

**CONSTITUTION**  
**OF**  
*Grande Voiture du Indiana*  
*La Societe'*  
*des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux*



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LA SOCIETE DES 40 HOMMES ET 8 CHEVAUX**

**PREAMBLE**

“For God and country we associate ourselves together for the following purposes: To create a charitable and non-profit veterans’ organization; to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to assist and promote the welfare and well-being of those who served in the Armed Forces of the United States during all wars and conflicts, recognized by the Congress of the United States, and their widows and orphans; to take part in all memorial services for and to be present at the funerals of departed comrades; to take part in and to encourage others to participate in the proper observance of all days honoring veterans; to preserve the memories of our Service in the Armed Forces of our Country; to actively participate within our membership in projects relating to (a) the welfare of the children of America; (b) the health of our Nation by fostering a nurses training program; and (c) selected charitable endeavors.”

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## Constitution

### Article I NAME

Name of this organization shall be Grande Voiture du Indiana, La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux.

### Article II NATURE AND OBJECTS

**Section 1** *Nature of the Organization.* La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux is a civilian organization without rank or distinction between its members, and is non political.

**Section 2** *Object of the Organization.* The object of La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux is:

- (a) To support, maintain and defend the Constitution and its principles, programs, and mandates: and to inculcate harmony, good will and cooperation among its voitures and members.
- (b) To honor, through membership, those honorably discharged and currently serving U.S. Military Personnel who have proved themselves worthy of such honor.
- (c) Through fraternalism to bind ourselves in even closer ties than are afforded by our common membership.

### Article III ORGANIZATION

**Section 1** La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux shall be organized in a Grande Voiture for the State of Indiana and a Voiture Locale for each county within the State.

**Section 2** The constitution of Voiture Locales and amendments and alterations thereof, are not binding and are without effect unless and until the same have been approved in writing by the Avocat Nationale, filed by the Avocat Nationale with the Correspondant National and approved copy thereof filed Grande Voiture headquarters of the Grande Voiture du Indiana.

### Article IV MEMBERSHIP

**Section 1** *Who may become a member?* Any Veteran shall be eligible for membership in La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux, who has been honorable discharged from the service or is currently serving in the U. S. Military, which in the opinion of the Voiture Locale should entitle them to membership. Membership shall be obtainable, at a regular or affirmative vote of at least a simple majority of those members present and voting, following proper consideration by the Voiture Locale of the county jurisdiction is which the prospective member resides. The prescribed nomination form shall in all instances be completed in detail and properly executed bearing the signatures of two or more Voyageurs of the Voiture Locale to which the nomination is addressed. Voting maybe by voice, ballot or by rising of hands

**Section 2** *Honorary members are forbidden.* There is but one form of membership in La Societe, namely active membership: and the election of an honorary member is forbidden.

**Section 3** *Membership in One Voiture Only.* No Voyageurs may be a member of more than one Voiture Locale nor change their membership from one Voiture Locale to another except as provided in this constitution.

**Section 4** *Limitation of members forbidden.* Numerical limitation of membership by any Grande Voiture or Voiture Locale is forbidden.

**Section 5** *Dues.* Dues shall be payable to Voiture Nationale in advance on October 20 of each year, and payment thereof constitutes the payer a member in good standing until the end of the following calendar year.

Any member who shall fail to pay their dues for the current year on or before March 31, shall not be permitted to attend any Promenade, until such dues have been paid; and any member who shall be in arrears one year in the payment of their dues shall stand suspended and notice to the effect shall be given to them by the Correspondant of their Voiture Locale by certified mail, addressed to their last known place of residence; and if they should fail within one month from the date of the mailing of said notice to pay the delinquent dues and such reinstatement fees as maybe required by the Grande Voiture or Voiture Locale, they shall stand expelled and may not readmitted to membership except upon petition in accordance with Section 7 of this article.

**Section 6** *Membership Cards.* Each member shall be entitled to a membership card, to be issued annually, and to be in such forms as the Cheminots Nationaux shall from time to time prescribe; provided, no membership card shall be issued to a new member unless and until they shall be taken the obligation or obligations required by the ritual of La Societe. Cards issued to new members prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> day of September shall be for the current year and after said date for the subsequent year.

