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On March 15th La Société is officially a Century old! I hope every Locale, regardless of size, has plans for a celebration of this milestone. It is an amazing opportunity for us to show our accomplishments to not only the Veterans of our communities but, our communities themselves.

Although I believe that we should celebrate the birthday of the 40et8 every year the 100th is an extraordinary event that deserves an extra measure of commitment and pride.

In 2015, when Chef de Chemin de Fer Mike Wood asked me to develop a Ritual for La Societies birthday I was both honored and somewhat baffled as to where I should start.

Bev and I have attended several Marine Corp Balls over the years and have always looked forward to the pomp and circumstance of their birthday ceremony.

As I researched the traditions of the other Military Services, I found that the similarities were many and I felt that we as Voyagers would best be served in following the theme that ran through virtually all of their celebrations.

They say pride is a mortal sin and if that is so, then I earned a front row seat on a keg of nails in hell when Mike Wood approved the Ritual, and it became an official part of our traditions.

As I stated before, I hope each Voiture finds appropriate time to insert the ritual into a Promenade or Wreck this year.

In paragraph 6 of the Ritual a reference is made to a "Program leaflet" where more information can be found on the accomplishments of La Société. I have attached a "Leaflet" that accomplishes that for you to use if you wish but I recommend that you make additions to it for your Locale and it's specific accomplishments in your community.

I wish all of you a fantastic celebration and continued success for the next 100 years!

Yours in service to la Société,

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