



Voiture 1379 Communiqué for September 2013

ChicNic time is here! Wednesday September 25th (Our normal Promenade night) at the enclosed shelter house at Wallace State Park the ChicNic will be kicking off at about 16:00 HRS. The menu includes fried chicken and all the fixings. If you will be attending please bring an inexpensive item to use for a door prize. Everyone is welcome to attend so bring family and friends to enjoy a fun evening together.

Many Voyageur Militaries have asked about offices and their duties so I will begin listing some of them and their duties over the next few months.

Duties of the Chef de Train

The Chef de Train should be the "understudy" of the Chef de Gare, and vitally concerned with the internal operation of the Voiture Locale, and the Grande Voiture. He should memorize the Opening and the Closing Ceremonies, and other parts of the Ritual which he and the Chef de Gare will be called upon to function. He should make himself aware of the proper conduct of the Voiture, and should be actively interested in maintaining and promoting the member-ship of the Voiture. He should be prepared to take the position of the Chef de Gare, should occasion arise.

Duties of the Commissaire Intendant

The Commissaire Intendant shall be responsible for the collection of initiation fees, dues, and all other monies not delegated to certain committees for collection. All monies should be turned over to the Commissaire Intendant. He should work closely with the Correspondant, as this team can do much to make a smooth running Voiture. He should make a financial report as often as required by his Voiture.

Duties of the Commis Voyageur

The Commis Voyageur shall be responsible for all properties of the Wrecking Crew and shall have all necessary paraphernalia in good repair and at the place of initiation ready for use, and see that it is returned to proper place of keeping after use. He shall be responsible for other property of the Voiture not otherwise delegated to other officers or Committees. In a Voiture Locale, he shall act as Drapeau and shall advance and retire the Colors at Promenades and other functions of the Voiture, and shall see that the Colors are cared for at all times with the respect due the flag of our Country.

Duties of the Conducteur

The Conducteur shall be the Master of Ceremonies and be the Executive Officer of the "Wrecking Crew," subject, however to the orders of the Chef de Gare, and will be responsible for the proper exemplification of the Ritual. He shall appoint all Captains and assistants for the Wreck. During ritualistic work, he has entire charge of the Voiture and can call Voyageurs to order, give instructions, and receive the password during a Wreck, when necessary. Should he allow improper conduct, or conduct himself improperly, the Chef de Gare must intervene.

Duties of the Garde de la Porte

The Garde de la Porte shall be present at the inner door to examine all membership cards and shall take the password from each Voyageur who enters. If at any time he may be in doubt as to the standing of anyone in the room, he is empowered to demand of him the password and the display of the paid-up membership card. When the Chef de Gare calls the Promenade to order, the Garde de la Porte must make sure that all doors or entrances are closed, and he shall perform such other duties as the Chef de Gare may direct.

Duties of the Lampiste

The lampiste shall be the Outer Guard and is lawfully entitled to receive the password of the order. He shall also be of assistance to the Garde de la Porte in any manner. He shall perform such other duties as the Chef de Gare may direct.

Duties of the Drapeau

The Drapeau is the color bearer and shall advance, retire, or display the colors whenever occasion dictates or at the order of the Chef de Gare. When required, the Commis Voyageur, the keeper of the properties, shall serve with the Drapeau in any ceremony.

Thank you for your service to Our Great Nation, your service the 40et8 through Voiture 1379 and Grande du Missouri. If we all work together we can and do make a difference.

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