



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



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TO: All Voyageurs
Grand du Texas

Dear Voyageurs,

This is what I have been talking about for the past year. I hope that everyone will read it and try to make your Promenade or Cheminot a fun place that business can be taken care of in a manner where is fitting for all present. (Think about this and you will know why we can't get the young people involved.)

I got an email from a young Voyageur and he stated that in my newsletter you asked why there isn't a lot of participation at the Promenade or Cheminot. These are the reasons I got from his email.

1. Voyageurs cursing in a Promenade or Cheminot.
2. It seems to me that only a few people are allowed to say anything or to offer a notion.
3. I don't feel comfortable with what is going on.
4. There is such thing as constructive criticism is not allowed..
5. Nurturing new members to do things and showing them how to do it correctly is another thing that is not happening.
6. Some think that they run the whole show instead of everyone having a say.
7. There should never be any alcohol in any Promenade.

I have seen this kind of action at a few Locales, American Legion and VFW meetings. It's like I say when I have the pleasure of Wrecking a new Voyageur. The sponsor is asked to stand behind their PG and I always say this does not mean just this once but until one of you die. I also say give your new Voyageur a job and what it consists of but don't tell him/her how to do it just be there if they have a question.

Also when you have a Promenade or Cheminot the Chef de Gare is in charge and has the power to have someone removed. This should never be the case because all Voyageurs should show respect to their Locale, Grand, La Societe and their fellow Voyageurs.

If you do not agree with someone then that is your right. Remember they have an opinion just like you do as you should respect theirs and you want them to respect yours. But remember the majority rules. And you as a Voyageur Militaire should respect this for the sake of your Locale, its Voyageurs and La Societe.

I have seen people all my life that think they are irreplaceable. Remember we just had a General replaced and the war goes on. All of us can be replaced but it would be great that when we go people and Voyageurs will think of what good we did instead of how selfish and self centered we were.

Let's all work together as Voyageurs for the good of La Societe. Remember you were told that there is no rank among us and this is what makes us all equal. So everyone has a voice and a vote and if this is not the way you want it then you should rethink your reason for joining this Great Organization.

I hope that this Voyageur and others will stay in this Great Organization and change it to what it should be instead of leaving.

In order to change something you have to be a part of it.

Yours in Service to La Societe

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