine House of Representatives in 1835 and an appointment to the military staff of the Governor of Maine. As an officer in the militia, he took part in the 1839 negotiations that helped end the Aroostook War. In the 1840s Hamlin was elected and served in the United States House of Representatives. In 1848 the state house elected him to the United States Senate, where he served until January 1857. He served temporarily as governor for six



weeks in the beginning of 1857, after which he returned to the Senate. Hamlin was an active opponent of slavery; he supported the Wilmot Proviso and opposed the Compromise Measures of 1850. In 1854, he strongly opposed passage of the Kansas-Nebraska Act. Hamlin's increasingly anti-slavery views caused him to leave the Democratic Party for the newly formed Republican Party in 1856.

In 1860, Hamlin was the Republican nominee for Vice President; selected to run with Abraham Lincoln, who was from Illinois, Hamlin was chosen in part to bring geographic balance to the ticket and in part because as a former Democrat, he could work to convince other anti-slavery Democrats that their future lay with the Republican Party. The Lincoln and Hamlin ticket was successful, and Hamlin served as Vice President from 1861 to 1865, which included all but the last month of the American Civil War. The first Republican Vice President, Hamlin held the office in an era when the office was considered more a part of the legislative branch than the executive; he was not personally close to Lincoln and did not play a major role in his administration.

In 1869, Hamlin was elected again to the U.S. Senate, and he served two terms. After leaving the Senate in 1881, he served briefly as United States Ambassador to Spain before returning to Maine in late 1882. In retirement, Hamlin was a resident of Bangor, Maine, where he died in 1891. He was buried at Mount Hope Cemetery in Bangor.