**Section 7** *Removal of Membership.* Whenever a member is expelled or has been removed from the jurisdiction of the Voiture Locale so expelling them, and has been a bonafied resident for two (2) years within the jurisdiction of another Voiture Locale, they may make application for membership to such Voiture Locale, said application shall be received and acted upon by such Voiture Locale in the same manner as an original proposal for membership provided payment is tendered with said application of dues and fees as provided is Section 5 to be paid upon reinstatement; a copy of such application shall be forwarded by certified mail by the Correspondant Locale to the Voiture Locale of which applicant was formerly a member and said Voiture shall appoint an investigating committee whose finding shall immediately be communicated to the Voiture Locale in which such application for membership was made. The Voiture Locale shall not vote upon such application until the findings of the investigating committee have been received or until the expiration of thirty (30) days after the mailing of the copy of said application was formerly a member.

A member expelled under the foregoing provisions may again petition their Voiture Locale for reinstatement tendering there with dues and reinstatement fees here in above-mentioned. A ballot shall be taken upon said petition upon the same basis as the Voiture Locale constitution provides as to the election of new members into such Voiture, but without prejudice, however, to a future petition after SIX MONTHS.

**Section 8** Every member of La Societe shall belong to and hold allegiance to one Voiture Locale only. A Voyageur Militaire who may change their residence shall have the right to maintain their original or former membership or make application for a transfer thereof, as provided in Section 9 of the article.

**Section 9** Any Voyageur Militaire in good standing moving from one jurisdictional area to another shall be entitled to a certificate from their Voiture Locale stating their membership and the duration thereof, and a transfer of membership, if requested by the Voiture Locale situated in that area to which they are removed or being removed.

Any Voyageur Militaire in good standing desiring to withdraw from active membership in La Societe permanently or temporarily shall, upon application therefore and surrender their membership card and 40&8 paraphernalia, will be issued a certificate by their Voiture Locale stating the duration of their membership and that they were honorably withdrawn there from, but shall not thereafter be entitled to any of the privileges of membership unless and until they shall have been readmitted to membership in La Societe upon application received and acted upon by the Voiture Locale within whose jurisdiction they reside in the same as an original application for membership in La Societe.

## **Article V**

### **GRANDE PROMENADE**

**Section 1** *Legislative Body- Meeting.* The legislative body of La Societe shall be the Grande Promenade to be held annually at the time and place approved by the Grande Cheminot upon the recommendation of the time and place committee; provided that said Time and Place Committee shall be composed of the immediate Past Grand Chef de Gare, who shall be the chairperson of such committee. Also duly affirmed, qualified and acting Grand Chef de Trains, Grand Conducteur, the duly elected, qualified and acting Gard de la Porte and the Grand

Correspondant; and provided further that the Time and Place Committee shall meet at the call of its Chairperson for the purpose of considering all invitations submitted by Voiture Locales for the holding the Grande Promenades for not in excess of three (3) years in advance of said meeting and in the event of no invitation being received for any one of the next three (3) years, it shall be the duty of the Time and Place Committee to request invitations from Voiture Locales of the Grande Voiture du Indiana to hold the Grande Promenade for any of the future three (3) years in which no invitation had been accepted; and provided further that the Time and Place Committee shall report it's recommendation for the time and place of the Grande Promenade for any of the future three (3) years for which no invitations have been accepted to the Grande Cheminot held immediately preceding the next annual Grande Promenade.

**Section 2** The Time and Place Committee and the Grand Cheminot, shall arrange, in so far as it is possible, through joint consultation, in all matters concerning the time and place of holding the annual Grande Promenade, during the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> week in July, when possible.

All delegates and alternates and Voyageurs attending the Grande Promenade shall be required to register at such Grande Promenade and show such credentials before being admitted to any sessions of the Grande Promenade or any other activities promoted by the Convention Corporation.

*NO GRANDE VOITURE WRECK* shall be held in conjunction with any Annual Grande Promenade.

