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STATE OFFICERS 1974 - 1975

Junior Past State President A. Raymond Lance
Glens Falls 2486

State President William Carrick
Empire 544

State Vice President Larry Roy
Montreal 2130

State Chaplain Owen McNally
Fort Hamilton 2621

State Secretary Alfred W. Lane
Bronx 491

State Treasurer Kenneth Decker
Ithaca 1253

State Conductor Donald Gregory
Utica 97

State Inside Guard Arthur Cichon
Depew-Lancaster 2692

State Outside Guard Ralph Pauly
Olean 616

STATE TRUSTEES

Chr: A. Raymond Lance Glens Falls 2486
Robert Woodruff Rochester 52
Elvin Hubbard Binghamton 2119
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1974 STATE CONVENTION

Following the custom of many years standing, a class initiation was held in the home of Olean Aerie on Wednesday evening June 26, 1974. A class of 15 candidates was initiated into the Order by the State Aerie Officers Degree Team which consisted of Worthy President Laverne Weber, Vice President A. Raymond Lance, Jr., Past President Theodore Hurwitz, Secretary Alfred Lane, Chaplain Donald Gregory, Conductor Ralph Pauly and Inside Guard William Carrick. A short speaking program followed the initiatory ceremony during which all of the State Officers were introduced. President of Olean Aerie Richard Bairde, extended a hearty welcome to all of the visitors. State President Lance extended the greetings of the State Aerie and Past State President Edward Kamas, of Elmira, N.Y. spoke briefly on the past history of the State Aerie. Immediately following the meeting a Get-Together party was held at which the delegates and visitors danced and renewed acquaintances.

All business sessions for the State Aerie were held in the home of Olean Aerie. The State Convention Banquet was held in the Main Dining Room of the Castle Restaurant on Saturday evening, June 29, 1974.

Registration of delegates started at 10 A.M. Thursday, June 27, 1974 in the home of Olean Aerie.

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE CONVENTION

The 68th Annual Convention of the New York State Aerie and the 26th Annual Convention of the New York State Auxiliary was officially opened at 2:20 P.M. Thursday, June 27, 1974 by New York State Trustee Ralph Pauly, of Olean, N.Y. Ceremonies got underway with the Olean Auxiliary Degree Team giving a salute to the United States and Canadian Flags and the singing of the national Anthem of both the United States and Canada. Invocation was by Father Roy K. Ronald, of St. Mary's of the Angels Church. A short address of welcome was given by Olean Aerie President Richard Bairde. Mayor William O. Smith, of Olean, N.Y. spoke briefly, extending his best wishes for a most successful conclave along with words of welcome to Olean. Police Chief Michael Luty, also joined with the Mayor in extending a warm welcome. Past Grand Madam Presidents, Mary Dunn of Toronto, Canada and Yvonne Magnan of Montreal, Canada were introduced. A. Raymond Lance, State Aerie President and Helen O'Donnell, State Auxiliary President, spoke briefly welcoming all of the delegates and visitors. Grand Madam Vice President Imogene Zarecki, Grand Auxiliary Representative, was introduced and expressed her pleasure in being part of the Convention. Lavern Weber, Eastern Regional President, extended his regards. An outstanding address was delivered by Grand Aerie Representative Daniel Splain, as the Keynote of the Convention. The overflow crowd of State Aerie and State Auxiliary delegates plus a large group of visitors responded enthusiastically to the entire program. This portion of the program was brought to a close at 3 P.M. A short recess was called to make preparations for the holding of the first business session.

FIRST SESSION

The first session was called to order at 3:25 P.M. by State President Lance.

First order of business was the roll call of State Officers. All officers were in attendance.

The obligation and admission of new members into the State Aerie was given by Past State President Kenneth Decker of Ithaca Aerie No. 1253.

The following committee appointments were announced by State President Lance.

STATE CONVENTION COMMITTEES

1974

BY-LAW

Kenneth Decker, Chr. 1253
 Harry Woodruff, 52
 Herman Cassidy, 941

LEGISLATIVE

Thomas Burns, Chr. 52
 Robert Hall, 97
 Walter Goldberg, 825

YOUTH GUIDANCE

Robert Woodruff, Chr. 52
 Duane Dennison, 2640
 Walter Rouse, 2486

CANCER RESEARCH

Robert Schick, Chr. 52
 Patrick Lance, 2486
 Eugene Bishop, 616

MAX BAER HEART FUND

William Carrick, Chr. 544
 D. James Shay, 941
 Harold Fields, 52

SOCIAL SECURITY

Al Hubbard, Chr. 2119
 John Weber, 782
 Peter Watier, 825

STATE ATHLETIC

Ralph Pauly, Chr. 616
 G. Earl Willis, 2311
 Ronald Elston, 1253

STATE SPEAKERS

Alfred Lane, Chr. 491
 Frank Stokes, 2311
 Edward Kamas, 941

NET GAIN

Arthur Cichon, Chr. 2692
 Paul Sampson, 2486
 Richard Wenzel, 52

BOY SCOUTS

Donald Gregory, Chr. 97
 Donald Smith, 782
 Harold Myers, 2119

JIMMY DURANTE FUND

Charles Straub, Chr. 2467
 James Stewart, Co-Chr. 1411
 Roger Dillon, 97

STATE BOWLING

William Joslyn, Chr. 941
 Thomas Pearson, 52
 Arthur Toporek, 2692

PAST STATE PRESIDENTS

Louis Dion, Chr. 2130
 William Alf, 46
 Frank Lewis, 544

CREDENTIALS

Ronald Stickney, Chr. 825
 Calvin Morton, 2269
 Charles Straub, 2467
 Carl Richardson, 616
 Raymond Haggerty, 1411

PUBLICITY

Harry Kincaid, Chr. 616
 Harry Welsh, 1042
 Warren Bean, 2191

RESOLUTIONS

Roswald Viele, Chr. 941
 Chester Halliday, 46
 Laverne Graham, 825
 John Threadgill, 616
 Donald Gregory, 97

RITUALISTIC

Henry Becker, Chr. 3128
 John Kenney, 1411
 Al Hubbard, 2119
 Richard Sherry, 2621
 George Dingman, 514
 Fred Tytler, 52
 Stuart Gardner, 1260

IN MEMORIAM

Vincent Scharf, Chr. 46
 John Share, 2299
 Harold Balles, 2119

ELECTION

John Cole, Chr. 544
 Carl Roehner, 2692
 John Bauman, 941

G.A. HOSPITALITY ROOM

William Carrick, Chr. 544
 Owen McNally, Co-Chr. 2621
 Larry Roy, 2130

R. E. A. C.

Raymond Womble, Chr. 1253
 Albert O'Brien, 544
 Rober Grandchamp 2130

NOMINATING

Theodore Hurwitz, Chr. 1260
 Laverne Weber, 825
 Louis Dion, 2130
 Edgar Ireland, 482
 Raymond Womble, 1253

FINANCE AND BUDGET

Laverne Weber, Chr. 825
 William Carrick, 544
 Larry Roy, 2130

AUDITING

Carl Richardson, Chr. 616
 William Deegan, 941
 Roger Dillon, 97

GOLDEN EAGLE

Raymond Womble, Chr. 1253
 Leroy Churchill, 2191
 Leo Rought, 2269

JUDICIARY

Thomas Philpott, Chr. 2311
 Wayne Monroe, 941
 Leroy Miller, 1253

BANQUET

Arthur Gonyea, Chr. 2486
 Jack harter, 2299
 William Rae, 2311

STATE FUND RAISING

Kenneth Decker, Chr. 1253
 Kenneth Morrissey, 2486
 Gerald Gumaer, 2644

CIVIC AFFAIRS

Frank Crowley, Chr. 941
 Richard Milack, 3128
 Herbert Glen, 2644

STATE OF THE ORDER

Gazo Samok, Chr. 2692
 Thomas Philpott, 2311
 Edgar Ireland, 482

GRIEVANCE AND APPEALS

Gordon Brenenstul, Chr. 2467
 Robert Reinhardt, 3128
 James Updike, 2191

NEW AERIES

Laverne Weber, Chr. 825
 Larry Roy, Co-Chr. 2130
 Charles Straub, 2467

PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES

Theodore Hurwitz, Chr. 1260
 Jacques Samson, 3176
 George Hollister, 1253

BLOOD DONORS

Edgar Ireland, Chr. 482
 Rene Lessard, 2130
 George Blakeslee Jr. 1575

REPORT OF THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Read by Thomas Philpott, Chr. Maple Leaf Aerie No. 2311.

RULES OF THE CONVENTION:

Credentials for admission: Properly accredited delegates and Past Worthy Presidents along with Ten Year Secretaries shall obtain their credentials from the proper committee upon presentation of official receipts, showing that they are in good standing in their aerie.

No person shall be admitted to the main floor unless he is a delegate, Past Worthy President or Ten Year Secretary. He must display his credentials and deposit the daily attendance slip with the proper aerie officer. A visiting member in good standing, not a delegate, may attend the convention sessions, in a section set aside by the committee, as a spectator only.

A delegate desiring to be heard on any matter which is properly before the State Aerie, shall rise, give the salutation sign, address the President, state his name and number of his aerie. When recognized by the president he may proceed.

A question indefinitely postponed shall not again be considered, except by the action of two thirds of the delegates voting again to take up the matter.

Voting shall be by the voting sign of the Order, except upon roll call, then it shall be aye and nay vote. Any thirty persons may demand a roll call, on any question, but such demand shall be made before voting on the question.

Nominating speeches shall be limited to three minutes each and seconding speeches to two minutes each.

The election shall convene in the ante room adjoining the meeting hall on Saturday June 29th, 1974 from 9 A.M. to 11 A.M. Only official ballots to be received. The count shall begin promptly at the close of the polls and continue to the completion thereof.

Delegates must present their credentials and ballots, depositing the latter in the ballot box. First ascertaining the number of votes indicated on the credential is identical with that indicated on the ballot and that no erasures appear thereon.

Any part of issue not covered by the rules of the convention or the rules of order shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order Revised.

Respectfully submitted

Thomas Philpott, Chr. 2311
Wayne Monroe, 941
Leroy Miller, 1253

ORDER OF BUSINESS— THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 1974

1. OPENING EXERCISES OF THE CONVENTION.
2. ROLL CALL OF THE STATE OFFICERS.
3. ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS AND OATH OF ALLEGIANCE
4. STATE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.
5. REPORT OF THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.
6. APPROVAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE PREVIOUS CONVENTION.

8. FIRST REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE.
9. REPORT OF THE STATE PRESIDENT.
10. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
11. REPORT OF THE STATE SECRETARY.
12. FIRST REPORT OF THE BY-LAW COMMITTEE.
13. REPORT OF THE STATE TREASURER.
14. REPORT OF THE PUBLICITY COMMITTEE.
15. GOOD OF THE ORDER.
16. RECESS.

ORDER OF BUSINESS— FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 1974

1. OPENING EXERCISES.
2. REPORT OF THE G. A. HOSPITALITY ROOM COMMITTEE.
3. REPORT OF THE STATE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.
4. REPORT OF THE STATE LEGAL ADVISOR.
5. REPORT OF THE STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR.
6. FIRST REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE.
7. REPORT OF THE STATE BOWLING COMMITTEE.
8. REPORT OF THE R.E.A.C. COMMITTEE.
9. REPORT OF THE IN MEMORIAM COMMITTEE.
10. REPORT OF THE STATE ATHLETIC COMMITTEE.
11. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS.
12. SECOND REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE.
13. REPORT OF THE BOY SCOUT COMMITTEE.
14. REPORT OF THE NEW AERIE COMMITTEE.
15. REPORT OF THE CIVIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.
16. REPORT OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY COMMITTEE.
17. REPORT OF BLOOD DONOR COMMITTEE.
18. NOMINATION OF OFFICERS.
19. RECESS.

ORDER OF BUSINESS— SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 1974

1. OPENING EXERCISES.
2. REPORT OF THE YOUTH GUIDANCE COMMITTEE.
3. REPORT OF THE CANCER RESEARCH COMMITTEE.
4. FINAL REPORT OF THE BY-LAW COMMITTEE.
5. REPORT OF STATE FUND RAISING COMMITTEE.
6. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS.
7. REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.
8. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.
9. REPORT OF THE JIMMY DURANTE FUND COMMITTEE.
10. SECOND REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE.
11. REPORT OF THE STATE BANQUET COMMITTEE.
12. REPORT OF THE NET GAIN COMMITTEE.
13. REPORT OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE COMMITTEE.
14. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS.
15. REPORT OF PROGRAM ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE.
16. REPORT OF THE PAST STATE PRESIDENTS COMMITTEE.
17. FINAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE.
18. REPORT OF THE MAX BAER HEART FUND COMMITTEE.
19. REPORT OF THE STATE OF THE ORDER COMMITTEE.
20. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS.
21. REPORT OF SPEAKERS COMMITTEE.
22. REPORT OF THE ELECTION COMMITTEE.
23. REPORT OF THE GRIEVANCE AND APPEALS COMMITTEE.

