

Voiture Nationale 40&8

VOYAGEUR BRIEFS

Mike McGary – Chef de Chemin de Fer



Greetings to all. I hope everyone had a joyous Christmas and a happy New Year's Eve celebration. May this year bring each and every one of you health, wealth, and two new members to bring into La Société. We're a little behind last year's markers in everything from membership to program monies. Now that the holidays are over, I'm sure we'll all be back to business and right the ship.

One way to start off the year is next week; a group of Indiana voyageurs will meet in Indianapolis to stuff envelopes with membership renewal forms. This is an excellent time to contact those delinquent members and urge them to fill it out and mail it in. A little effort on your part at this time makes it easier on those that have to do all of the paper and leg work. I hope everyone noticed that I didn't address those last couple of sentences to the Correspondant. If you were the sponsor of a delinquent member, a drinking buddy, or just a good friend, it's YOUR job to see that fellow veteran member is renewed. Membership is everyone's job.

At this time, I'm between trips for January. Last weekend I attended the Florida Winter Cheminot and next



weekend is the Joint Carolina's, just enough time to unpack, do the laundry, repack and hit the road again. On Thursday the 9th, I arrived in Kissimmee, Florida an hour later than I told everyone due to the fact I forgot about the time change. In the parking lot, saving me a space, was Passé Chef de Chemin de Fer Mac McCarthy and one of my aides Don Carr. I get out and was handed an adult beverage, talk about hitting the spot after all that Disney traffic. After getting settled in, it was a short stay in the hospitality room and then off to dinner with a large group of hungry people. The next morning was free time that helped me get caught up and focused again. In the afternoon it was meetings with the programs. A lot of good work is being done in Florida with all of the programs, outstanding. Then it was time to participate in a joint Le Femme's and Voyageur memorial service for recently departed comrades and Dames. It was very well done and very well attended. Then it was time to get comfy and relax in the hospitality room until dinner. Saturday brought the Cheminot with fines and fun along with taking care of

business the Forty and Eight way. Very nice! Then it was time to get ready for the banquet and my first experience with Mahi Mahi – not bad at all. After the banquet I got comfortable again a said my good-byes in the hospitality room over a few well tasting scotches.

I'd like to thank both Chef de Gare of V-1606, Jessie Hixson, and Chef de Gare of V -1219, Charles Klyap for hosting this event and I commend you both on a job well done. I'd also like to thank the Grand du Florida, Grand Chef Mike Klyap, and Grand Correspondant, John Kaiserian for this invitation and the great hospitality I was given for the whole weekend, including the snack basket in my room. Most of all I'd like to express my gratitude to Passé Chef de Chemin de Fer Mac and his wife Patti, for the beautiful memento and adult beverages, but most of all for ensuring a wonderful memory to start the year. Thank you all.

In closing I'd like to thank your National Correspondant, Terry Sims, for his article in last month's Briefs. This was nothing more than an explanation of chapter 5 in our Blue Ritual and Manual of Ceremonies book. By the comments I have been given about it, many members were unaware of our Protocols. This mentoring is an example of what I am trying to stress this year, Mentor a member for the future.

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Terry Sims -Correspondant National

Bill Stroud, National Directeur Youth Sports, National Sous Avocat and L'Éditeur of the Cajun Link had a very good article in the December issue of the Cajun Link concerning the birth of the 40/8. I'm going to mention some of the important points that will be very interesting to some of our Voyageurs when the Birthday of La Societe will be celebrated in March by many of our Voiture Locales.

In March of 1920, Joseph W. Breen, a member of the newly formed American Legion and an officer of Breen-McCracken American Legion Post 297, met in Philadelphia with fifteen other prominent Legionnaires where they originated the idea of the Forty and Eight. In 1921 during the Forty and Eight's Promenade Nationale in Kansas City, a national Constitution was adopted and a Na-

tional Headquarters was established in Seattle, Washington. In 1922 during Promenade Nationale in New Orleans, a Children's Welfare project was established. The National Headquarters was moved to Indianapolis. During the 6th Promenade Nationale, in Omaha, Nebraska, \$25,000 was set aside to establish a Child Welfare Fund. (This was a precursor to today's Charles W. Arbery Trust).

