

La Societe de Femme



**OFFICIAL CALL
FOR THE
55th GRANDE RENDEZVOUS
PEKIN, ILLINOIS
August 3, 4, and 5, 2018**

Greetings Dames Du Illinois,

I have had the experience of a life time being your Grande Presidente the past year. Time flies by so fast when you are having fun. It has been a real pleasure to serve all of you. I hope that Grande is just as much fun for everyone as the rest of the year was. We have bunches of door prizes and raffles planned and hope to make it a Grande you will remember as good times. Planning it has been so much fun. I look forward to seeing everyone in Pekin this year August 6, 7, and 8th. We will Rendezvous at the Studio 6 in Pekin, IL and meetings will be at Bartonville Legion. I want to thank everyone for a fantastic year and all the wonderful help I was given to make it thru the year. Again, I look forward to seeing everyone the first weekend in August. One voice, one heart, one mind, one spirit, all my relations..sisters in faith and volunteers in heart. Aho and blessings!

La Grande Presidente, Odie Ales

This is the **OFFICIAL CALL** for the **GRANDE RENDEZVOUS** on August 3, 4, and 5, 2018. Make your own reservations to Motel 6 & Studio 6, 2801 Court St., Pekin, IL 61554, 309/347-5533. Be sure to mention the Grand Promenade 40 & 8. Deadline for reservations is July 13, 2018.

GRANDE RENDEZVOUS SCHEDULE:

Friday, August 3, 2018

- 4 p.m.-5 p.m. - Registration (\$5) at the Motel
- Committee Meetings - Check lobby for Time and Room

Saturday, August 4, 2018

- 9 a.m.-9:30 a.m.- Registration at Limestone American Legion Post 979, 4501 S. Airport Rd., Bartonville, IL
- 9:30 a.m. - Opening Business Session
- 11:30 a.m. - Recess
- 1:00 p.m. - Resume Business Session. Memorial Services. If time allows we will also have Installation of Officers, Closing Session, and Cheminot Meeting.
- 5:30 p.m. - Cocktails
- 6:30 p.m. - POW/MIA Ceremony
- 7:00 p.m. - Prime Rib, Baked Potato, Mixed Vegetable and Salad Bar, Desserts will be assorted and provided by Cabane 1170. Cost \$30 per person.

Sunday, August 5, 2018

- 9:00 a.m. - Business Session, IF NECESSARY

Please remember your Grande tickets and money for the drawing, plus gifts for the drawing. **Also remember to bring your officer/chairman books back to Ethellynn.**

Ethellynn Neville
Grande Correspondante

Odie Ales
Grande Presidente

In conformity with the Grande Constitution and By-Laws, La Societe de Femme, Grande Cabane de Illinois, the 55th GRANDE RENDEZVOUS is hereby called to convene in PEKIN, ILLINOIS.

PURPOSE

La Grande Rendezvous is called for the purpose of receiving reports, electing officers for the ensuing year, amending the Grande Cabane Constitution and By-Laws, and transacting such other business as may be brought before it.

REPRESENTATION

Each Cabane Locale will be entitled to delegates and alternates as follows:

10-37 Members = 2 Delegates and 2 Alternates

38-62 Members = 3 Delegates and 3 Alternates

63-87 Members = 4 Delegates and 4 Alternates

Delegates and Alternates will be certified to the Grande Correspondante on forms furnished by Grande Cabane not less than 30 days prior to Grande Rendezvous. The delegates of any Cabane Locale indebted to Grande Cabane or Cabane Nationale within 15 days of convening of Grande Rendezvous will not be seated at the Grande Rendezvous.

RENDEZVOUS HEADQUARTERS

Grande Rendezvous Headquarters will be at the **Studio 6 and Motel 6, Pekin, IL**. All matters relating to Grande Rendezvous should be addressed to the Grande Correspondante, **ETHELYNN NEVILLE, 1515 N. LINCOLN #24, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702** prior to **AUGUST 3, 2018**. Grande Rendezvous sessions and all committee meetings will be held at the **STUDIO 6** with the Rendezvous being at the **LIMESTONE AMERICAN LEGION POST 979**. All Delegates and Alternates and Dames will be required to register and upon presentation of credentials will be admitted to Rendezvous sessions.

RESOLUTIONS

Proposed resolutions must be in writing and should be submitted to the Grande Correspondante as early as possible, but no later than **July 20, 2018**.

VOTING

Each Delegate present on the Rendezvous floor will be entitled to one (1) vote. Alternates will have privileges of the Delegate except that of voting, unless representing an absent Delegate. The Grande Presidentes Passe, while in good standing in their respective Cabane Locales, will be life Delegates to Grande Rendezvous with a vote exercised only when present in person.

Each elective officer will be entitled to vote as a Delegate during her year of service as such officer, if present in person; however, no Dame will be entitled to cast more than one vote.

CONTESTS

Should any Cabane Locales be denied credentials or claim more Delegates than allowed, it may present a claim to the Credentials Committee for consideration and decision.

EXPENSES OF DELEGATES

No expenses of any Delegate or Alternate attending Grande Rendezvous will be assumed by Grande Cabane de Illinois.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION

Any candidates for elective offices, other than a Locale, must first have an endorsement from their Cabane Locale to pursue a candidacy for a Grande office or an office within the Nationale structure. No prospective candidate may be nominated from the floor of any Grande or Nationale Rendezvous without a prior endorsement from the Cabane Locale in which the Dame is a member. The nominating member of any candidate must be a member of the same Grande (for Nationale office) and/or Locale (for a Grande office) as the respective candidate.

To be eligible for the office of Grande Presidente, you must have held the office of Presidente Locale and two elective offices in the Grande Cabane. One elective office in the Grande Cabane must be that of La Sous Presidente the year prior to election to the Office of Grande Presidente. To be eligible for election to other Grande offices, you must have been active in your Cabane Locale and in the Grande Cabane.

This call will be read in each Cabane Locale and the Chairman of that Cabane's delegation to Grande Rendezvous (usually the retiring Presidente) should make it her duty to see that each Delegate is familiar with its provisions.

Let's all join together to make the Grande Rendezvous a memorable occasion for all La Femmes.