- 24. REPORT OF THE RITUALISTIC COMMITTEE.
- 25. INSTALLATION OF STATE AERIE OFFICERS.
- 26. ADJOURNMENT.

A motion was made by Wayne Monroe, Elmira Aerie No. 941, that due to the fact the Order of Business had been distributed to all of the delegates, the reading of the same be dispensed with. This was seconded by Al Hubbard, Binghamton Aerie No. 2119 and carried.

It was moved by Charles Straub, Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467 and seconded by Kenneth Decker, Ithaca Aerie No. 1253, that the report be adopted as read. This was approved.

State Secretary Lane started to read the proceedings of the 1973 State Convention for approval by the delegates. A motion was made by Thomas Philpott, Toronto Aerie No. 2311 and seconded by Robert Woodruff, Rochester Aerie No. 52, that in view of the fact a printed copy had been forwarded to all aeries in the State Jurisdiction and one had been given to all delegates at the convention further reading be dispensed with and the proceedings be approved as written. A brief discussion was held with relation to this matter and after an explanation by State Secretary lane the motion was approved.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

State Secretary Lane presented the following communications for disposition by the delegates:

From Maurice Splain informing the State Aerie that the following brothers would represent the Grand Aerie at the State Convention: General Auditor, Michael T. Gaffney; Grand Trustee Anthony Angelo and Assistant to the Grand Worthy President M. Daniel Splain.

From Grand Worthy President James Bailey, Official Circular No. 94 which was in relation to Ritual Team Prizes at the Grand Aerie Convention and Official Circular No. 92 which also related to the same subject.

From the Golden Eagle Fund announcing that \$1,000 grants had been forwarded to the United Seniors of Oneida County, Utica, N.Y. and Family Services New Horizon House of Elmira, N.Y.

From the Jimmy Durante Fund announcing that grants of \$1,000 had been forwarded to Harold Lawson School and Residence for Mentally Retarded Children of Scarborough, Ont. Canada and Pinewood Center for Retarded Children of Rensselaer County, Troy, N.Y. \$500.00 grants were given to Saratoga County Chapter, N.Y. State Assn. for Retarded Children of Glens Falls, N.Y. and Warren-Washington County Chapter N.Y. State Assn. for Retarded Children Inc. Glens Falls, N.Y.

From the Grand Aerie Convention Committee, Communications along with a reference and reservation card for the Prayer Breakfast to be held on Friday August 2nd.

Greetings and best wishes for a successful convention were received from Paul E. Eichman, Grand Secretary, James J. Bailey, Grand Worthy President, Al T. Williams, Grand Treasurer, Maurice Splain, Membership Director of the F.O.E., Terrance J. Fitzpatrick, Financial Advisor and Arthur Ehrmann, Editor of Eagle Publications.

From Chautauqua Aerie, special monthly bulletin which included all of the local committee members names for the new year, along with a picture of the new Worthy President Richard L. Widlund. Brother Widlund was seated among the delegates and was asked to stand by Secretary Lane. He received a nice round of applause for the fine start he made in his home aerie.

John Bauman, Elmira Aerie No. 941 moved that all of the communications be placed on file. This was seconded by Carl Roehner, Depew-Lancaster Aerie No. 2692 and carried.

FIRST REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Read by Ronald Stickney, Chr. Lockport Aerie No. 825

Grand Aerie Representatives	1
State Officers	13
Past State Presidents	9
Delegates	79
Alternates	8
Past Worthy Presidents	71

Total number of credentials issued 113

A motion was made by Brother Stickney that this partial report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Robert Woodruff, Rochester Aerie No. 52 and approved.

At this time Past State President Laverne Weber, of Lockport Aerie No. 825 replaced Brother Lance as presiding officer and called for the report of the State President.

STATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Read by State President A. Raymond Lance, Glens Falls Aerie No. 2486

My Fellow Delegates and Brothers:

I am proud to stand before you today and report that the New York State and Eastern Canada jurisdiction is ringing down the curtain of one of our finest years of Eagle achievement in a generation. Most rewarding, in my estimation, is the fact that this was accomplished by a team effort.

Membership, this past year, was second only to our Diamond Jubilee Year. Hats off to Rochester Aerie No. 52 and their fabulous 822 new members. However, they had to have a lot of help in order for us to achieve a total of 3590 new members for the year. Seven other aeries in our jurisdiction exceeded the 100 mark, giving us a total of eight in this category.

At this time I would like to express my special thanks to the Membership Department, the Zone and District Directors, the local Aerie Membership Chairmen and especially to the membership as a whole, for a job well done.

To Brother Al Lane, I would like to express my thanks for his guidance and assistance. Without his aid, our year never could have gone so smoothly, and without fear of contradiction I truly believe he is God's special gift to State Presidents.

As usual, New York State proved, once more, that we are truly "People Helping People." All of our humanitarian funds had another outstanding year, as you will hear from the individual chairmen later in the session. During the past year we presented seven Jimmy Durante Fund grants in our jurisdiction, as well as two Golden Eagle grants. In addition, on my visit to Toronto last Fall, I had the honor and privilege of presenting a \$10,000.00 Eagle Cancer Fund grant to Princess Margaret Hospital.

To my State Officers, whose devotion to duty helped make this year so successful, my heartfelt thanks. The New York State Aerie will have

nothing to fear in future years with such loyal workers as you.

I would like, at this time, to express my special thanks to the brothers and sisters of Glens Falls Aerie and Auxiliary No. 2486 for their cooperation and assistance this past year, and in fact, for all the years I have been in State Office.

To my wife and chauffeur, Betty, thanks for your help and patience this past year, during the more than 25,000 miles we traveled together.

To my successor, I wish the best of luck in all your projects, and I offer wholeheartedly my assistance in anyway that I can be of help.

Finally, to you my brothers, I offer my thanks for the privilege you gave me to serve as your State President. It is a year that Betty and I will always cherish in our memories.

Respectfully submitted

A. Raymond Lance
State President

It was moved by Edward Kamas, Elmira Aerie No. 941, that the report be adopted as read and a standing ovation be given to State President Lance. This was seconded by Charles Straub, Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467 and approved.

State President Lance again took over as presiding officer and called for the report of the State Secretary.

STATE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Read by State Secretary Alfred W. Lane, Bronx Aerie No. 491

Brother Delegates:

It is with pleasure that I report we have just completed another outstanding year. One that has seen the aeries of the New York State jurisdiction compile a 3,500 new member total—3,590 to be exact; a record breaking year in the making with reference to the humanitarian fund contributions and an era that has been marked with great success in practically all of the undertakings of the past twelve months.

Following is a little thumbnail sketch of our achievements that will be elaborated on by the various committees as the convention unfolds.

A great deal of credit must go to the members of the State Membership family for what must be considered another fantastic accomplishment. Working as a well organized team they went over the 3,500 mark for the second consecutive year. Although New Aerie surveys were conducted in three locations, namely, Sidney Greenwich and Ticonderoga we just couldn't come through with a new Eagle "Baby". It is true that some of our local units are having problems, but we didn't lose any of our "children" during the 1973-1974 fiscal year, which still leaves us with a State total of fifty aeries.

The official figures received from the Grand Aerie, taken from the 1973 December reports, show the State with a total of 13,884 members on the roll. Our last year's official total was 14,321, which would indicate that we have a net loss of 437 members. In view of the fact that our new membership record for the past number of years has been outstanding, this type of report seems contradictory. This type of condition existed a few years back and caused quite a furor. In checking with the Grand Secretary's office, at that time, we were informed the official figures came from the reports received up to a certain date. If the reports were

not received the aerie total was not recorded. In compiling figures from the State records and estimating from past reports, the membership of the aeries who were late in filing, the totals were — December 1972 - 15,283. December 1973 - 16,990 for a net gain of 1,717. It appears that the principal reason the Grand Aerie and State Aerie totals don't coincide is delinquency on the part of the local aeries.

The year just passed was one of the most active with relation to State Aerie programs, special type of projects and the continuation of our enlarged New Membership Award Program. Despite all of this activity we closed our books on May 31st in a healthy financial condition with a balance of \$6,009.72. Again, I must repeat, this was made possible because of the volunteer service given by so many of our State leaders without any remuneration whatsoever. A complete financial report will be given by State Treasurer Ken Decker, later in the convention. The State Secretary's detailed financial report is on the Secretary's desk for inspection and will be included in the convention proceedings.

One of the largest delegations ever, from the Empire State, attended the 75th Grand Aerie Convention in Seattle, Washington, with a majority traveling to the giant conclave on the New York State chartered airliner. Many of the delegates took a personal part in the business sessions and all enjoyed the entertainment programs. Highlights included the appointments of Laverne "Shorty" Weber, of Lockport, N.Y. as Eastern Regional President, William Carrick, of Middletown, N.Y. as National Co-Chairman of the Max Baer Heart Fund and Charles "Chuck" Straub, of Hoosick Falls Aerie, as Eastern Regional New Aerie Director.

The State-wide Athletic Program of the past year consisted of a State Golf Tournament, a Mr. and Mrs. State Bowling Tournament and the Annual State Bowling Tournament. Although entries for the golf tournament in Rochester, N.Y. did not live up to expectations both the Mr. and Mrs. Tournament in Ithaca, N.Y. and the annual State Bowling Tournament in Schenectady, N.Y. were successful undertakings.

Both the Fall Conference in Tonawanda, N.Y. and the Spring Conference in Oneonta, N.Y. were business and social successes. Highlights included the selection of Rochester, N.Y. as the site for the 1975 State Convention, the continuation of the present State Membership Campaign and the selection of Elmira, N.Y. as the site for the State Fall Conference.

The honor of presenting 8 grants to deserving institutions from the Jimmy Durante Children's Fund was presented to the aeries and auxiliaries of the New York State jurisdiction during the past year. They are as follows: Special Children's Center in Ithaca, N.Y.—\$1,000; Retarded Children's School of the Holy Childhood, Rochester, N.Y.—\$1,000; Delaware County Association for Retarded Children, Sidney, N.Y.—\$1,000; Orange County Cerebral Palsy Children's Center, Goshen, N.Y.—\$1,000; Pinewood Center for Retarded Children, Rensselaer County—\$1,000; Saratoga County and Warren-Washington County Retarded Children's Associations each received a \$500.00 grant. Grants of \$1,000 each were presented to both the Family Service for the New Horizon House, in Elmira, N.Y. and the United Seniors of Oneida County in Utica, N.Y. by the Golden Eagle Fund. The Princess Margaret Hospital of Toronto, Canada, was the recipient of a \$10,000 grant from the Eagle Cancer Fund.

As I stated earlier in the report the aeries and auxiliaries of the New York State jurisdiction are on their way to a record breaking year with reference to supporting financially, the humanitarian programs of the Order. Throughout the year continuous campaigns have been conducted. Later in the convention each chairman will conduct a parade of checks.

It is true that much of the fanfare and publicity go to the State leaders

for the planning and untiring efforts they expend to turn those plans into realities, but you know and I do too, that those plans would all go for naught without the co-operation and support of the local aeries and the people that make them tick.

Once again I extend my sincere thanks to all for the assistance I received during the past twelve months. Special expressions of gratitude go to State President Ray Lance, my old sidekick Ken Decker, the State Officers, local aerie secretaries and all of the nice people who make it a real pleasure to be your State Secretary.

In reviewing our present position I have the strongest feeling that the year ahead is going to be a most progressive one with outstanding success rewarding all of our efforts. Repetition of the fine support we have received during the past years coupled with our ability to continue to work as a team will make that all possible.

In closing I wish to extend my best wishes for a pleasant and progressive convention and most of all a safe trip home.