There is a format for conducting the "Birthday Celebration" on page 72 of the Ritual & Manual of Ceremonies.

The "100th Anniversary" coin, pictured in this Brief, is very beautiful and gives justice to the 40/8. On the back is a raised portion of Joseph W. Breen and General "Blackjack" Pershing. They are well worth the \$10 cost. In my travels, I will have a supply of the coins in my

possession.

Another item that is ready for sale are the Annual Frank Martin "Walk" shirts. They are \$20 each. They, also, can be purchased from Emblem Sales, which Terri Taylor has been doing a tremendous job organizing our items. Randy Page, National Directeur Walk, will also have a supply in his travels.

The Staff at Voiture Nationale has a total of 86 years of experience working for the Voyageurs of La Societe. Each and every one of them do an excellent job solving the problems that can develop during the year. We are very thankful for their dedicated and diligent work.

In summary, organize our Birthday Celebration at your Voiture, purchase the "100th Anniversary" and purchase a "Walk" shirt for our Charles W. Arbery Fund.

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Why should I support the National Box Car Association?

In this article, I will present to you Voyageurs a question I seem to ask myself every year. There are actual Merci Box Cars in almost every Grande Voiture of La Societe. These are the Box Cars were given to each state as gifts of appreciation by the French Government after the war. They were filled with gifts of everything imaginable. Now comes my question, why do we only have an average of 10 Grand's each year apply for the \$ 150.00 Merci Maintenance Fund provided by the National Box Car Association? All a Grand needs to do is sell \$ 150.00 of anything the National Box Car Association has to sell, be it pins at \$ 3.00 each, crew or associate cards at \$ 1.00 each, small whistles for \$ 5.00 or large at \$ 10.00 and of course the Challenge Coins at \$ 10.00 each or the National Box Car Association patches for \$ 1.00 each. How many of you Voyageurs wear the vest offered by Emblem Sales? Are you a rider in any other Veterans Organization? Wear it proudly on your leather jacket or vest. Now you might have another Veteran ask about that patch, you now have an opportunity for RECRUITMENT!!! You can tell everyone about this great organization. How easy of a recruiting tool is that? And the form requesting these monies is on the National website under programs. Click on Box Car and the request form is there. Now one item of importance is, I must receive this form by July 1st of each year, and it MUST be signed by both The Grand Chef and Grand Correspondant. Also, it must arrive by regular U.S. Mail, once I receive that form, I will verify your amount of sales and if you have sold the minimum requirement of \$ 150.00, the check will be sent AFTER promenade Nationale.

Those monies are there for Actual Merci Box Car Maintenance. Why aren't you using them???

Yours in Service to La Societe and National Box Car Association, Frank W. Kronen, Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer Area 1, Secrétaire/Treasurer National Box Car Association





62nd Marine Guard Company en route to Brest, France July 1, 1919

101st Promenade Nationale

Early Bird Party Selections

The Early Bird Party Menu at Kalihari Resorts and Conventions is as follows.



Vegetable Croidtes,

Cheese and Sausage Tray, BBQ Roasted Meatballs, Buffalo Boneless Chicken Wings, Chicken and Cheese Quesidillas, Hamberger Sliders, Pulled Pork Sliders and Chocolate Chip Cookies. Cost of the Early Bird Party is \$30.00.

The Banquet Selections are as Follows. Herb Stuffed Chicken, Roast Pork Loin, Parmesan Crusted Walleye. Cost of the Banquet is \$ 40.00 All cash bar beer prices will be \$ 3.00 .

Frank W. Kronen
Secretaire Ohio Promenade Corporation

Voiture 78 Charter



From L-R.... Grand Chef de Gare David Cook, Chef de Gare Voiture 78 Frederick James, Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer Area 1 Frank W. Kronen Charter Presentation to New Voiture Local 78 in Hocking County, Ohio

"What sort of New Year's Resolution should a Christian make?"

The Lord be with you. Several weeks ago, we celebrated New Years. The end of one year and the beginning of another. And with the beginning of one, there comes the issues of resolutions.

