



Voiture 1379 Communiqué for November 2009

For those who have already paid their 2010 dues thank you. For those who have not yet paid their 2010 dues please take a moment and send your dues in today.

Membership: so far we have thirty (30) paid up members for 2010. Nationale has declared this membership year and has challenged all Voitures and Grandes to get one hundred ten percent (110%) membership for 2010. This means that we need to recruit at least five (5) new members as well as retain the members we currently have on the books. One of the biggest things is the initiation fee of fifty eight (\$58) dollars, this is supposed to cover the purchase of chapeau and marching medal with title bar, membership pin, and manuals. Starting January 1, 2010 Voiture Nationale will be changing the price for chapeaus to thirty three dollars (\$33); this will include lettering and shipping. The marching medal and title bar \$5.50, membership pin \$2.95, Ritual and Ceremonies Manual \$3.50 then add in shipping and handling of \$8. That brings the total up to \$42.45 and that doesn't include first year's dues of \$20 so now the total is \$62.45. We need to find a way to reduce the sticker shock which scares so many out of joining the 40et8. Maybe the Voiture could start a fund to help defray some of these costs as well as collecting chapeaus as Voitures purchase new ones as they start holding offices. Please think about how we can accomplish this task and gain new members.

Along with this please think about changing the criteria for membership to allow non American Legion members to join the locale. Just think about it and we will be discussing it again at a Promenade.

With the holidays being so close to our regularly scheduled days for the November and December Promenades. The Voiture has decided to forgo them and have a Voiture 1379 Holiday Dinner on **December 5th**. The dinner will be at TOMMY'S Family Grill and Bar located at 6221 N Chestnut in Gladstone, MO, PHONE NO. (816) 413-8311 starting at 18:00HRS. Bring your wife, sweetheart, or significant other and enjoy an evening with your comrades of the 40et8. If you plan to attend please email Chef de Gare Paul Ellison at pnp3@sbcglobal.net or call him at **816.792.5785**

This year the Chef de Gare would like everyone to bring ten dollars (\$10) worth of non-perishable food items per person to be donated to a group or family this Christmas. If you know of someone who is need of food please bring that name to the dinner and we will decide where it should be donated.

If you have access to the Internet be sure to check out the Voiture 1379 web site at <http://www.voiture1379.com> as well as the Grande du Missouri site at <http://www.grandedumissouri.com> . If you have any Legion or 40et8 events you would like to have posted on the web site, please let the Correspondant Locale know.

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

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