Respectfully submitted

Alfred W. Lane
State Secretary

STATE SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL REPORT
MAY 31, 1973 to JUNE 1, 1974

RECEIPTS:	NOV.	MAY	Total
State Per Capita Tax from the aeries	\$3,885.64	\$3,895.50	\$7,781.14
State Membership Fund	3,567.00	3,484.00	7,060.00
State Convention Advance		800.00	
State Fund Raising	250.00	400.00	650.00
State Convention Credential Committee	1,260.00		1,260.00
State Auxiliary Ad in G.A. Journal		50.00	50.00
State Auxiliary Convention Expense (1973)	50.00		50.00
G.A. Hospitality Room	410.37	195.00	605.37
Canadian Credit		6.35	6.35
State Auxiliary Convention Expense (1974)		55.00	55.00
TOTALS	\$9,432.01	\$8,885.85	\$18,317.86
EXPENDITURES:			
State Secretary's Salary	\$ 470.74	470.74	\$ 941.48
State Treasurer's Allowance	50.00	50.00	100.00
State President's Visits (Ireland)	164.68		164.68
State President's Visits (Lance)	479.40	780.52	1,259.92
Various Assignments	583.24	599.73	1,182.97
State Postage	180.97	225.15	406.12
Mimeographing State Bulletin	107.76	188.46	296.22
State Printing and Mimeographing	343.90	40.76	384.66
Membership Meetings	671.36	992.96	1,664.32
State Telephone	358.36	421.86	780.22
Social Security Tax	60.06	58.50	118.56
Canadian Debit	4.92		4.92
State Officers Convention Assignments	2,072.44		2,072.44
State Convention Misc. Expenses (1973)	1,518.72		1,518.72
Delegate to Grand Aerie Convention	250.00		250.00
State Secretary's Office Supplies	34.52	34.72	69.24

State Officers Bond	26.25		26.25
Ad in Grand Aerie Journal	150.00		150.00
State Fall Conference (Tonawanda)	1,174.04		1,174.04
State Membership Awards	871.87	575.71	1,447.58
State Treasurer's Office Expense	36.72	29.00	65.72
State Legal Advisor's Expense	25.00		25.00
Printing 1973 Convention Proceedings		1,027.20	1,027.20
State Auxiliary Convention Advance		400.00	400.00
State Spring Conference (Oneonta)		1,136.20	1,136.20
Eastern Regional Conference (Rochester)		639.68	639.68
G.A. Hospitality Room (Seattle)	694.34		694.34
Membership Department Supplies	26.04		26.04
State Convention Misc. Expenses (1974)		101.25	101.25
	\$10,355.33	\$7,772.44	\$18,127.77

RECAPITULATION

Balance as of June 1, 1973	\$ 5,819.63
Total Receipts	18,317.86
	\$24,137.49
Total Expenditures	18,127.77
Balance as of June 1, 1974	\$ 6,009.72

Respectfully Submitted
Alfred W. Lane
State Secretary

A motion was made by Ralph Pauly, Olean Aerie No. 616 and seconded by John Cole, Empire Aerie No. 544 that the report be adopted as read. This was carried.

FIRST REPORT OF THE BY-LAW COMMITTEE

Given by Kenneth Decker, Chr. Ithaca Aerie No. 1253

Brother Decker announced that up until the present time no amendment to the State By-Laws had been received. He further stated that his committee would be meeting again tomorrow and will act on any by-law changes presented.

It was moved by Arthur Cichon, Depew-Lancaster Aerie No. 2692 that the partial report be approved as read. This was seconded by Arthur Gonyea, Glens Falls Aerie No. 2486 and carried.

STATE TREASURER'S REPORT

Read by State Treasurer Kenneth Decker, Ithaca Aerie No. 1253

Balance - June 1, 1973	\$ 5,819.63
Receipts	18,311.51
Canadian Credit	6.35
	\$24,137.49
Disbursements	\$18,122.85
Canadian Debit	4.92
	\$18,127.77
Receipts	\$24,137.49
Disbursements	18,127.77
Balance - June 1, 1974	\$ 6,009.72

Respectfully submitted

Kenneth Decker
State Treasurer

A motion was made by Arthur Cichon, Depew-Lancaster Aerie No. 2692 and seconded by Carl Roehner, Depew-Lancaster Aerie No. 2692 that the report be adopted as read. This was approved.

REPORT OF THE PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Read by Harry Kincaid, Chr. Olean Aerie No. 616

Grand Aerie Officers, State Officers and Delegates:

It is our pleasure to report we are receiving very good publicity from our local paper, The Buffalo Evening News, and also the local radio stations. To date we have had two thirty minute interviews at different times with the local aerie and auxiliary officers, the New York State President and the Madam State President, along with the Grand Madam Vice President taking part in the same. A press conference was held this morning with the local and out of town papers being represented. Additional coverage has been promised by all of the media for the State Banquet and Installation ceremonies.

Respectfully submitted

Harry Kincaid, Cr. 616
Harry Welsh, 1042
Warren Bean, 2191

A motion was made by Brother Kincaid and seconded by James Stewart, Tonawanda Aerie No. 1411 that the report be adopted as read. This was carried.

A number of announcements were made concerning committee meetings, banquets and hospitality rooms after which the convention was declared in recess at 4:25 P.M. to meet again on Friday morning at 10 O'Clock.

STATE OFFICERS BANQUET

The Annual State Officers Banquet was held in a private dining room of the Castle Restaurant on Thursday evening June 27th, 1974, starting at 6:30 P.M. All of the State Officers were in attendance. Also present were Past State Presidents Robert Schick, Gazo Samok, Louis Dion, Raymond Womble, Thomas Philpott, Theodore Hurwitz, Laverne Weber, Zone Directors, Roswald Viele, John Cole and State Legal Advisor Thomas Burns. A delicious meal was served after which a State Officers meeting was held.

SECOND SESSION

The second session of the 68th Annual Convention of the New York State Aerie was called to order at 10:20 A.M. by State President A. Raymond Lance on Friday June 28, 1974.

Past State President Kenneth Decker, Ithaca Aerie No. 1253 admitted the new members and all present were given the obligation.

REPORT OF THE GRAND AERIE HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Read by Owen McNally, Fort Hamilton Aerie No. 2621
Grand Aerie Officers, State Officers, Brother Delegates:

The following donations have been made to this committee. These include various aeries and individuals throughout the year:

Glens Falls No. 2486	\$ 95.00
Rochester No. 52	50.00
Ithaca No. 1253	50.00
Middletown No. 544	35.00
Elmont No. 3128	25.00
Fort Hamilton No. 2621	50.00
	\$305.00
Balance from 1973	247.03
Balance as of June 28, 1974	\$552.03

Respectfully submitted

William Carrick, Chr. 544
Owen McNally, 2621
Larry Roy, 2130

It was moved by Roger Dillon, Utica Aerie No. 97 and seconded by Al Hubbard, Binghamton Aerie No. 2119 that the report be adopted as read. On the question both State Secretary Lane and State Vice President Carrick spoke on the necessity of collecting more funds before the Grand Aerie Convention in August and asked both the aeries and auxiliaries to support this Committee. After the discussion the motion was approved.

REPORT OF THE STATE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Read by State Legal Advisor Thomas Burns, Rochester Aerie NO. 52
BROTHER DELEGATES:

The one piece of legislation that continues to be of paramount importance to the Fraternal Order of Eagles is the Internal Revenue Code and the amendments thereto embodied in the 1969 Tax Reform Act.

Fraternal beneficiary societies, including the Fraternal Order of Eagles, are exempt from (income) taxation, if they comply with certain requirements as to operations and benefits. In order to be exempt, a fraternal beneficiary society must: (1) operate under the lodge system or for the exclusive benefit of the members of a fraternity itself operating under the lodge system; and (2) actually provide for the payment of life, sick, accident or other benefits to the members or their dependents.

Each local Aerie is exempt from tax by reason of a group exemption issued September 19, 1940, to the Grand Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles indicating that it and each subordinate Aerie was exempt under Section 501 (c) (8) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The 1969 Tax Reform Act has placed additional burdens on each Aerie. Basically, an annual information return (Form 990) must be filed stating gross income, receipts, contributions, disbursements and the like, for each organization whose annual gross receipts exceed \$5,000.00. A penalty of \$10.00 per day is imposed on each exempt organization that fails to file an annual information return or files a late return without reasonable cause. An additional penalty of \$10.00 per day (maximum \$5,00.00) is imposed on any officer, trustee, employee, etc., who fails to file the return without reasonable cause after reasonable demand by the Internal Revenue Service.

Although, under Internal Revenue Code Section 501 (c) (8), local Aeries may have tax exempt status, they may become subject to an income tax on income from a business enterprise not related to their exempt purpose. All gross income derived from an unrelated trade or business, regularly carried on, to the extent it exceeds \$1,000.00, is subject to the tax and must be reported on Form 990T.

There are several additional exemptions in addition to the \$100.00, and any local Aerie which may have unrelated business income should consult with its attorney or accountant in order to obtain an opinion as to its specific situation.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT HALL, 97
WALTER GOLDBERG, 825
THOMAS R. BURNS, Chr. 52

It was moved by Roger Dillon, Utica Aerie No. 97 that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Al Hubbard, Binghamton Aerie No. 2119 and carried.

REPORT OF THE STATE LEGAL ADVISOR

Read by State Legal Advisor Thomas Burns, Rochester Aerie No. 52
BROTHER DELEGATES:

During my first tenure as State Legal Advisor, I was pleased to visit Tonawanda Aerie No. 1411 and Oneonta Aerie No. 1260 for the State Fall Conference and Spring Conference respectively. I extend my congratulations to both Aeries for their fine organizations.

during the course of the year the Convention Agreement between and among the New York State Aerie, New York State Ladies Auxiliary and Olean Aerie 616 was prepared and duly executed.

Local Aeries should be advised that it is in their best interests and the best interests of the members for the Aerie to incorporate or adopt some other form of protected status. In the case of Aeries who have not incorporated, or filed a Certificate of Election under the Benevolent Orders Law, its members run the risk of personal liability for indebtedness and

other acts. These Aeries are treated under the law as "unincorporated associations" whose members are liable for the actions of the Aerie.

New York law specifically provides for the filing of a Certificate of Election under Section 2 of the Benevolent Orders Law. Once this is done, the protections afforded under the corporate form of organization are made applicable and individual members are thereby relieved from personal liability. The New York State Department of State has also allowed Aeries to file a Certificate of Incorporation under the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law. While the subordinate Aeries of Fraternal Order of Eagles are specifically excluded from filing under the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law and are required to file under the Benevolent Orders Law, this apparently is being disregarded. I am advised by the Department of State that as recently as May 20, 1974, the Fort Hamilton Aerie 2621 was allowed to file under the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law.

Regardless of the form adopted, it is my recommendation that each local Aerie contact its Aerie attorney to further investigate this situation.

Pursuant to the Report of the Legislative Committee, local Aeries should also be advised that by discontinuing benefit memberships, they also run the risk of having their tax exempt status removed. Under Section 501 (c) (8) of the Internal Revenue Code, the Fraternal Order of Eagles' tax exemption is based upon the benefits it provides. In my opinion, once the benefits are removed, the basis for the tax exempt status is removed. Any local Aerie that has or is considering removing benefit members should further consider this move in light of the potential adverse tax consequences. I should also advise local Aeries that to my knowledge, the Internal Revenue has not audited an Aerie within the State of New York within the last two years.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas R. Burns
State Legal Advisor

A motion was made by Chester Halliday, Buffalo Aerie No. 46 that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Carl Roehner, Depew-Lancaster Aerie No. 2692 and carried.

REPORT OF THE STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR 1973-1974

Read by State Secretary Alfred Lane, Bronx Aerie No. 491
Brother Delegates:

A few years we would have given half the money in the State Treasury to reach what we called the Magic 3,000 New Member plateau. In 1972-1973 we not only reached it but went 718 members above it for a grand total of 3,718. In 1973-1974 the aeries came through with another fantastic 3,590 new brothers and quite a number of the brothers were a wee bit disappointed that we had not surpassed the previous year's total. This only goes to prove we are now in a new progressive era, filled with new ideas and new goals for the future that will carry us to much greater heights in the Eagle world.

The State-wide Membership Campaigns put into practice were similar to the plans used during the past few years with little frills added. Our Annual Early Bird Campaign held during the month of July brought in 181 new members. A fine total for a Summer membership drive. Rochester Aerie with an 8.8 percentage gain was the winner of the Early Bird Trophy. Our Kick-Off Campaign in September was a definite success with

365 new members initiated. The State President's classes during the month of November added another 366. Rochester Aerie, with 50 members reported was the winner of the State President's trophy. Batavia Aerie with a percentage gain of 12.3 captured the State Membership Department Award. Classes held for the local aerie secretaries during January added 322 more brothers to the roll. When Cortland Aerie came through with a percentage gain of 10%, Warren Bean, the local aerie secretary became the recipient of a \$25.00 Savings Bond. A Bailey-Dailey Membership Campaign was held during the month of March with a ratio of 4 to 1 being extended to the State Auxiliary. That was a mistake. Although the State aeries came through with 354 the auxiliaries reported 122 and even if the ratio was 3 to 1 we still would have had the short end of the stick. An appropriate plaque was presented to Madam State President Helen O'Donnell for leading her girls to victory. Once again, May was our most productive month membershipwise when the aeries came through with 568 to complete this most successful year with an overall total of 3,590.

