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The National Ritual Committee met at 2 pm, September 12, 2019 at the 100th Promenade Nationale, Myrtle Beach, SC in the Spring D&E rooms in the Conference Center of the Double Tree Hotel.

National Ritual Directeur Steve Bradley called the meeting to order at 2 pm with a Salute to the Colors and the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.

Sous National Ritual Directeur Don Carr offered a prayer

Sous National Ritual Directeur Bob Bradley took the minutes

In addition to Chef de Chemin de Fer 2018 Kenneth Lafleur and Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer Jim Coe, all committee members were present.

With motion and second, the minutes from the previous Promenade Nationale Committee meeting were dispensed.

There were 52 Voyageurs Militaire present representing 23 Grande Voitures.

Chef de Chemin de Fer Rick Williams visited at 2:10 pm and encouraged all present to continue to use new blue Ritual & Manual of Ceremonies, to have a successful meeting and continue the work of the Ritual Committee.

Directeurs Report:

The following items were approved following a motion and a second.

Large Print Manual

1. Page 37 Remove **"If not used go to ^^"** in the middle of the page
2. Page 39 Remove **"^^"** before Wrecking Chef
3. Page 43 Change to **"If your salute is returned, you have the floor"** in the last sentence of the third paragraph under Wrecking Chef
4. Page 58 Add **"Widowers"** to the Preamble in bold print between widows and orphans to read "and their widows, **widowers** and orphans;"
5. Page 5 Change to "You will Recite with **or after** me the Preamble to the Constitution "
6. Six password suggestions were presented. The new Password is HOT, the French is Chaud, HOT stands for Honor Our Troops.
7. Sam Frieman Award for the Locale Voiture conducting the most Wrecks and the Joel Bunch Award for the Locale with the highest degree of excellence in Ritual performance will be announced later.
8. Change in Ritual Reports and Forms.

A. Consolidated Annual Report-Locale

1. Add "Do all Voyageurs wear Chapeaus? Yes No"

after "Promenade opened and closed by the Ritual?"

2. Combine "Number of active wrecks by your Voiture" and "Number of formal wrecks performed by Voiture Locale" to "Number of active and formal wrecks performed your Voiture". Combine "Number of PG's Wrecked".

3. Combine "Number of funerals attended by Voiture Locale" and "Number of memorial services attended by Locale" to "Number of funerals and memorial services attended by Voiture Locale". Combine "Number of Voyageurs present". (See form attached)

B. Annual Consolidated Report- Grande

1. Change form to reflect changed in the Locale Report
2. In A. print in bold "**(Attach Voiture Locale Report)**"
3. Combine Active and Formal Wrecks to read " Number of Active and Formal Wrecks Performed Number of PG's Wrecked"
4. Add National Directeur's contact information (See form attached)

C. National Color Guard Competition form

1. Add "Ritual" to the heading
2. Change to " September 1" the form due date
3. Add National Directeur's contact information (See Attached)

D. Joel Bunch Award Nominee

1. Add "Grand Voiture" above "Voiture Locale Name and Number"
2. Add National Directeur's contact information (See Attached)

E. Proposed Password Change

1. Add "Ritual" to heading
2. Add National Directeur's contact information (See Attached)

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

A motion was made and second to make reciting the Preamble to the Constitution in the Opening Ceremony of a Promenade optional. Vote did not pass.

Closing Prayer was offered by Sous National Ritual Directeur Don Carr
Salute to the Colors was held at 2:45 pm

I offer a motion to accept this National Ritual Report.

Steve Bradley, National Ritual Directeur