**Section 3** In the Grande Promenade, each Voiture Locale ten members shall constitute a Voiture Locale shall be entitled to one delegate and one alternate, and two delegates and two alternates for fifty one members; three delegates and 3 alternates for 101 members; four delegates and four alternates for 151 members; and one additional delegate and one additional alternate for every 50 members thereafter whose current per capita tax dues are paid up members having been received by the Correspondant National, forty five days prior to the convening of the Grande Promenade. Delegates and alternates shall be elected by the paid up membership of a Voiture Locale at a regular promenade of the Voiture Locale and certified to the Grand Correspondant on forms furnished by the Grande Voiture not less than thirty days prior to the Grande Promenade. Any Voiture Locale failing to comply with the terms of this section shall be denied representation at the Grande Promenade except upon written consent of the Credentials Committee of the Grande Promenade after a good just cause has been shown for such failure.

**Section 4** Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote. The vote of any delegate absent and not represented by alternated shall be cast by the majority of the delegates present from their Voiture Locale. Alternates shall have the privileges of delegates except that of voting, unless representing an absent delegate.

**Section 5** All Grand Chefs de Gare Passe, while in good standing in their respective Voiture Locales, shall be members for life of the Grande Cheminot without a vote, and shall also be life delegates to all Grande Promenades of La Societe, WITH A VOTE to be exercised only when present in person, and be present on the floor of the Grande Promenade which is in session.

Each ELECTIVE Grande Voiture Officer shall be entitled to vote as a delegate at the Grande Promenade, during their year of service as such officer; if present in person provided however, that NO VOYAGEUR shall be entitled to NO MORE AN ONE VOTE.

**Section 6** A quorum shall exist at the Grande Promenade when sixty (60) per cent of Voiture Locales in the Grande Voiture are represented as provided above.

**Section 7** DELEGATES FROM INDEBTED VOITURE LOCALES. If dues or any other indebtedness of a Voiture Locale owing to the Grande Voiture or to Voiture Nationale remains unpaid within fifteen (15) days of the convening of the Grande Promenade, the delegates of such Voiture Locale shall be seated at the Grande Promenade only upon the recommendation of the Credentials Committee and upon the favorable vote of the Grande Promenade.

**Section 8** Delegates from new Voiture Locales organized less than thirty (30) days prior to the convening of the Grande Promenade maybe accorded full or partial delegate representation upon the favorable vote of the Grande Promenade on the Credentials Committee.

**Section 9** The retiring Grand Chef de Gare and the Grand Correspondant shall serve as chairperson and Secretary of the Grand Voiture delegation to the Promenade Nationale each year. The Voiture Locales shall

elect the other three delegates at large of the Grande Voiture to the Promenade Nationale from the delegates to the annual Grande Promenade.

**Section 10** Reports on Voiture Activities in competition for the Mort Roberts Trophy; reports in competition for the Clift Membership Plaque; nominations for the Meritorious Award given to an individual Voyageur by Grande Voiture shall be reported and sent to the Grande Correspondant not less than thirty days prior to convening of the Grande Promenade.

## **Article VI** **DISTRICTS**

**Section 1** The Grande Voiture du Indiana shall be divided into 4 Districts,  
Which shall be comprised by composed of Voitures as listed:  
District 1 (NW) - 211,249,276,364,470,664,729,755,1310,1318,1472,  
1502,1507,1511  
District 2: (NE) – 37,483,510,642,833,850,875,955,978,988,1103,1471  
District 3: (SW) – 21,107,145,471,813,843,931,952,1287,1349,1390  
District 4: (SE) -307,612,967,1040,1047,1250,1274,1415,1481,1633

**Section 2** One Grand Chef de Train shall be elected and serve each of the four Districts created in Section 1.

## **Article VII** **OFFICERS**

**Section 1** The officers of the Grande Voiture du Indiana shall be as follows:

|                                 |                                   |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1) Grand Chef de Gare           | (President)                       |
| 2) Grand Chef de Train (4)      | (Executive Committee person)      |
| 3) Grand Director of Membership | (Membership)                      |
| 4) Grand Conducteur             | (Master of Ceremonies)            |
| 5) Grand Garde de la Porte      | (Sergeant – at – Arms)            |
| 6) Grand Commissaire Intendant  | (Treasurer)                       |
| 7) Grand Correspondant          | (Secretary)                       |
| 8) Grand Aumonier               | (Chaplain)                        |
| 9) Grand Commis Voyageur        | (Property person)                 |
| 10) Grand Avocat                | (Judge Advocate)                  |
| 11) Grand Publiciste            | (Publicity Officer)               |
| 12) Cheminot National           | (Nat. Executive Committee person) |
| 13) Alternate Cheminot National | (Alt. Ex. Committee person)       |
| 14) Grand Drapeau, four (4)     | (Color Guard)                     |
| 15) Sous Grand Correspondant    | (Assistant Secretary)             |