Planning is one thing but the action of following through is where the results come from and the majority of our aeries certainly followed through. Out of 50 aeries in the State jurisdiction 35 made or bettered their quota, a number going over the quota many times. Heading the list again this year is Rochester with a quota of 24 reported 822. Following is a complete list of the Quota Aeries:

Rochester 52	Times	34	Elmont 3128	Times	2
Watertown 782	"	7	Olean 616	"	2
St. Jerome 3176	"	6	Binghamton 2119	"	2
Corning 2299	"	5	Ithaca 1253	"	2
Hornell 2640	"	5	Auburn 96	"	2
Batavia 2348	"	4	Johnstown 1575	Quota	
Cortland 2191	"	4	Elmira 941	"	
Granville 3504	"	4	Oneonta 1260	"	
Utica 97	"	3	Cobleskill 2695	"	
Jamestown 2145	"	3	Northport 1815	"	
Tonawanda 1411	"	3	Staten Island 543	"	
Endicott 2269	"	3	Fort Hamilton 2621	"	
Schenectady 514	"	2	Niagara Falls 88	"	
Hoosick Falls 2467	"	2	Dunkirk 2447	"	
Glens Falls 2486	"	2	Depew-Lancaster 2692	"	
Saratoga Springs 2586	"	2	Toronto 2311	"	
Montreal 2130	"	2	Johnson City 2644	"	
Middletown 544	"	2			

Our Annual New Membership Derby could truthfully be called a "runaway" as far as the winner was concerned. Rochester Aerie got out in front right at the start and set the pace all the way winning the State Championship with a total of 822. Hornell running hard all of the way finished second with 330. Montreal was third with 225, followed by Elmira, taking over fourth place with 201. St. Jerome's finished in the Big Five with 187. Small plaques were awarded to the aeries which led the monthly new membership campaigns. Rochester aerie was the winner of all twelve plaques. In fact Rochester has been the top aerie for 19 consecutive months.

This award plan followed the pattern of the past few years; A wallet was presented to the Membership Chairman of each aerie that made its quota. An Eagle Mug went to any Brother who secured five new members during any one month. We distributed 79 mugs during this year's cam-

paign. each member of the State Big Ten Association (ten new members during the fiscal year) received a traveling clock. 40 of these were distributed. Members of the Exclusive Twenty Five Club (Twenty Five new members during the year) received a \$25.00 Savings Bond. 7 members went over the 25 mark, namely John Fusilli, Rochester, Louis Dion, Montreal, Ken Morrisey, Glen Falls, Mason Brunskill, Hornell, Robert Woodruff, Rochester, Thomas Pearson, Rochester and Glen Harper of Hornell. Top producer for the year was Louis Dion, of Montreal with 72 new members reported. Mason Brunskill, of Hornell was runner up with a yearly total of 51. A complete report of all the leading producers for 1973-1974 which will include all members of the 25 club and the New York Big Ten Association will be included in the proceedings of the convention.

Our Zone and District Directors had a most successful year. Laverne "Shorty" Weber, was top man in the Zone Directors class with 1307 new members. Ted Hurwitz went over the 1,000 mark again getting 1,078 to finish in second place. Harold Fields was top District Director with 945, with Roswald Viele taking the runner-up spot with 683. Special recognition goes to Arthur Gonyea, whose aeries had double quotas or better. Carl Roehner and Ros Viele had all quota Districts too.

I want to say thank you to all whose efforts made possible another fine year. We certainly proved that 1972-1973 was not a fluke by coming right back with another outstanding performance. Everything looks favorable for another brilliant year ahead. Continued teamwork on the part of the leaders along with the co-operation and support of the local aeries will make it so.

Extending, once again my sincere thanks and best wishes for an enjoyable Summer for you and yours along with a safe trip home.

Respectfully submitted

Alfred W. Lane
State Membership Director.

**LEADING PRODUCERS 1973-1974
MEMBERS OF THE EXCLUSIVE 25 CLUB
AND THE NEW YORK BIG TEN ASSOCIATION**

NAME	AERIE	MEMBERS REPORTED
Louis Dion	Montreal 2130	72
Mason Brunskill	Hornell 2640	51
Kenneth Morrissey	Glens Falls 2486	38
Robert Woodruff	Rochester 52	37
John Fusilli	Rochester 52	31
Thomas Pearson	Rochester 52	30
Glenn Harper	Hornell 2640	26
Cecil Ransom	Rochester 52	23
George Taillefer	Montreal 2130	19
Warren Bean	Cortland 2191	19
Frank Hover	Schenectady 514	18
James Stewart	Tonawanda 1411	18
John Dickenson	Elmira 941	17
William Fox	Ithaca 1253	15
Harold Royer	Saratoga Springs 2586	15
Marcel Boileaj	Montreal 2130	15
Frank Koegel	Rochester 52	14
Edward Callery	Fort Johnson 1575	14
John Share	Corning 2299	14
Duane Dennison	Hornell 2640	14
Thomas Sandoli	Oneonta 1260	14
Charles Neff	Fort Hamilton 2621	14
Alan Barody	Glens Falls 2486	14
Ted Hasenjager	Auburn 96	13
Alfred Forkel	Rochester 52	13
Theodore Hurwitz	Oneonta 1260	13
Earle Thurston	Auburn 96	12
Laverne Brown Sr.	Hornell 2640	12
Michael Spiotto	Batavia 2348	12
Carl Roehner	Depew-Lancaster 2692	12
Harry Hitchcock	Oneonta 1260	12
Anthony LaVilla	Rochester 52	11
Daniel Jenkin Jr.	Elmira 941	11
Arthur Conyca	Glens Falls 2486	11
Frank Kaluza	Jamestown 2145	11
Jean Guy Fortier	St. Jerome 3176	10
Anthony Petrocelli	Staten Island 543	10
Roland Briere	Glens Falls 2486	10
Richard Widlund	Jamestown 2145	10

A motion was made by James Stewart, Tonawanda Aerie No. 1411 and seconded by Duane Dennison, Hornell Aerie No. 2640 that the report as read. Carried.

Following the adoption of the report Brother Lane presented a number of awards for membership achievement which included the State Membership Trophy which went to Rochester Aerie No. 52 for the second year in a row.

**FIRST REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION NO. 1**

Read by Roswald Viele, Chr. Elmira Aerie No. 941

The following resolution was received from Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467.

BE IT RESOLVED WHEREAS, the members of Hoosick Falls Aerie along with many other aeries in the New York State jurisdiction have members on volunteer fire companies, now under Memorial Foundation and members that are on volunteer emergency and rescue squads, which are not incorporated with police and fire companies now under the foundation.

BE IT RESOLVED, that members of the Fraternal Order of Eagles presently serving on emergency and rescue squads, which answer to the call of help, whenever and wherever needed, twenty four hours a day, be, in the event of death, while on emergency call, granted the privileges of the Memorial Foundation.

Charles Straub, Chr.
Gordon Brennstuhl
Harold Thomas

A motion was made by Brother Viele, and seconded by Edward Kamas, Elmira Aerie No. 941, that this resolution be adopted and forwarded to the Grand Aerie Convention in Milwaukee for consideration. This was approved by the delegates.

REPORT OF THE STATE BOWLING COMMITTEE

Read by William Joslyn, Chr. Elmira Aerie No. 941
Brother Delegates:

The 27th Annual Bowling Tournament of the New York State Aerie, held in Schenectady, N.Y. under the auspices of Schenectady Aerie No. 514, was, as always, a most successful one. The Bowling Committee and the members of Schenectady Aerie are to be commended on the promotion and the hospitality shown to all visitors.

The highlight of our Annual June Meeting was the approval of a motion to reprint the Constitution and By-Laws of the Bowling Association and have a copy of the same forwarded to each aerie in the State Jurisdiction.

Binghamton Aerie No. 2119 was awarded the 1975 Annual New York State Aerie Bowling Tournament.

Following is the financial report of the 1974 Tournament.

**FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE 1974 N.Y. STATE
BOWLING TOURNAMENT**

RECEIPTS:

Balance as of January 1, 1974	\$1,008.30
Total Receipts from Entry Fees	7,217.70
	\$8,226.00

EXPENDITURES:

Towne Bowling Lanes, 4592 games ar 50 cents per game	\$2,296.00
William Kane, Tour. Sec'y, 4626 Scheduled Games at 7 1/2 cents per game	346.95
Scoreleppers, 4592 games ar 10 cents per game	459.20
Total Prize Money	3,589.00

William Kane, Writing Prize Money Checks	15.00
Bowling Directors Meeting (Schenectady)	392.40
Clyde Ott, State Bowling Secretary's Salary	50.00
Bank Charge	7.23
Edward Pakkala, Special February Meeting in Schenectady	50.00
Advertiser's Press, State Bowling Printing	224.20
Clyde Ott, Association Postage and Supplies	14.48
Leroy Wellington, Auburn Aerie, Entry Overpayment	5.00
Prize Payments from Previous Tournament	44.00
Schenectady Aerie, Carbon Supplies	19.00
	\$7,512.46

RECAPITULATION

Balance as of January 1, 1974	\$1,008.30
Total Receipts	7,217.70
	\$8,226.00
Total Disbursements	7,512.46
Balance as of June 27, 1974	\$713.54

Respectfully submitted

William Joslyn, Chr. 941
Thomas Pearson, 52
Arthur Toporek, 2692

It was moved by Brother Joslyn and seconded by James Stewart, Tonawanda Aerie No. 1411 that the report be adopted as read. This was approved.

REPORT OF THE MEMORIAM COMMITTEE

Read by Vincent Scharf, Chr. Buffalo Aerie No. 46
Brother Delegates:

Now we come to that part of our conclave, which is both sad and joyful. Sad in the fact that our beloved dead are no longer with us-Jouful in the knowledge that they have gone to the Grand Aerie beyond, where the faults and frailties of this earthly life are forgotten.

We loved them as brothers. May they now realize the love of an infinit God, which passeth all understanding. We commit them to his loving care.

Time doesn't permit a lengthy intonement of individual names and aeries, so, upon the sound of the gavel, I ask the brothers assembled to rise and remain standing in silent meditation for one minute. Thank you.

Please be advised that there will be a joint aerie and Auxiliary Memorial Service at eight o'clock this evening in the aerie home.

Respectfully submitted

Vincent M. Scharf, Chr. 46
John W. Share, 2299
Harold Balles, 2119

A motion was made by brother Scharf, that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by D. James Shay, Elmira Aerie No. 941 and carried.

REPORT OF THE STATE ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

Read by Earl Willis, Maple Leaf Aerie No. 2311
Grand Aerie Officers, State Officers, Brother Delegates:

We had ourselves a fairly successful year, once again as far as our various sport projects went. We would like to express our most sincere thanks to all of the brothers who chaired the different committees for their efforts.

The Mixed Doubles Bowling was held in Ithaca, N.Y. Reports state that everybody had a good weekend. There was a real large turnout and the tournament was conducted in an excellent manor. The 1974 Tournament will be held in Endicott, N.Y. The exact dates to be selected in the near future.

The New York State Bowling Tournament held in Schenectady, N.Y. was another Eagle success. The Tournament for 1974 in Binghamton, N.Y. has all of the earmarks of being an outstanding event. Dates for the same will be forwarded shortly to all aeries.

Rochester Aerie hosted the New York State Golf Tournament last year and it was agreed that some pretty fair duffers showed up. The host for this year's tournament is Toronto Aerie with the date being Saturday August 31st. The course to be used is the Vaughan Valley Course which is located two and a half miles north of No. 7 Highway on Number 27 Highway. Toronto is hoping ot give all who attend a real good day for golfing plus dinner and entertainment in the evening. It is the hope of this committee that many of the aeries will support this athletic venture.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph Pauly, Chr. 616
Earle Willis, 2311
Ronald Elston, 1253

A motion was made by James Harris, Olean Aerie No. 616 and seconded by Francis Campagna, Tonawanda Aerie No. 1411, that the report be adopted as read. On the question a number of the delegates spoke on the procedure being used in conducting the State Golf tournament stating that enough detail had not been given to the local aeries and suggested that another letter be sent to all aeries with full particulars. Following the discussion the motion was approved.