The practice of making New Year's resolutions goes back over 3,000 years to the ancient Babylonians. There is just something about the start of a new year that gives us the feeling of a fresh start and a new beginning. In reality, there is no difference between December 31 and January 1. Nothing mystical occurs at midnight on December 31. The Bible does not speak for or against the concept of New Year's resolutions. However, if a Christian determines to make a New Year's resolution, what kind of resolution should he or she make?

Common New Year's resolutions are commitments to quit smoking, to stop drinking, to manage money more wisely, and to spend more time with family. By far, the most common New Year's resolution is to lose weight, in conjunction with exercising more and eating more healthily. These are all good goals to set. However, **1 Timothy 4:8 instructs us to keep exercise in perspective: "For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come."** The vast majority of New

Year's resolutions, even among Christians, are in relation to physical things. This should not be.

Many Christians make New Year's resolutions to pray more, to read the Bible every day, and to attend church more regularly. These are fantastic goals. However, these New Year's resolutions fail just as often as the non-spiritual resolutions, because there is no power in a New Year's resolution. Resolving to start or stop doing a certain activity has no value unless you have the proper motivation for stopping or starting that activity. For example, why do you want to read the Bible every day? Is it to honor God and grow spiritually, or is it because you have just heard that it is a good thing to do? Why do you want to lose weight? Is it to honor God with your body, or is it for vanity, to honor yourself? **Philippians 4:13** tells us, **"I can do everything through Him who gives me strength."** **John 15:5** declares, **"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."** If God is the center of your New Year's resolution, it has chance for success, depending on your commitment to it. If it is God's will for something to be fulfilled, He will enable you to fulfill it. If a resolution is not God-honoring and/or is not in agreement with God's Word, we will not receive God's help



in fulfilling the resolution.

So, what sort of New Year's resolution should a Christian make?

(1) pray to the Lord for wisdom (James 1:5) regarding what resolutions, if any, He would have you make; (2) pray for wisdom as to how to fulfill the goals God gives you; (3) rely on God's strength to help you; (4) find an accountability partner who will help you and encourage you; (5) don't become discouraged with occasional failures; instead, allow them to motivate you further; (6) don't become proud or vain, but give God the glory. Psalm 37: 5-6 says, "Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noon-day sun."

Voiture 605

Flags for First Graders

Fannin Elementary

pictures by Letty West,

Stars and Stripes

Renslar "Renny" Keagle



Recent Legislation Requires Tax-Exempt Organizations to E-File their Tax Returns

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) said the *Taxpayer First Act*, enacted July 1, 2019 **requires tax exempt organizations to electronically file information returns and related forms**. The new law affects tax exempt organizations in tax years beginning **after July 1, 2019**.

The *Act* extends the requirement to e-file, to all tax-exempt organizations required to file statements or returns in the Form 990 series.

The following IRS forms are included in the mandate:

- Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax.
- Form 990-PF, Return of Private Foundation or Section 4947(a)(1) Trust Treated as Private Foundation.
- Form 8872, Political Organization Report of Contributions and Expenditures.
- Form 1065, U.S. Return of Partnership Income (if filed by a Section 501(d) apostolic organization).

Those who previously filed paper forms will receive a letter from the IRS informing them of the change. Filing deadlines vary by form type. The IRS will postpone the required e-filing of Form 990-EZ for one year, while optional e-filing continues to be available. Although Forms 990-T and 4720 will come under the e-filing requirement next year, the IRS will continue to accept these forms on paper pending conversion to electronic format.

Form 990 and 990-PF e-filing

Under the legislation, most e-filings won't be due before Dec. 15, 2020, from charities and other exempt organizations that generally file Form 990 or 990-PF by the 15th day of the fifth month after the tax year-end. In other words, Forms 990 and 990-PF with tax years ending July 31, 2020, and later **MUST** be filed electronically. Form 990 and 990-PF filings for tax years ending on or before June 30, 2020, may still be on paper. In the case of a short tax year or certain other circumstances detailed in the 990 or 990-PF Instructions, the IRS will continue to accept paper filing as its systems are yet unable to receive these forms electronically. More information on software providers is available at [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov).