**Section 2** (a) Elective Officers. Grand Chef de Gare (must have served as Chef de Gare of their Locale), Grand Commissaire Intendant, Grand Correspondant, Cheminot National and Alternate Cheminot Nationale shall be elected at the Grande Promenade.

(b) All elective officers named in paragraph (a) of this Section shall be nominated from the floor of the annual Grande Promenade and voted upon by all the delegates of the Grande Promenade. The Voiture Locale nominating a Voyageur for an office named in paragraph (a) above shall certify to the Grande Correspondant that the voyageur is a member in good standing as set out in ARTICLE IV of the Constitution. .

(c) In the event of the death or resignation of the Grand Chef de Gare, , the Grand Cheminot shall recommend a person from the Grand Chef de Gare Passe to fill that position. The Grand Cheminot shall then vote to elect that person to fill the position till the end of the term. .

(d) In the event it should become necessary to replace a elected voyageur , the following procedure shall be followed.

1) Charges for removal shall be the same as outlined in the La Societe Des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux of the National Constitution.

2) Charges shall be made in writing to the Grand Chef de Gare and Grand Avocat who shall review the charges and if found to be valid will forward the charges to the Past Grand Chefs for review. The Past Grand Chefs shall forward their review to the Grand Cheminots for final action.

**Section 3** (a) *Grande Chef de Trains.* One Grand Chef de Train shall be elected, by the delegates, from each of the Grande Voiture District and shall serve their District under the supervision of the Director of Membership for all matters pertaining to membership and the Grand Chef de Gare for all other matters.

(b) Districts 1 (NW), 2 (NE), 3 (SW), 4 (SE)

**Section 4** *Caucuses*

(a) The NW and NE Grand Chef de Train shall chair the north caucus and the SW and SE Grand Chef de Train shall chair the south caucus.

**Section 5** *Grande Cheminot*

The administrative affairs of this Grande Voiture, except as otherwise provided in the By-laws, shall be conducted by the Grande Cheminot of the Grande Voiture, consisting of the following Grande Voiture Officers:

Grand Chef de Gare

Grand Chef de Trains (4)

Grand Commissaire Intendant

Grand Correspondant

Grand Avocat

Cheminot National

**Section 6** *Appointive Officers*

The Grand Chef de Gare with the approval of the Grande Cheminot shall appoint all other Grande Voiture Officers enumerated in Section 1 of this Article.

**Section 7** *Bonds*

The Grand Correspondant and the Grand Commissaire Intendant shall, upon taking the oath of office, enter into a good and sufficient bond to be approved by the Grand Cheminot.

**Section 8**

All officers of a Voiture Locale shall be elected annually at a regular Promenade, notice of which shall be given to the membership and then certified to the Grand Correspondant on forms to be furnished by the Grande Voiture not less than thirty days prior to the convening of the Grande Promenade. All officers shall be installed by either Nationale or Grande Voiture Officers present or passé, whose duty it shall be to report such Installation to the Grand Cheminot of the District and to the Grand Correspondant. All officers of a Voiture Locale shall be installed and shall enter upon their duties within three (3) weeks after the adjournment of the Promenade Nationale of the year in which they are elected. Any Voiture Locale failing to comply with the terms of this section shall be denied representation at the Grande Promenade except upon consent of the Credentials Committee of the Grande Promenade after a showing of good and just cause for such failure.

## **Article VIII**

### **DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

**Section 1** The Grand Chef de Gare shall be the chief executive of the Grande Voiture. Grand Chef shall preside at all Grande Promenades and meetings of the Grande Cheminot. The Grand Chef shall appoint all standing committees of the Grande Voiture, except as otherwise provided, and all Grande Voiture Officers as provided in the Grande Voiture Constitution, and shall perform such other duties as may properly come within

their jurisdictional area. The Grand Chef may appoint a three (3) member advisory committee of Grand Chef de Gare passé to advise and/or assist as needed. Shall also, ex-officio, be a member of all committees of the Grand Voiture.