Under a special order of business State President Lance introduced Grand Aerie General Auditor Michael T. Gaffney. Brother Gaffney spoke at length with relation to the progressive record made throughout the entire jurisdiction and congratulated New York State for playing an important part in the success by supporting wholeheartedly all of the programs of the F.O.E.

A request was made for the four chairmen of the State Humanitarian Funds, through Charles Straub, State Chairman of the Jimmy Durante Children's Fund, that permission be granted to take up a collection among the delegates. The total amount from the collection to be divided equally among the four funds, Permission was granted. Following the collection Brother Straub reported that the sum of \$154.55 was contributed.

SECOND REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Read by Ronald Stickney, Chr. Lockport Aerie No. 825

Grand Aerie Representatives 2

State Officers	13
Past State Presidents	10
Delegates	89
Alternates	9
Past Worthy Presidents	88

Total number of credentials issued 138

It was moved by Brother Stickney and seconded by James Stewart, Tonawanda Aerie No. 1411 that this partial report be accepted as read. This was approved.

REPORT OF THE NEW AERIE COMMITTEE

Read by Laverne Weber, Chr. Lockport Aerie No. 825
Brother Delegates:

Although no new Eagle units were established during this fraternal year, we may be disappointed but certainly we are not discouraged. Ted Hurwitz reports that his efforts in Sidney, N.Y. have not been in vain and promises a new member to our family in the near future, Charles Straub, organizer of our present baby Mettawee Aerie No. 3504, spent many hours in Ticonderoga but because of the energy crisis and the distance involved he was forced to temporarily drop his efforts there.

Several other locations are currently being considered. These are in Greenwich, Rome, Arcade and in the Province of Ontario. Our good brothers involved in these areas have promised results.

There is no question in our minds that new Eagle units are an absolute necessity. An increase in our numerical strength is vital to carry on and continue with our many great humanitarian projects.

Prospects for next year look bright. Let us set a goal of at least four new aeries during our 1974-1975 Fraternal Year. Most of all my Brothers, a newly instituted aerie must continue to receive the help and support of each and everyone of us both financially and morally or the chances are it will die.

There are many new communities in our great State waiting for an eagle unit. The locations are available and the manpower is there. It is up to us as Eagles to get the job done.

Respectfully submitted

Laverne Weber, Chr. 825
Charles Straub, 2467
Larry Roy, 2130

A motion was made by Chester Halliday, Buffalo Aerie No. 46, that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Carl Roehner, Depew-Lancaster Aerie No. 2692 and approved.

REPORT OF THE R.E.A.C COMMITTEE

Given by Raymond Womble, Chr. Ithaca Aerie No. 1253

Brother Womble spoke extemporaneously about the activities of the number of Retired Eagles Activity Clubs in the State jurisdiction and the wonderful help they have given the local aerie fraternal programs. He introduced Past State President Kenneth Decker, also of Ithaca Aerie No. 1253 who spoke briefly in connection with the R.E.A.C. program. Both elaborated on the activities in Ithaca concerning the meetings, socials, raising money, monthly parties and little trips plus invitations to visit

other aeries in the vicinity.

A motion was made by Brother Womble that the report be accepted as given. This was seconded by James Stewart Tonawanda Aerie No. 1411 and approved.

REPORT OF THE CIVIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Read by Francis Crowley, Chr. Elmira Aerie No. 941
State President, Grand Aerie Representatives
State Officers and Brothers:

We regret that the information received from the aeries concerning civil affairs is limited to one report and that coming from Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467 and is as follows: Relating to Civic Affairs, Hoosick Falls Aerie is the largest financial contributor to the community projects in the village. Our donations go from drinking fountains at the local swimming pool to small projects at the local cemetery. With a small membership compared to other fraternal clubs in the village the Eagles are tops in support of civic activities. There is a lesson to be learned here and it is this--No matter what the project, if the Eagles can take a part, do it. Since this policy was put into practice our membership has grown in quality as well as quantity. All three judges of the community and the Past Mayor are members of the aerie. Being involved is an asset, not just another committee.

Our State Committee thaks this aerie committee for its very fine program and this report.

We know from articles in local and Grand Aerie publications that many of our aeries have very fine civic programs but we regret that this very important part of the Eagle Activities is generally not publicized, except locally, and we hope in the future we will have reports from all aeries of the many fine things that you are doing such as youth programs, help to those in need and assistance in making your community a better place in which to live.

Respectfully submitted
Frank Crowley, Chr. 941
Richard Milack, 3128
Herbert Glen, 2644

It was moved by Brother Crowley that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Louis Dion, Montreal Aerie No. 2130 and carried.

REPORT OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY COMMITTEE

Read by Al Hubbard, Chr. Binghamton Aerie No. 2119
Grand Aerie Officers, State Officers, Brother Delegates:

This has been a red banner year for Social Security benefits when on November 15, 1973 Congress approved a two step 11 percent increase in Social Security benefits to 29 million retired or disabled workers, widows and dependent children.

The initial benefit increase was seven per cent added to the April checks and the remaining four per cent will be due in July. This was approved due to the high cost of living. The Senate Finance Committee is striving for another increases in 1975.

It is agreed there are loopholes in the Social Security Law that should be explored. This committee feels that the Fraternal Order of Eagles, co-sponsors of this bill in 1936 should press for better legislation which will protect the people who are now receiving social security benefits without depleting the pay checks of contributors.

We should also press for the lowering of the retirement age from the present 65 to 55 years of age. Some of the Nations big business concerns have done this in the past two years. Retiring employees with 30 years of service. This should help the economy and also lessen unemployment.

In early June a 5 part series was written by Warren Shore in a "Chicago Today" column about the Social Security Program. It was surprising to learn what could be done to improve the program for all recipients of the Fund.

This committee cannot stress enough that we need better legislation to close the loopholes in the program. We ask all of the brothers to write to their Congressman asking for better Social Security rules, equal for all regardless of status.

Respectfully submitted

Al Hubbard, Chr. 2119
John Weber, 782
Peter Watier, 825

A motion was made by Brother Hubbard that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by James Stewart, Tonawanda Aerie No. 1411 and carried.

REPORT OF THE BLOOD DONORS COMMITTEE

Read by Edgar Ireland, Chr. Gloversville Aerie No. 482

Brother Delegates:

The Blood Donor Program was started in 1965 by Past State President Robert Hood and continued to date. This committee believes that this is one of the most important projects on our agenda and it should be perpetuated.

Due to the increased demand for blood throughout the Country, we, as members of the Fraternal Order of Eagles should be more concerned that we are.

Whole blood is sorely needed by every hospital in the Country. This year alone New York State is far behind its quota needed to keep up with the demand put on them by new operating techniques. In the field of cancer, the most dreaded disease of our times, some operations take up to 40 or 50 pints of blood. The same applies to open heart surgery.

We, as a committee, would like to see some action taken by every aerie. All that is needed is to contact your local Red Cross Agency and explain that you would like to start a Blood Donor Program. They will be more than happy to help you. The Newspapers and Radio Stations are very receptive to a program like this, because you and I both know that the Red Cross is the leading Blood Donor Association throughout the Country.

However, the survival of our programs depends on getting first time donors. It is very important that everyone understands how safe and harmless it is to donate. It is painless and only takes a small amount of your time.

This committee wishes to thank Watertown Aerie for their wonderful efforts with relation to this program. When the Blood Mobile came to Watertown the Eagles donated 145 pints of blood. Keep up the good work.

Automobile travel has more than doubled in the last decade. This also increased the number of accidents and the need for whole blood. The National Safety Council reports there is a traffic death every five minutes in the United States. If whole blood was immediately available maybe some of these could have been prevented.

We are sure with a little effort on your part we can at least start some

form of program in all aeries. In this way we can show that we are truly helping other people and who knows you may be the one that needs blood someday.

Respectfully submitted

Edgar Ireland, Chr. 482
Rene Lessard, 2130
George Blakeslee Jr. 1575

It was moved by Brother Ireland, that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Carl Roehner, Depew-Lancaster Aerie No. 2692. Under the question period D. James Shay, Elmira Aerie No. 941 spoke at length on the feasibility of blood transfusions from deceased persons. He stated this was being performed in many European Countries. After the discussion the report was approved.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Read by Theodore Hurwitz, Chr. Oneonta Aerie No. 1260

Brother Delegates:

The Nominating Committee after much consideration and deliberation recommend the following slate of officers for 1974-1975:

State President,	William Carrick, Middletown Aerie No. 544
State Vice President	Larry Roy, Montreal Aerie No 2130
State Chaplain	Owen McNally, Fort Hamilton Aerie No. 2621
State Secretary	Alfred W. Lane, Bronx Aerie No. 491
State Treasurer	Kenneth Decker, Ithaca Aerie No. 1253
State Conductor	Donald Gregory, Utica Aerie No. 97
State Inside Guard	Arthur Cichon, Depew-Lancaster Aerie No. 2692
State Outside Guard	Ralph Pauly, Olean Aerie No. 616
State Trustee	Robert Woodruff, Rochester Aerie No. 52
State Trustee	Elvin Hubbard, Binghamton Aerie No. 2119
State Trustee	Charles Straub, Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467
State Trustee	Wayne Monroe, Elmira Aerie No. 941

Respectfully submitted

Theodore Hurwitz, Chr. 1260
Laverne Weber, 825
Louis Dion, 2130
Edgar Ireland, 482
Raymond Womble, 1253

A motion was made by John Dickinson, Elmira Aerie No. 914 and seconded by Roger Dillon, Utica Aerie No. 97 that the report be accepted as read. This was approved.

Following the acceptance of the report State President Lance called for further nominations from the floor. Only one more nomination was received and that was for the office of State Trustee. Duane Brunning, Lockport Aerie No. 825 nominated Laverne Grahm, Lockport Aerie No. 825. Brother Grahm declined the nomination with thanks. There were no further nominations and the nomination of officers was declared closed.

A motion was made by Al Hubbard, Binghamton Aerie No. 2119 and seconded by Roger Dillon, Utica Aerie No. 97 that in view of the fact there was no contest for State Office the Secretary cast one ballot and

State President Lance declared all of the nominated brothers elected to office.

A number of announcements were made with relation to ritualistic contests, committee meetings and the like after which the convention was recessed until 9:30 A.M. Saturday morning. This session was brought to a close at 12:30 P.M.

THIRD SESSION

Third session of the 68th Annual Convention of the New York State Aerie was called to order at 9:45 A.M. on Saturday June 29, 1974 by State President A. Raymond Lance.

The obligation and admittance of new members to the State Aerie was given by Past State President Kenneth Decker, Ithaca Aerie No. 1253.

REPORT OF THE BANQUET COMMITTEE

Read by Arthur Gonyea, Chr. Glens Falls Aerie No. 2486

State President, Grand Aerie Representatives
State Officers and Delegates:

The Banquet Committee wishes to report that final arrangements for the Convention Banquet, to be held at the Castle Inn, in the Great Hall have been completed. Brother Ralph Pauly and the State Auxiliary Committee should be thanked since most of the details have been taken care of. A top roast sirloin dinner will be served to the delegates and guests. We would like to ask that all delegates and guests be seated by 6:30 P.M. sharp.

Respectfully submitted

Arthur L. Gonyea, Chr. 2486
Jack Harter, 2299
William Rae, 2311

It was moved by Brother Gonyea and seconded by James Harris, Olean Aerie No. 616 that the report be adopted as read. This was approved.

REPORT OF THE BOY SCOUT COMMITTEE

Read by Donald Gregory, Chr. Utica Aerie No. 97

Brother Delegates:

Following are some of the reports received with relation to Boy Scout Activities: From Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467. For the past ten years we have sponsored a Girl Scout Troop. The girls have a very high rating in the local community. Hoosick Falls Aerie matches any funds that they raise for their project. It is the opinion of the Fraternal Order of Eagles that no aerie should be without a scouting program.

Oneonta Aerie No. 1260 reports it donated \$200 to the Boy Scouts Ass'n in 1973 - 1974 to aid the council in its camp management. A pledge of \$150 has been given for 1974 - 1975. The sum of \$100 was donated to the Girls Scouts.

East Rochester Aerie No. 3440 has a very active Sea Scout Explorer Unit.

Schenectady Aerie No. 514 has a Boy Scout Troop of 28 members.

Binghamton Aerie No. 2119 is in the process of forming a Scout Troop. At this convention we only received two written reports. We would like to encourage the aeries to submit written reports of their activities.

