

Grand Promenade July 10-12, 2011

Grand Promenade held at Bell County/Killeen, Texas hosted by 1031
Committee meetings hold at the American Legion Post

Promenade Called To Order By: Grand Chef de Gare Ronnie Wheeler and which time departed to visit the Dames with Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer Kent Molen. Chef de Gare Passe Milton Chatham continued with the prom business.

All Members Called To Attention: hand salute and Pledge of Allegiance were given

Divine Blessing Read By: Aumonier

Welcome Address By: Chef de Gare Ronnie Wheeler and special thanks to locale 1031 for hosting

Roll Call of Officers: 16 Present 1 Absent 0 excused

Roll Call of Locales: 10 Present 8 Absent 0 excused

Roll Call Chef de Gare Passe

Conducteur Jack Winslow was instructed by chef to bring Jacks pot forward at which time with a heavy heart said "I don't have it" Chef fined Jack for not having the pot. Many other fines were levied during the prom.

Reading of Promenade Official Call and Rules By: read by correspondant

Reading Previous Minutes: after a correction on who started the last Cheminot notion offered and second to suspend reading as they were mail out.

Notion Carried

Call for Reports:

Chef de Train Division #1—Ronald Mick---unable to translate report

Chef de Train Division #2---Milton Chatham---reported on the Grand membership. Grand is at 106% but locales still have time to report members.

Chef de Train Division #3---John Powell---Attended promenade and wreck in LaFeria and installed PG's. Attended memorial service at Madison Estates in San Antonio.

Chef de Train Division #4---Johnnie Washburn ---no report

Directeur Americanism---Milton Chatham--- reports not being turned in as of this date we only have three reports 312, 939, 266. The deadline set by Grand was May 31st.

Directeur Child Welfare---Glenda Simon---no report

Directeur Boxcar---John Bares---report not complete will report later

Directeur Ritual---Gilbert Bell--- report later time

Directeur Youth Sports---John Winslow---no report

Directeur VAVS---Darrell Gibbs---no report was cooking dinner

Directeur POW/MIA---Donna Hall---no report

Directeur Ways & Means---John Bares---Raffle is still under way. Drawing will be at the banquet. (reported Grand profit was \$1,000.)

Directeur Voiture Activities---James Fowler---The deadline set by the Grande Chef for all reports was May 31, 2011. As of now I have received three reports out of 18. They are Voiture 266, 939, 1055. I'm assuming that all the other Voiture did nothing for the year.

Grande Provost---James Fowler---I have been given no assignments from the Grand Chef de Gare. Therefore I have no report. However I'm doing my job by being available.

Nursing Training Committee---Paul Chevalier--- opened at 9:33 am One application for nursing scholarship from 266 for \$300.00. Committee will make recommendation to the floor for acceptance. Notion carried meeting closed at 9:42 am

Directeur Nurses Training---Paul Chevalier---only one request for funds from 266. To date nursing training spent \$1,200. We need more applications.

Directeur Constitution & By-laws---John Powell---no report

Finance Committee---Gerald Brady---Opened at 9:15 am with Intendant reading the old budget and recommendations for the new. Grand is in good shape and new budget changes will be taken to the floor. Meeting closed at 9:31am

Grand Avocat-----reading of two resolutions---change in Grand constitution and Nationale committee on committee. Two separate reading were offered. Notion to table both resolutions.

Grand Aumonier---Lowell Mix---Joint memorial service was held with only one name Charles Donaldson 939. There is a concern about not forwarding the deceased membership. The names need to be turned ASAP so nobody is missed at the service. This can be an imbursement if a family member is present. Name should be turn in at least a week before the Cheminot or promenade. We will also recognize those missed but are always better to be prepared.

Time and Place Committee---Johnnie Washburn---Cheminot will be in Kerrville October 14-16, 2011. Not yet complete still working. Dates to remember; Feb. 18-20, 2012 Austin & June 8-10, 2012 Beaumont. Need someone to host fall Cheminot 2012. Beaumont gave report on there progress for Grand Promenade.

Historien---Larry Eary---history book is not available for viewing but will be completed for the Cheminot in October.

Committee on Committee---Gerald Brady ---after reading the resolution for Nationale is was explained what may or may not happen if the resolution were to fail. Grand du Texas is in full support of the resolution.

Grand Correspondant---Dan Thompson---no additional report, all items forwarded to membership. Reminder to hand in written reports.

Grand Chef de Gare--- Ronnie Wheeler ---presented 100% bars to locales. Thanked everyone for there hard work putting Grand over the top. Reported the Grand is at 106% membership with 32 new members but still have 40 non-renewals, we need to get these people on board.

Cheminot Nationale---Lanny Givens---spoke about the Chef de Gare Club and encouraged membership to join the club and read the names of those that had not renewed there membership. Lanny would take there dues. Also reminded everyone of Nationale in September.

Trophies & Awards---Don Barfield---no report

Old Business---the two resolutions previously read were re-read for the second time by Avocat Notion made and second to accept.

New Business---1. Notion made and second to pull the charter for Locale 1077 & 1134. Correspondant to send a letter to each member for the opportunity to transfer there membership to locale 231 or whichever other choice they had. Correspondant also instructed to send certified mail to locale Chef de Gare to insure it was received. Notion made and second to extend the deadline for reporting to July 15th. Notion carried.—Notion made and second to approve Harker Heights as the City of the Year. Notion carried. Notion made and second to increase the budget for Cheminot National from \$300.00 to \$500.00 and for the Grand Chef de Gare from \$2,250.00 to \$2,500. The budget is still \$1,494.70 under budget. Notion carried

Good of the Grand Voiture--- Elections held new roster attached. Chef Wheeler passed out gifts to staff members for job well done. One office had two candidates a run off ballot needed. Office of Garde de la Porte #1, Sandra Kousman and Donald Taylor. Ballots counted with 14 to 12 in favor of Kousman.

With know further business the Cheminot closed in the usual manner.

Cheminot Adjourned At: 1510

Grande to be held at Kerrville, October 14-16, 2011

Respectfully Submitted

Daniel Thompson
Grand Correspondant