**Section 2(a)** A Grand Chef de Train shall be appointed to perform the duties of the Grand Chef de Gare in their absence or in the event of the inability to perform such duties.

(b) The Chef de Trains shall serve as the Public Relations Officer and will assist the Director of Membership with membership in their districts and will also act as Liaison Officer with Voituree Locales in their district.

(c) The Grand Chef de Train will serve as chairperson of their district caucus and report district elections to the Grand Promenade. Shall supervise the activities of all Voiture Locales and be responsible for the proper functioning of the Grand Voiture Programs in their districts. In the absence of the Grand Chef de Grand, the Grand Chef de Train of the district will represent the Grand Voiture du Indiana.

**Section 3(a)** The Grand Director of Membership shall be in charge of all membership for the Grand du Indiana, assisted by the Grand Chef de Trains (4) in their districts.

(b) Will be present at all membership activities when possible.

(c) Will be responsible in keeping the Grand Chef de Gare and the Grand Chef de Trains informed as to any membership issues.

(d) Shall send out letters to all Voitures du Indiana about the status of their membership.

**Section 4** The Grand Commissaire Intendant shall be the chief Financial Officer of the Grand Voiture and be charged with the custody of its funds. Will be responsible to keep accurate account of receipts and disbursements and report thereof at each Grande Promenade. Shall pay all bills, when audited and approved by the Grand Correspondant and checks signed by the Grand Commissaire Intendant and countersigned by the Grand Correspondant; provided, however, that no Grande Voiture funds, not budgeted and excess unless the proposed expenditure shall have received prior consideration of the Grande Voiture Finance Committee.

**Section 5** The Grand Correspondant shall be secretary of the Grande Voiture, Grande Promenade and the Grande Cheminot meetings. Shall keep a true and accurate record of all the proceedings; shall conduct the correspondence and keep a correct list of all Voiture Locales and their officers. Shall receive all moneys for the Grande Voiture, and shall keep a true and accurate account of all financial transactions and render a monthly statement of such transactions to all Grande Voiture Officers. Shall certify to the correctness of all bills and prepare the necessary warrants for their payment, countersign all checks issued by the Grand Commissaire Intendant and perform such other duties as may be imposed by the Grand Chef de Gare.

**Section 6** The Grand Conducteur shall have charge of the initiatory work of the Grande Voiture and shall have supervision over wrecks in all Voiture Locales and will act as the Grand Chef de Train and Master of Ceremony at all active wrecks. The Grand Conducteur shall perform such other duties as assigned by the Grand Chef de Gare.

**Section 7** The Grand Garde de la Porte shall perform the functions of Sergeant-at-arms at all Grande Promenades, and will also assure that the Grande Voiture and National Colors are available.

**Section 8** The Grand Aumonier shall perform the functions of a Chaplain at all Grande Promenades.

**Section 9** It shall be the duty of the Grand Avocat, between Grande Promenades to interpret the Grande Voiture Constitution, determine upon the constitutionality of all Voiture Locale Constitutions, copies of which shall be forwarded to the Nationale Avocat for review.

**Section 10** The Grand Publiciste shall be the publicity officer of this Grand Voiture and be responsible for giving the Grand Voiture proper publicity.

**Section 11(a)** *Finance Committee*

The Finance Committee shall consist of the Grand Commissaire Intendant, the Grand Correspondant, four (4) Grand Chef de Trains, two (2) Past Grand Chef's that will be on a 2 year rotation, one going off each year and a new one coming on, by going down the list and picking the next one in line. The Grand Commissaire Intendant shall chair said committee, and the Grand Correspondant shall act as secretary. The Grand Avocat will be in attendance for all legal matters.

(b) The Finance Committee shall receive requests and recommendations from such officers and committees who are entitled to receive and use funds of the Grand Voiture. After receiving all reports, it is the duty of the committee to recommend to the Grand Promenade a proper budget; and between sessions of the Grand Promenade it may enlarge, reallocate, or restrict the budget as exigencies require; and shall from time to time fix and determine the compensation of such officers or committees who may be entitled to funds.