Respectfully submitted

Donald Gregory, Chr. 97
Donald Smith, 782
Harold Meyers, 2119

It was moved by Brother Gregory that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Al Hubbard, Binghamton Aerie No. 2119 and carried.

REPORT OF THE STATE FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

Read by Kenneth Decker, Chr. Ithaca Aerie No. 1253

Brother Delegates:

The following is a final report of our State Fund Raising efforts for the year 1973 - 1974:

Rochester 52	\$100.00
Utica 97	100.00
Middletown 544	100.00
Olean 616	100.00
Ithaca 1253	50.00
Oneonta 1260	25.00
Binghamton 2119	35.00
Montreal 2130	100.00
Hoosick Falls 2467	50.00
Glens Falls 2486	95.00
Fort Hamilton 2621	50.00
Depew-Lancaster 2692	25.00
St. Jerome 3176	100.00
	\$930.00

Our State Fund Raising was strictly—give if you want to program. No pressure or special effort was put forth.
May we at this time thank everyone for their healthy co-operation.

Respectfully submitted.

K.B. Decker, Chr. 1253
Kenneth Morrissey 2486
Gerald Gumaer 2644

A motion was made by D. James Shay, Elmira Aerie No. 941 and seconded by Charles Straub, Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467 that the report be adopted as read. This was carried.

FINAL REPORT OF THE BY-LAW COMMITTEE

Read by Kenneth Decker, Chr. Ithaca Aerie No. 1253

Brother Delegates:

Your By-Law Committee is happy to report that there has been no request for any By-Law change at this convention.

Respectfully submitted

K.B. Decker, Chr. 1253
Harry Woodruff, 52
Herman Cassidy, 941

A motion was made by Brother Decker that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Charles Straub, Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467 and approved.

REPORT OF THE YOUTH GUIDANCE COMMITTEE

Read by Robert Woodruff, Chr. Rochester Aerie No. 52

State President, State Officers
Brother Delegates:

With only the report of Hoosick Falls Aerie received, this committee can only report on the youth of today—the future leaders of tomorrow, as forwarded by this particular unit. They have undertaken a new youth guidance project for them—Little League Baseball. Their team is coached by a Past President, managed by a Trustee and financed by the aerie. One of the strict rules that every boy must play—no stars. This aerie also gives two annual awards to students going from Junior High to High School for good citizenship. One for the public schools and the other for Catholic schools. The teachers decide the recipients. Two \$25.00 Savings Bonds are the awards.

We are sure there are other aeries who do youth work, but never think of reporting their contributions to the Youth Guidance Committee. Being a People helping People Organization and knowing that many things are being done by other aeries in this vein, we, of the committee, can leave everyone at this convention with one thought and that is: Let's all go back to our aeries and get a Youth Guidance Project started, so that next year this committee can stand before the delegates and give a much better report.

Respectfully submitted

Robert Woodruff, Chr. 52
Duane Dennison, 2640
Walter Rouse, 2486

A motion was made by Brother Woodruff that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Harold Balles, Binghamton Aerie No. 2119 and carried.

Following the adoption of the report D. James Shay, Worthy President of Elmira Aerie No. 941 spoke briefly about Elmira's "Yankee Rebels" at Notre Dame.

REPORT OF THE CANCER RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Read by Robert Schick, Chr. Rochester Aerie No. 52

State President, Grand Aerie Representatives
State Officers, Brother Delegates:

Another year has passed since the last gathering of the greatest humanitarians in the world. The contributions made to our various funds have been more than generous.

The Cancer Fund has been a major endeavor over the years. Many thousands of dollars have been directed into the proper channels to continue the fight against the insidious killer—Cancer.

We, the aeries of New York and Eastern Canada can be proud of this maximum push to find a cure.

During this Fraternal Year donations made by the ladies of the auxiliaries and the brothers from the local aeries went over the \$6,000 mark and before we finish here this morning the total should be \$7,000 plus.

Following is a complete breakdown of donations received to date.

**NEW YORK STATE CONTRIBUTIONS
AUGUST 1, 1973 to JUNE 1, 1974**

NO.	CITY	AERIE AMT.	AUX. AMT.	JOINT
52	Rochester	\$ 350.00		\$ 585.80
88	Niagara Falls	10.00	\$ 100.00	
97	Utica	90.00		
482	Gloversville		5.00	
514	Schenectady		10.00	
543	Staten Island		35.00	
544	Middletown		187.00	
616	Olean		50.00	
782	Watertown			100.00
825	Lockport		150.00	
941	Elmira		100.00	
1042	Tarrytown		5.00	
1253	Ithaca	100.00	75.00	
1260	Oneonta	400.00	300.00	
1411	Tonawanda		10.00	
1545	Ossining		5.00	
1575	Johnstown	46.00		
2119	Binghamton		75.00	
2130	Montreal		100.00	
2145	Jamestown	50.00	50.00	
2191	Cortland		25.00	
2269	Endicott	200.00	33.40	
2299	Corning			150.00
2311	Toronto	140.00		
2447	Dunkirk		5.00	
2467	Hoosick Falls			
2486	Glens Falls			253.69
2586	Saratoga Springs	10.00		
2621	Fort Hamilton	25.00	25.00	
2640	Hornell	50.00	115.15	
2644	Johnson City		112.35	
2692	Depew	210.00	15.00	
3128	Elmont	175.00		
3155	Fort Erie		62.50	
	State Auxiliary		55.25	
		\$1956.00	\$1730.65	\$1089.49

Total Aerie and Auxiliary \$4776.14

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AT THE CONVENTION

Utica No. 97	\$ 100.00
Middletown 544	100.00
Olean 616	500.00
Lockport 825	200.00
Elmira 941	1,001.00
Oneonta 1260	100.00
Binghamton 2119	25.00
Endicott 2269	100.00
Toronto 2311	235.00
Fort Hamilton 2621	50.00
Granville 3504	25.00
Depew Hat Collection	20.00
Convention Delegates	39.00
	\$2,495.00

Contributions previously	\$4,776.14
State Convention donations	2,495.00
Overall Total	\$7,271.14

Respectfully submitted

Robert W. Schick, Chr. 52
Patrick lance, 2486
Eugene Bishop, 616

It was moved by Brother Schick that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Wayne Monroe, Elmira Aerie No. 941 and carried. Under a special order of business Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467 presented its Eagle of the Year Award to Past State President Kenneth Decker, of Ithaca Aerie No. 1253. The presentation was made by Past Worthy President of Hoosick Falls Aerie Charles Straub. The surprised Brother Decker made a brief acceptance speech and thanked the Hoosick Falls delegation for bestowing on him that honor.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

Read by Carl Richardson, Chr. Olean Aerie No. 616

audit of the New York State Aerie Books—Period of Audit June 1, 1973 to May 31, 1974. We, the undersigned members of the 1974 New York State Auditing Committee have audited the books of both the State Secretary and State Treasurer. We found the books of both the Secretary and the Treasurer properly maintained and in balance with the bank statement which was in evidence. Varified balance as of May 31, 1974—\$6,009.72. We commend Brother Lane and Brother Decker for the excellent manner in which they have executed the duties of their respective offices.

Respectfully submitted

Carl Richardson, Chr. 616
William Deegan, 941
Roger Dillon, 97

A motion was made by Brother Richardson and seconded by Gordon Brenenstuhl, that the report be adopted as read. This was approved.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

Read by Laverne Weber, Chr. Lockport Aerie No. 825

Brother Delegates:

In view of rising costs throughout the entire Country the financial officers of the New York State Aerie are to be again congratulated for the outstanding manner in which the financial matters of the State Aerie were conducted. After careful study the committee recommends the following budget for the fiscal year 1974-1975.

Balance as of June 1, 1974 \$6,009.72

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS:

State Per Capita Tax	\$7,300.00
State Membership Fund	6,000.00
State Convention Advance	800.00
State Fund Raising	500.00
State Convention Committee	1,300.00
Total Estimated Receipts	\$21,909.72

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:

State Secretary's Salary	\$1,000.00
State Treasurer's Allowance	100.00
State President's Visitation Allowance	1,500.00
Various Assignments	2,500.00
State Postage	500.00
State Printing and Mimeographing	800.00
Membership Meetings	2,000.00
State Telephone and Telegrams	800.00
Social Security Tax	125.00
State Officers Convention Assignments	2,200.00
State Convention Miscellaneous Expenses	1,600.00
Delegates to Grand Aerie Convention	400.00
State Secretary's Office Supplies	75.00
State Officers' Bond	30.00
Ads in State and G.A. Convention Journals	200.00
State Conference (Spring and Fall)	2,200.00
State Membership Activities	150.00
State Membership Awards	1,500.00
State Treasurer's Office Expense	100.00
Grand Aerie Supplies	50.00
State Legal Advisor's Expense	100.00
Printing of Convention Proceedings	1,100.00
State Auxiliary Convention Advance	400.00
Regional Conference Assignments	700.00
Contingency Fund	1,579.72
Total Estimated Expenditures	\$21,909.72

Respectfully submitted

Laverne Weber, Chr. 825
Larry Roy, 2130
William Carrick, 544

It was moved by Brother Weber that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by John Cole, Middletown Aerie No. 544 and approved.

REPORT OF THE JIMMY DURANTE FUND

Read by Charles Straub, Chr. Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467

Brother Delegates:

Art Ehrmann, Director of the Jimmy Durante Children's Fund, reported as of June 1, 1974 the aeries and auxiliaries of New York and Eastern Canada had reported as contributions the sum of \$6,438.43. Following is an itemized account of all monies received which includes contributions made at this convention:

NEW YORK CONTRIBUTIONS

AUGUST 1, 1973 to June 1, 1974

NO.	CITY	AERIE AMT.	AUX. AMT.	JOINT
52	Rochester	\$300.00		\$ 400.00
053	Syracuse		\$ 25.50	
88	Niagara Falls	10.00	100.00	
97	Utica	1172.41	26.00	
482	Gloversville	60.00	5.00	
514	Schenectady		25.00	
543	Staten Island		21.35	
544	Middletown		187.00	
616	Olean		38.16	
782	Watertown			100.00
825	Lockport		100.00	
941	Elmira	100.00	350.00	
1042	Tarrytown	15.00	5.00	
1253	Ithaca	100.00	50.00	
1260	Oneonta	200.00	367.12	
1411	Tonawanda		77.00	
1544	Rockaway		3.00	
1545	Ossining		5.00	
1575	Johnstown	100.00		
1815	Northport	50.00		
2145	Jamestown		50.00	
2191	Cortland		25.00	
2269	Endicott	100.00	55.00	
2299	Corning		50.00	
2311	Toronto		44.65	
2467	Hoosick Falls	210.00		
2486	Glens Falls			1111.74
2621	Fort Hamilton		25.00	
2640	Hornell		162.50	
2644	Johnson City		212.00	
2692	Depew	200.00	15.00	
3128	Elmont	175.00		
3176	St. Jerome		10.00	
		\$2792.41	\$2034.28	\$1611.74
Total Aerie and Auxiliary			\$6438.43	

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AT THE CONVENTION

Middletown No. 544	\$231.00
Olean 616	500.00
Lockport 825	200.00
Elmira 941	218.00
Oneonta 1260	100.00
Binghamton 2119	25.00
Endicott 2269	100.00
Toronto 2311	70.00
Hoosick Falls 2467	50.00
Fort Hamilton 2621	50.00
Granville 3504	25.00
Utica Collection	32.00
Depew Hat Collection	26.00
Convention Delegates	39.00
	\$1666.00

Contributions Previously Received	\$6438.43
State Convention Donations	1666.00
Overall Total	\$8104.43

Respectfully submitted

Charles Straub, Chr. 2467
James Stewart, Co-Chr. 1411
Harold Matteson, 97

It was moved by Brother Straub that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Harold Long, Olean Aerie No. 616 and approved.

FINAL REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Read by Roswald Viele, Chr. Elmira Aerie No. 941.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

WHEREAS: Our host Aerie Olean No. 616 has entertained our 68th Annual New York State Convention with great effort, hospitality and co-operation of the Convention Committee and the members of Olean Aerie to make this a successful convention.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the officers of the New York State Aerie and the delegates here assembled express their sincere appreciation and thanks to the Olean Aerie Committee and all who made this convention a wonderful success.

Respectfully submitted

Roswald Viele, Chr. 941
Chester Halliday, 46
Laverne Graham, 825
John Treadgill, 616
Donald Gregory, 97

A motion was made by Brother Viele, that the report be accepted as read. This was seconded by Roger Dillon, Utica Aerie No. 97 and carried.