Form 990-EZ transition relief

For small exempt organizations, the legislation specifically allowed a postponement ("transitional relief"). For tax years ending before July 31, 2021, the IRS will accept either paper or electronic filing of Form 990-EZ, Short Form Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax. For tax years ending July 31, 2021, and later, Forms 990-EZ must be filed electronically. Generally, Form 990-EZ is for organizations with annual gross receipts less than \$200,000 and total assets at tax year-end less than \$500,000.

Paper Forms 990-T and 4720

In 2020, the IRS will continue to accept paper forms that are pending conversion into electronic format. These include Form 990-T, Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return, and Form 4720, Return of Certain Excise Taxes Under Chapters 41 and 42 of the Internal Revenue Code. The IRS plans to have these returns ready for e-filing in 202 (reporting on tax year 2020).

The *Act* also requires IRS to provide notice to an organization that fails to file a Form 990-series return or postcard for two consecutive years. The notice must state that IRS has no record of receiving a return or postcard from the organization for two consecutive years and inform the organization that their tax-exempt status will be canceled if the organization fails to file a return or postcard by the due date for the next return or postcard. The notice must also contain information about how to meet the annual information return and postcard requirements.

More information on the *Taxpayer First Act* is available at [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov).

State e-file requirement. Please check with your State taxing agency for their e-file requirements.

Dan Dumas
Commissaire Intendant Nationale

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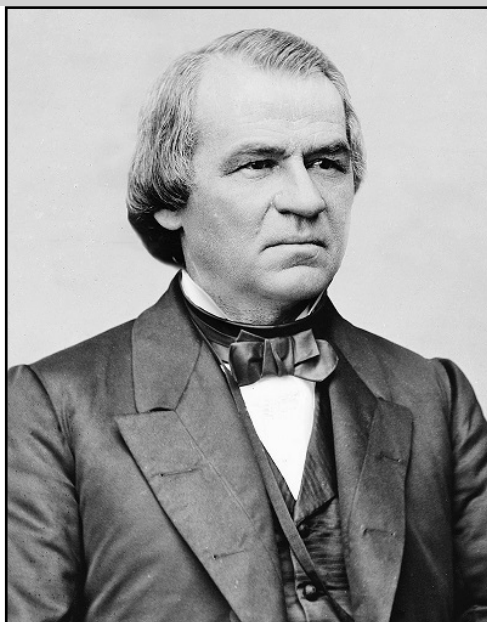
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Vice Presidential History

Andrew Johnson (December 29, 1808 – July 31, 1875) was the 17th president of the United States, serving from 1865 to 1869. Johnson assumed the presidency as he was vice president of the United States at the time of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. He favored quick restoration of the seceded states to the Union without protection for the former slaves. This led to conflict with the Republican-dominated Congress, culminating in his impeachment by the House of Representatives, but he was subsequently acquitted in the Senate by one vote. Johnson's main accomplishment as president was the Alaska purchase.



Johnson was born in poverty in Raleigh, North Carolina, and never attended school. Apprenticed as a tailor, he worked in several frontier towns before settling in Greeneville, Tennessee. He served as alderman and mayor there before being elected to the Tennessee House of Representatives in 1835. After brief service in the Tennessee Senate, Johnson was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1843, where he served five two-year terms. He be-

came governor of Tennessee for four years, and was elected by the legislature to the U.S. Senate in 1857. As Southern slave states, including Tennessee, seceded to form the Confederate States of America, Johnson remained firmly with the Union. He was the only sitting senator from a Con-

federate state who did not resign his seat upon learning of his state's secession. In 1862, Lincoln appointed him as military governor of Tennessee after most of it had been retaken. In 1864, Johnson, as a war Democrat and Southern Unionist, was a logical choice as running mate for Lincoln, who wished to send a message of national unity in his reelection campaign; their ticket easily won. When Johnson was sworn in as vice president in March 1865, he gave a rambling speech, after which he secluded himself to avoid public ridicule. Six weeks later, the assassination of Lincoln made him president.

Returning to Tennessee after his presidency, Johnson sought political vindication, and gained it in his own eyes when he was elected to the Senate again in 1875, making Johnson the only former president to serve in the Senate. He died five months into his term. Johnson's strong opposition to federally guaranteed rights for African Americans is widely criticized. He is regarded by many historians as one of the worst presidents in American history.