**Article IX**  
**VOITURE LOCALES**

**Section 1** Within the jurisdiction of this Grande Voiture, five (5) or more members who are eligible for membership in La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux, may providing there is no Voiture Locale in such county, make application to Voiture Nationale for a charter as a Voiture Locale for such county, and if properly executed and approved by the Grande Voiture, such charter shall be issued by the Chef de Chemin de Fer and Correspondant Nationale for a charter as a Voiture Locale. If there be an existing Voiture Locale(s) in such county additional Voiture Locales may be chartered for said county with the consent of the existing Voiture Locale(s) or, failing such consent, with the approval of the Grande Voiture; and provided, further, a Grand Voiture may, pending the granting of a charter to a Voiture Locale, issue a dispensation for its existence until its charter be granted.

**Article X**  
**REVENUE**

**Section 1** (a) The revenue of the Grande Voiture shall be derived from a per capita tax on members of the Voiture Locales within the Grande Voiture, and the Grande Cheminot may approve such other sources as:  
(b) The amount of such membership tax shall be fixed and determined by the Grande Cheminot, but shall not exceed \$3.00 per member annually.

**Article XI**  
**MERITORIOUS AWARD**

**Section 1** Meritorious Award shall be awarded by the Grande Voiture to any Voyageur Militaire meeting qualification. The qualifications are that the member has been a loyal Voyageur and performed outstanding service to the 40&8 above and beyond the Call of Duty of a Voyageur Militaire.  
**Section 2** Nominations for this award shall be made by the Voiture Locale in writing and signed by the Chef de Gare and Correspondant of the Voiture Locale and submitted to the Grande Voiture not less than thirty (30) days prior to the convening of the Grande Promenade for its approval.

**Article XII**  
**NURSES TRAINING PROGRAM**

**Section 1** The number of persons to be sponsored by the Grande Voiture du Indiana each year shall be determined and fixed at the time of adopting the annual budget, and in no case exceed four (4) persons in training at any one time.  
**Section 2** The Grande Voiture du Indiana shall sponsor only deserving and qualified persons who would not otherwise have sponsorship from a Voiture Locale, except that if there be no such persons available, then persons from other locations may be considered. No more than one (1) person may be sponsored from any other Voiture Locale more often than once each ten (10) years.

**Section 3** Voiture Locales desiring to give help to additional persons within their jurisdiction shall be required to handle their own problems of financing such assistance rather than place the additional burden on the Grande Voiture du Indiana.

**Article XIII**  
**AMENDMENTS**

**Section 1** This Constitution is adopted subject to the provisions of the Constitution, La Societe Nationale. Any amendments to said Nationale Constitution which conflict with any provisions hereof, shall be regarded as automatically repealing or modifying the provisions of the Constitution to the extent of such conflict.

**Section 2** This Constitution may be amended at any Grande Promenade by a vote of two thirds of the delegates present and constituting a quorum.

**Article XIV**  
**DISCIPLINE AND PUNISHMENT**

**Section 1 TRIAL OF GRANDE VOITURE OFFICERS**

a) Any officer, elective or appointive, of any Grande Voiture charged with failure to perform the duties of their office, disloyalty, dishonesty, conduct unbecoming a member of La Societe, or with other conduct inimical to the best interest of La Societe shall be promptly tried by the Grand Cheminot. The charges must be reduced to writing in duplicate, signed by the accuser, sworn by them to be true, and filed with the Grand Correspondant, and one of the duplicate originals shall be sent by the Grand Correspondant to the accused, at their last known address, by registered mail at least ten days before the date fixed for the trial. The accuser, or their representative, shall prosecute the charges before the Grand Cheminot, and the accused may defend in person or by representative. A record of the proceedings before the Grand Cheminot shall be kept. If a majority of the Grand Cheminot so vote the charges shall be considered as sustained; and the Grand Cheminot shall suspend or remove the officer, expel them from membership, or impose such lesser disciplinary punishment as they believe the facts warrant.