REPORT OF THE NET GAIN COMMITTEE

Read by Arthur Cichon, Chr. Depew-Lancaster Aerie No. 2692
Brother Delegates:

A Net Gain Aerie achieves that honor by having a larger number of members on the roll at the close of the fiscal year than it did at the start of the same. It is the duty of the President of each aerie to pick a hard working membership chairman. His best course of action should be to work with the new members for there is where he will find the future of Eagledom. A seasoned man should be picked as Chairman of the Membership Security Committee to bring back the delinquent members. Let us never forget that you must have activities to keep your newest members and also your older members interested in securing new blood. Remember, new members will bring new ideas.

Last year we set a membership record--the best in 25 years and this year we just fell short of equaling that record again.

This committee wishes to congratulate the aeries of New York State and Eastern Canada who will be receiving Net Gain Aerie Banners in due course. Let's strive to add more aeries to the list in 1974-1975.

A tip of the hat to Rochester Aerie No. 52, which led the State and, as of the last report from the Grand Aerie, ranked sixth in the Nation. New York State has been in the top ten yearly quota leaders for the entire jurisdiction each month for the past fiscal year and we are all proud of the units that made this possible.

To our State President Raymond Lance, and our State membership Chairman, we say thank you for having done such a good job. To all Aerie Presidents and Membership Chairmen lets continue to increase our membership and have Net Gain banners flying in every aerie.

The following are the top three Net Gain Aeries:

- 1 - Rochester Aerie No. 52 with a net gain of 780
- 2 - Elmira Aerie No. 941 with a net gain of 76
- 3 - Glens Falls Aerie with a net gain of 61

Respectfully

Arthur J. Samson, 2486
Richard Wenzel, 52

A motion was made by Brother Cichon and seconded by Al Rae, Toronto Aerie No. 2311 that the report be adopted as read. This was approved.

Following the adoption of the report the Annual Net Gain Trophy was presented to Rochester Aerie by Brother Cichon. The trophy was accepted by Richard Wenzel, Worthy President of Rochester Aerie during 1973-1974. He expressed his thanks on accepting the same.

REPORT OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE COMMITTEE

Read by Raymond Womble, Ithaca Aerie No. 1253
Brother Delegates:

The request for contribution to the newest project of the Grand Aerie, The Golden Eagle Fund, established in Boston, Mass. a short time ago has been met with an overwhelming response, by the State of New York and Eastern Canada. As a matter of fact we are holding down third place in the entire Eagle jurisdiction. Our concern for the professionals of life, the Senior Citizen, has enabled our Fraternity to make possible \$1,000 grants to bonafide Senior Citizen Units so that they may change a most boring interlude in their lives to one of fun and enjoyment. In our estimation the

Senior Citizens of today do not want to be cared for, they just want to be cared about. They want us to make use of their potential and capabilities, which God knows, they still possess. Let's not cast them aside. Just remember that this great body of people, and there are millions of them, were the ones that helped make this a much better world to live in. They have now passed the ball to us to carry on. This, by no means is an indication that they have given up. No sir-- they still want to remain a member of a team that will carry America to even greater heights and glory. Let's not forget them.

Following is a complete financial record of the contributions received up until the present time.

NEW YORK CONTRIBUTIONS

AUGUST 1, 1973 to June 1, 1974

NO.	CITY	AERIE AMT.	AUX. AMT.	JOINT
52	Rochester	\$ 450.00	\$ 86.32	
88	Niagara Falls	10.00	52.00	
482	Gloversville		5.00	
514	Schenectady		10.00	
544	Middletown		25.00	
616	Olean		25.40	
782	Watertown			\$200.00
825	Lockport		25.00	
941	Elmira		100.00	
1042	Tarrytown		5.00	
1253	Ithaca	50.00	25.00	
1260	Oneonta	200.00	300.00	
1411	Tonawanda		50.00	
1545	Ossining		5.00	
1575	Johnstown	10.00		
2119	Binghamton	50.00		
2145	Jamestown		10.00	
2191	Cortland		15.00	
2269	Endicott		106.25	
2299	Corning		10.00	
2467	Hoosick Falls		50.00	
2486	Glens Falls			236.56
2640	Hornell		137.25	
2692	Depew	100.00	25.00	
3128	Elmont	175.00		
		\$1045.00	\$1067.22	\$436.56

Total Aerie and Auxiliary \$2548.78

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AT THE CONVENTION

Rochester No. 52	\$100.00
Utica 97	100.00
Middletown 544	200.00
Olean 616	100.00
Oneonta 1260	155.00
Endicott 2269	100.00
Fort Hamilton 2621	25.00
Granville 3504	25.00
Convention Delegates	39.00
	\$844.00
 Contributions previously received	 \$2548.78
Convention Donations received	844.00
Overall Total	\$3392.78

Respectfully Submitted

Raymond Womble, Chr. 1253
Leroy Churchill, 2191
Leo Rought, 2269

It was moved by Brother Womble and seconded by Harold Myers, Binghamton Aerie No. 2119 that the report be adopted as read. This was approved.

REPORT OF THE PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Read by Theodore Hurwitz, Chr. Oneonta Aerie No. 1260
Brother Delegates:

As Eagles, we should take pride in our accomplishments during the past year. An overwhelmingly successful one in all of our departments, due to the fact that all of the leaders in both our State and local aeries were able to impress upon the members of our individual units the need for an increase in membership, the need to be generous in support of our Grand Aerie Projects, and the need not only to enhance our programs and activities, but more important, support them.

In our estimation people can be divided into three groups: Those who make things happen, those who watch things happen and those who wondered what happened. Fortunately, we have been blessed with members who make things happen—By the way, have you held up a mirror to your aerie lately? We mean, how does your aerie appear in the judgment of the public? What image has your aerie created in the community? Do your program and public relations efforts reveal you to be a group of citizens who strive to uphold law and order, who believe in God, who are patriotic and who contribute to your community's betterment? The activities of your aerie should establish it to be a valuable asset to the community. You can earn such recognition by first maintaining a high quality of membership and by following a sound fiscal policy and by good businesslike management of the club. You must earn acclaim by meaningful contributions to the community. These contributions need to be more than donations to civic agencies and fund raising drives. They should embrace the active support, involvement, work, ideas and talents of your members as individuals and together as an aerie when appropriate, in important community projects.

There are a great many ways in which to receive good press recognition. The many awards that are made available by your Grand Aerie Program Department are yours for the asking. They cover all phases of every day life, civic family and enterprise. Select your recipients very carefully. Then by all means make a hurrah of the presentations. Do those things and make sure they are properly publicized. Then and only then will you have a good community image and in addition build pride in our organization. We should be proud and grateful for the opportunity given each one of us to serve our great Fraternity—the largest and finest in America. We must now prepare for the future and meet the challenges that lie ahead. As the new year 1974-1975 dawns, we are granted a fresh starting point and the opportunity to rededicate our lives to the principles of our great Order. Let us face it with new resolve, to reach higher than in the past, to set new sights, new goals and new ambitions. The unlimited horizon that lies before us gives us another opportunity to expand our programs and our activities, so that we may serve those who have accomplished, assist those in need and help the less fortunate. Finally, we must remain determined that Eagles serve America and Canada and help keep them free.

Respectfully submitted

Theodore Hurwitz, Chr. 1260
Jacques Samson, 3176
George Hollister, 1253

It was moved by Brother Hurwitz and seconded by Rene Lessard, Montreal Aerie No. 2130 that the report be adopted as read. This was approved.

FINAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Read by Charles Straub, Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467

Grand Aerie Representatives	2
State Officers	12
Past State Presidents	10
Delegates	95
Alternates	9
Past Worthy Presidents	95

Total number of credentials issued 146

Respectfully submitted

Ronald Stickney, Chr. 825
Calvin Morton, 2269
Charles Straub, 2467
Carl Richardson, 616
Raymond Haggerty, 1411

A motion was made by Brother Straub, that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Robert Schick, Rochester Aerie No. 52 and carried.

COMPLETE LIST OF REGISTERED DELEGATES

DELEGATE	AERIE	DELEGATE	AERIE
1 Calvin Morton	2269	53 Harold Long	616
2 Elvin Hubbard	2119	54 Richard L. Baire	616
3 Charles Straub	2467	55 Vincent M. Scharf	46
4 Carl Richardson	616	56 Ralph Pauly	616
5 Raymond Haggerty	1411	57 Laverne Graham	825
6 William Joslyn	941	58 Ronald A. Stickney	825
7 Alfred W. Lane	491	59 Frank W. Crowley	941
8 Owen McNally	2621	60 Donald Gregory	97
9 Robert Manry	2299	61 Thomas J. Lauterbach	97
10 Russell Catlin	1411	62 Louis Dion	2130
11 Walter Rouse	2486	63 James R. Harris	616
12 Charles Dufour	2486	64 Charles Gleichauf	52
13 Harold Myers	2119	65 Joseph Strassner	52
14 Edward Kamas	941	66 Richard Wenzel	52
15 John W. Share	2299	67 John Fleig	52
16 Stuart Gardner	1260	68 William Burger	52
17 Jack Harter	2299	69 Laverne Weber	825
18 Roswald Viele	941	70 Edgar Ireland	482
19 Henry Becker	3128	71 Harvey Glover	482
20 Robert Travers	053	72 Chester Halliday	46
21 George Dingman	514	73 Harold Fields	52
22 Ernest A. Davies	514	74 Robert W. Schick	52
23 Rene Lessard	2130	75 Duane Bruning	825
24 Guy Pelletire	3176	76 Raymond Childs	616
25 Roger Grandchamp	2130	77 Wayne Monroe	941
26 Romeo Beausoleil	2130	78 John Bauman	941
27 Andre Ducharme	2130	79 John R. Kenney	1411
28 Richard Milack Sr.	3128	80 D. James Shay	941
29 Robert W. Reinhardt	3128	81 Richard Widlund	2145
30 Anthony DiPio	941	82 William Deegan	941
31 Frank Pooley	941	83 Carl L. Roehner	2692
32 Robert Beale	3128	84 Edward Nelson	52
33 Charles McQueen	52	85 Glen A. Reitz	616
34 Herman Cassidy	941	86 Eugene Bishop	616
35 Marcel Brodeur	3176	87 Thomas Philpott	2311
36 Pierre Proteau	2130	88 Leo Beaudry	2130
37 Alfred Forkell	52	89 Roger Dillon	97
38 Cecil Moshier	88	90 Kenneth Morrissey	2486
39 Peter Watier	824	91 Alvie Coons Sr.	544
40 Walter J. Manry	2640	92 Allan Konert	616
41 Duane A. Dennison	2640	93 Wesley Barnes	616
42 John Dickerson	941	94 Walter S. Lull	46
43 William J. Stone Sr.	941	95 Thomas Pearson	52
44 Larry Roy	2130	96 L.N. Brown Sr.	2640
45 Charles Michaud	2130	97 Marcel Boileau	2130
46 Gordon Brenstuhl	2467	98 Francis Campagna	1411
47 John C. Cole	544	99 Robert W. Woodruff	52
48 William Carrick	544	100 Fred Tytler	52
49 Kenneth Decker	1253	101 W. Lyle Wightman	1043
50 Alonzo A. Lavalley	941	102 Harold Balles	2119
51 Harry Kincaid	616	103 Theodore Hurwitz	1260
52 A. Raymond Lance	2486	104 Arthur Gonyea	2486

DELEGATE	AERIE	DELEGATE	AERIE
105 Patrick Lance	2486	126 Purley Taylor	2119
106 Richard Sherry	2621	127 Arthur Toporek	2692
107 Thomas Connors	2621	128 Salvatore Ventura	2692
108 James Stewart	1411	129 Herbert Snow	1253
109 Arthur Cichon	2692	130 George Hollister	1253
110 Raymond Womble	1253	131 William Fox	1253
111 E. Leroy Miller	1253	132 Richard Henderson	1253
112 Wallace Peters	782	133 G. Earle Willis	2311
113 Robert Waite	941	134 Marvin Mironiuk	2692
114 Donald J. Smith	782	135 Felix Begier	2692
115 Jacques Samson	3176	136 Gazo Samok	2692
116 Ron Elston	1253	137 Leo Rought	2269
117 Donald Gee	1253	138 Thomas O'Brien	1545
118 Floyd Dennison	97	139 Gerald Gumaer	2644
119 William A. Rae	2311	140 Herbert Will	2644
120 Gordon Ireland	2311	141 Edgar O. Biscotti	1575
121 Harry Woodruff	52	142 George Blakeslee Sr.	1575
122 Michael Holochak	2269	143 Richard Dow	544
123 Robert Sharkey	52	144 Albert W. O'Brien Sr.	544
124 Robert Byron	2191	145 Paul Sampson	2486
125 James Updyke	2191	146 Marcel Guay	3176

REPORT OF THE PAST STATE PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE

Read by Louis Dion, Chr. Montreal Aerie No. 2130

Brother Delegates:

The Past State President's Club met in the Castle Motel Inn, in Olean, N.Y. for its luncheon and business meeting on Friday June 29th, 1974. Everyone present was glad and happy to have as our guest, Brother Michael T. Gaffney and his bosom pal Brother Harry Woodruff. We were sorry to learn that Brother Bob Watts could not be with us and also Brother Bob Hood. Word was received that both brothers are in the hospital but are well on their way to a full recovery. We conveyed our best wishes to those good members of our club. We heard the report of the Treasurer that our financial condition was on the good side, so everyone was happy. Our new President of the club will be our good brother Bob Schick from East Rochester, N.Y., who will guide our little ship. He will be succeeded by our new Vice President Brother Tex Womble, from Ithaca, N.Y. for the coming term. The Past State President's Club will combine their wholehearted efforts to help the State Administration for continued successes during the incoming term. We pledge our support to our beloved State and all its fraternal endeavors.