b) APPEAL. Either the accused or the accuser or both may appeal to the Executive Committee of the Cheminots Nationaux by filing notice of appeal with the Grand Correspondant within ten days after the decision. The person appealing shall within twenty days after the decision, or as soon thereafter as is possible if the record cannot sooner be completed, file the record of the proceedings before the Grand Cheminot with the Correspondant National. The Chef de Chemin de Fer shall thereupon promptly call a meeting of the Chef de Chemin de Fer and the Sous Chefs de Chemin de Fer to consider the appeal. Said called meeting may be handled either in person or by certified mail. The appeal will be heard upon the record only, without further evidence or hearing, and the decision of three-fifths of the committee shall be final. The Committee may impose the same, or greater or lesser punishment or acquit the accused.

c) COSTS ON APPEAL. The costs of the record on appeal shall be paid, before the same is filed, by the appellant. In the event the Executive Committee of the Cheminots Nationaux shall reverse the decision of the Grand Cheminot, the appellant, if they be the accused, shall be reimbursed for such costs by the Grande Voiture.

**Section 2 TRIAL OF VOITURE LOCALE OFFICERS.**

a) Any officer of a Voiture Locale, elective or appointive, charged with failure to perform the duties of their office, disloyalty, dishonesty, conduct unbecoming a member of La Societe, or with other conduct inimical to the best interests of La Societe, shall be promptly tried by the Cheminot Locaux of their Voiture Locale. The charges must be reduced to writing in duplicate, signed by the accuser, and sworn by them to be true, and filed with the Correspondant Local; and one of the duplicate originals shall be sent by the Correspondant Local to the accused at their last known address by registered mail at least five days before the date fixed for the trial. The accuser, or their representative, shall prosecute the charges before the Cheminot Locaux, and the accused may

defend in person or by representative. A record of the proceedings before the Cheminot Locaux shall be kept. If a majority of the Cheminot Locaux so vote, the charges shall be considered as sustained, and the Cheminot Locaux shall suspend or remove the officer, expel them from membership or impose such lesser disciplinary punishment as they believe the facts warrant.

b) APPEAL. Either the accused or the accuser or both may appeal to the Grand Cheminot by filing notice of appeal with the Correspondant Locale within ten days after the decision. The person appealing shall within twenty days after the decision, or as soon thereafter as is possible if the record cannot sooner be completed, file the record of the proceedings before the Cheminot Locaux with the Grand Correspondant. The Grand Chef de Gare shall refer the same to a regular meeting of the Grand Cheminot to consider the appeal. The appeal will be heard upon the record only without further evidence or hearing, and the decision of a majority of the Grand Cheminot, in the presence of a quorum, shall be final. The Grand Cheminot may impose the same, or greater or lesser punishment or acquit the accused.

c) COSTS ON APPEAL. The cost of the record on appeal shall be paid, before the same is filed, by the appellant. In the event the Grand Cheminot shall reverse the decision of the Cheminot Locaux, the appellant, if they be the accused, shall be reimbursed for such costs by the Voiture Locale.

### **Section 3 TRIAL OF VOYAGEURS MILITAIRES.**

a) Any Voyageur Militaire charged with disloyalty, dishonesty, neglect of duty, obtaining membership under false pretenses, conduct unbecoming a member of La Societe, or with other conduct inimical to the best interests of La Societe, shall be promptly tried by the Cheminot Locaux of their Voiture Locale. The charges must be reduced to writing in duplicate, signed by the accuser, sworn by them to be true, and filed with the Correspondant Local; and one of the duplicate originals shall be sent by the Correspondant Local to the accused at their last known address by registered mail at least five days before the date fixed for the trial. The accuser, or their representative, shall prosecute the charges before the Cheminot Locaux and the accused may defend in person or by representative. A record of the proceedings before the Cheminot Locaux shall be kept. If a majority of the Cheminot Locaux so vote, the charges shall be considered as sustained, and the Cheminots Locaux shall suspend or expel the accused, or impose such lesser disciplinary punishment as they believe the facts warrant.

b) APPEAL. Either the accused or the accuser or both may appeal to the Grand Cheminot by filing notice of appeal with the Correspondant Local within ten days after the decision. The person appealing shall within twenty days after the decision, or as soon thereafter as is possible if the record cannot sooner be completed, file the record of the proceedings before the Cheminot Locaux with the Grand Correspondant. The Grand Chef de Gare shall refer the same to a regular meeting of the Grand Cheminot to consider the appeal. The appeal will be heard upon the record only without further evidence or hearing, and the decision of a majority of the Grand Cheminot, in the presence of a quorum, shall be final. The Grand Cheminot may impose the same, or greater or lesser punishment or acquit the accused.

c) COSTS ON APPEAL. The costs of the record on appeal shall be paid, before the same is filed, by the appellant. In the event the Grand Cheminot shall reverse the decision of the Cheminot Locaux, the appellant, if they be the accused, shall be reimbursed for such costs by the Voiture Locale.

## BY-LAWS OF GRANDE VOITURE DU INDIANA

### Article I

#### NAME

The Grande Voiture existing under these By-Laws shall be known as Grande Voiture du Indiana, La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux.

### Article II

#### OBJECT

The objects of this Grande Voiture are set forth in the Constitution under Article II, Section 3.

### Article III

#### MANAGEMENT

**Section 1** Between Grande Promenades, the government and management of this Grande Voiture is entrusted to a committee of nine (9) members to be known as the Grande Cheminot.

**Section 2** The Grande Cheminot shall prescribe for the government of Grande Voiture Headquarters and may modify or revoke these rules.

**Section 3** The Grande Cheminot shall fix penalties for violation of rules and have the power to enforce the penalties or remit them.

**Section 4** The Grande Cheminot shall hire and discharge such employees as may be necessary; shall authorize and approve the budget and all other expenditures; shall require adequate bond for all persons having the custody of Grande Voiture funds, and generally have charge of and be responsible for the management of the affairs of the Grande Voiture.

**Section 5** Any vacancy existing in the Grande Cheminot or in any office of the Grande Voiture for any cause other than expiration of the term shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Grande Cheminot, and the persons so appointed shall hold office for the unexpired term of the officers whom they succeed.

**Section 6** A vacancy shall exist when an officer is absent from this Grande Voiture for a continuous period considered detrimental to the interests of the Grande Voiture by the Grande Cheminot.

### Article IV

#### DELEGATES

Delegates and alternates to the Promenade Nationale shall be elected by the Grande Voiture at the annual Grande Promenade to be held at least forty-five (45) days prior to the convening of the Promenade Nationale.

### Article V

#### HONORARY OFFICER OF GRAND VOITURE DU INDIANA

**Section 1** In order for anyone to be made an honorary officer of the Grande Voiture du Indiana; the Grand Chef de Gare must first nominate them. The nomination: (a) detail written explanation of the acts and deeds which makes this Voyageur Militaire worthy of the honor, (b) a list of all offices held in their Voiture Locale and/or in the Grande Voiture du Indiana, (c) an explanation as why a Meritorious Award would not be a more appropriate honor.

**Section 2** After preparing the written nomination of a Voyageur Militaire to be an honorary officer the Grand Chef de Gare shall appoint a committee consisting of all Grand Chef de Gare Passes. It shall be the responsibility of the committee to review the nomination, including the verification of all the reasons given the honorary title, and then make a recommendation to the Grand Chef de Gare. A simple majority of the Grand Chef de Gare Passes voting is required to have a favorable recommendation.

**Section 3** Only upon a favorable recommendation from the committee can the Grand Chef de Gare appoint a Voyageur Militaire as an honorary officer in the Grande Voiture du Indiana.

**Article VI**

**RULES OF ORDER**

All proceeding of this Grande Voiture or meetings of the Grande Cheminot shall be conducted under and pursuant to Roberts' Rules of Order, except as herein otherwise provided.

**Article VII**

**LIMITATION OF LIABILITIES**

This Grande Voiture shall incur or cause to be incurred no liability or obligation whatever which shall subject to liability any Voiture, subdivision, group of voyageurs, individuals, corporation, or organization.

**Article VIII**

**AMENDMENTS**

**Section 1** Any ruling of La Societe Nationale des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux which affect or conflict with any provisions herein shall be deemed an amendment to these By-Laws.

**Section 2** These By-Laws may be amended at any regular Grande Promenade of this Grande Voiture by a two-thirds vote of the delegates preset and constituting a quorum.

\*\*\*Changes voted on an approved by the body of Grand du Indiana at the Grande du Indiana Promenade held on July 20, 2019.

James Nealis  
Grand Avocat