It would be ungrateful if we didn't extend our sincere appreciation to Olean Aerie for its wonderful hospitality and a job well done in all respects.

May this year be a most fruitful one. In closing we take this opportunity to wish all of the delegates and visitors a safe journey home.

Respectfully submitted

Louis Dion, Chr. 2130
William Alf, 46
Frank Lewis, 544

A motion was made by Brother Dion that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Owen McNally, Fort Hamilton Aerie No. 2621 and carried.

REPORT OF THE MAX BAER HEART FUND

Read by William Carrick, Chr. Middletown Aerie No. 544

Brother Delegates:

The Heart Fund Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for the wonderful contributions that you have made and for the hard work that went into it to make our job a lot easier. Through your generosity we believe this is the best year New York State has ever had.

Thank you my brothers, and may God bless each and everyone of you. Here is a complete list of contributions to date.

**NEW YORK CONTRIBUTIONS
AUGUST 1, 1973 TO JUNE 1, 1974**

NO.	CITY	AERIE AMT	AUX. AMT.	JOINT
52	Rochester	\$ 510.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 709.25
053	Syracuse		50.00	
88	Niagara Falls	10.00	100.00	
97	Utica		106.00	
514	Schenectady	30.00	52.00	
543	Staten Island		17.00	
544	Middletown		187.00	
782	Watertown			100.00
825	Lockport	50.00	133.19	
941	Elmira		100.00	
1042	Tarrytown	50.00	5.00	
1253	Ithaca	300.00	55.00	
1260	Oneonta	200.00	300.43	
1411	Tonawanda	57.00	100.00	
1545	Ossining		5.00	
1544	Rockaway		3.00	
1575	Johnstown	66.00		
1815	Northport	50.00	50.00	
2145	Jamestown		25.00	
2191	Cortland		168.00	
2269	Endicott	100.00	10.00	500.00
2299	Corning	15.00	5.00	
2447	Dunkirk		16.00	
2467	Hoosick Falls	100.00		1077.71
2486	Glens Falls			
2586	Saratoga Springs	10.00	25.00	
2621	Brooklyn (Ft. Hamilton)		108.00	
2640	Hornell		212.00	
2644	Johnson City		20.00	
2692	Depew-Lancaster	200.00		
2695	Cobleskill	25.00		
3128	Elmont, L.I.	200.00		
3155	Fort Erie		15.00	
3176	St. Jerome	25.00	25.00	
		\$1998.00	\$1997.62	\$2396.96

Total Aeries and Auxiliaries \$6392.58

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AT THE CONVENTION

Utica Aerie No. 97	\$ 100.00
Middletown Aerie No. 544	654.50
Olean Aerie No. 616	500.00
Lockport Aerie No. 825	200.00
Elmira Aerie No. 941	168.00
Oneonta Aerie No. 1260	100.00
Binghamton Aerie No. 2119	25.00
Endicott Aerie No. 2269	100.00
Endicott Aux. No. 2269	152.00
Toronto Aerie No. 2311	200.00
Fort Hamilton Aerie No. 2621	100.00
Granville Aerie No. 3504	25.00
Depew Hat Collection	16.00
Convention Delegates	39.00
	\$2379.50

Contributions Previously Received	\$6392.58
State Convention Donations	2379.50
Overall Total	\$8772.08

Respectfully submitted

William C. Carrick, Chr. 544
D. James Shay, 941
Harold Fields, 52

A motion was made by Brother Carrick and seconded by Arthur Cichon, Depew-Lancaster Aerie No. 2692, that the report be adopted as read. This was approved.

REPORT OF THE STATE OF THE ORDER COMMITTEE

Read by Edgar Ireland, Gloversville Aerie No. 482

Brother Delegates:

The highlights of the State of the Order is as follows: We exceeded 3500 new members for the past two years, the reports of all the State Officers and State Committees were outstanding, the Membership Committee with the help of all the local aerie leaders did an excellent job and last but not least, Rochester Aerie No. 52 was tremendous, securing 822 new members during the past year.

The incoming year should be better with Bill and Betty Carrick serving as New York's first husband and wife team to be elected State Presidents during the same fiscal year.

Our Humanitarian projects have been most successful. The presentation of various grants by the Eagle funds to deserving institutions throughout the State jurisdiction has brought favorable publicity to the local aeries. We are proud of the fact that New York finished as one of the top ten contributors in all of the Grand Aerie Humanitarian projects.

Although we did not have a new addition to the State family this year everything points towards a number of new aeries in 1974-1975. However, we can certainly be proud of the record made during 1973-1974. It certainly was a job well done. Our wish for the coming year is that all of our efforts will be more successful and perhaps we may break the 4,000 new member mark.

Respectfully submitted

Gazo Samok, Chr. 2692
Edgar Ireland, 482
Thomas Philpott, 2311

A motion was made by Brother Ireland that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Marvin Mironiuk, Depew-Lancaster Aerie No. 2692 and carried.

REPORT OF THE SPEAKERS COMMITTEE

Given by Alfred W. Lane, Chr. Bronx Aerie No. 491.

Brother Delegates:

As in the past we have been most fortunate in securing outstanding speakers for our annual convention. This year we had the pleasure of listening to William O. Smith, Mayor of Olean, and also police chief, Michael Luty. Both gave interesting talks about Olean and what they learned about the programs of the F.O.E. Daniel Splain, Ass't to the Grand Worthy President, gave an excellent address as the Keynote speaker at the opening of the convention. Our good friend and Grand Aerie Auditor Michael T. Gaffney has the reputation of being one of the most forceful speakers in our Order and he gave a beautiful rendition of that power at the Friday morning session. This evening the brother known as the Singing Mayor of Latrobe, Pennsylvania, Grand Aerie Trustee Anthony Angelo, will be the principal speaker at the State Convention Banquet. Once again the State Convention gave us an opportunity to listen to some of the interesting speakers who are part of the New York State Aerie.

In closing the committee wishes to extend its thanks to all who assisted in anyway in making our part of the program possible.

Respectfully submitted

Alfred W. Lane, Chr. 491
Frank Stokes, 2311
Robert Watts, 825

It was moved by Brother Lane and seconded by James Harris, Olean Aerie No. 616, that the report be adopted as read. This was approved.

Under a special order of business State President Lance vacated the chair as presiding officer. Past State President Kenneth Decker took over and called upon Past State President Edgar Ireland for a presentation. Brother Ireland reviewed for the delegates the accomplishments attained during the past year and the important part that State President Lance played in making possible another successful year for the New York State jurisdiction. He then presented State President Lance with his Past State President's Pin, His Past State Presidents Certificate and plaque plus a small cash purse for the efforts expended during his year as State President.

Brother Lance extended his sincere thanks. He spoke briefly with relation to his many visits and again expressed his appreciation for the manner in which he and his wife Betty were received at all times.

REPORT OF THE GRIEVANCE AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

Read by Charles Straub, Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467

Brother Delegates:

This committee is happy to report that no grievance or appeal has been filed or reported to the Chairman or any other members of this committee.

Respectfully submitted

Gordon Brenenstuhl, Chr. 2467
Robert Reinhardt, 3128
James Updike, 2191

It was moved by Brother Straub, that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Wayne Monroe, Elmira Aerie No. 941 and carried.

A number of announcements were made which included the Banquet at 6:30 P.M. and the Joint Installation of Officers at 1:30 P.M. Both to be held in the Castle Restaurant.

A motion was made by Earle Willis, Toronto Aerie No. 2311 and seconded by Kenneth Decker, Ithaca Aerie No. 1253 that a standing ovation be given to Virginia Brown, who served as Convention Secretary. This was approved and so given.

With all of the convention business completed up to this point State President Lance called a recess until the Joint Installation of Officers, to be held in the Castle Restaurant at 1:30 P.M. He further stated that the report of the State Ritualistic Committee would be given at the banquet. The State Aerie recessed at 11:40 A.M.

JOINT INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

In view of the fact that for the first time in the history of the New York State Aerie a husband and wife were to be installed as State Presidents during the same term, it was agreed that a Joint Installation of the Officers of the State Aerie and the State Auxiliary would be held. The Installation Ceremony was conducted in the Castle Restaurant and was called to order at 1:30 P.M. The Installing Officers were Michael T. Gaffney, Grand Worthy President; Grand Madam President, Imogene Zarecki; Laverne Weber, Grand Conductor; Mary Dunn, Grand Madam Conductor; Harry Woodruff, Grand Secretary; Yvonne Magnan, Grand Madam Secretary. The Co-Chairmen were Past State Inside Guard, Frank Crowley and Past Madam State President, Irene Perreault. The following Brothers and Sisters were installed into office:

STATE AERIE

STATE AUXILIARY

PAST PRESIDENT

A. Raymond Lance, Glens Falls 2486 Helen O'Donnell, Hornell, 2640

STATE PRESIDENT

William Carrick, Middletown 544 Betty Carrick, Middletown 544

STATE VICE PRESIDENT

Larry Roy, Montreal 2130 Eleanor Schick, Rochester 52

STATE CHAPLAIN

Owen McNally, Fort Hamilton 2621 Ethel Clark, Glens Falls 2486

STATE SECRETARY

Alfred W. Lane, Bronx 491 Alice Barkdoll, Ithaca 1253

STATE TREASURER

Kenneth Decker, Ithaca 1253 Lorraine Hufnagel, Lockport 825

STATE CONDUCTOR

Donald Gregory, Utica 97 Carmelita Pauly, Olean 616

STATE INSIDE GUARD

Arthur Cichon, Depew 2692 Sophie Hurwitz, Oneonta 1260

STATE OUTSIDE GUARD

Ralph Pauly, Olean 616 Camilla Comtois, Montreal 2130

TRUSTEES

A. Raymond Lance, Chr. Katherine Moshier,
Glens Falls 2486 Niagara Falls 88
Robert Woodruff, Rochester 52 Lottie Backhouse, Toronto 2311
Al Hubbard, Binghamton 2119 Grace M. Hawley, Auburn 96
Charles Straub, Hoosick Falls, 2467
Wayne Monroe, Elmira 941

Following the Installation Ceremony, there was a short speaking program at which time Past State President, Lance and Past Madam State President, O'Donnell thanked all those present for the support and co-operation that they received during their term of office. The newly installed State Presidents Bill and Betty Carrick expressed their appreciation for being selected to head the State Aerie and State Auxiliary and pledged their best efforts for a successful year ahead.

STATE CONVENTION BANQUET

The Annual State Convention Banquet was held on Saturday evening June 29, 1974. An overflow crowd of over 400 delegates and visitors filled the banquet hall of the Castle Restaurant to capacity. Following the serving of the dinner a speaking program was held. The same was conducted by Past State President Kenneth Decker, of Ithaca, N.Y., who again did an outstanding job. The invocation was delivered by Monsignor William J. Sutherland, Pastor of St. Mary's of the Angels Church. All of the officers of the State Aerie and State Auxiliary were present and introduced. Michael Luty, Olean Police Chief represented the City of Olean and spoke briefly. Speakers included Past State Presidents, A. Raymond Lance and Helen O'Donnell, State Presidents, Bill and Betty Carrick; Eastern Regional President, Lavern Weber; Grand Aerie General Auditor, Michael T. Gaffney and Grand madam Vice President, Imogene Zarecki. The principal address was delivered by Grand Trustee, Anthony Angelo.

REPORT OF THE STATE RITUALISTIC COMMITTEE

Read by Henry Becker, Chr. Nassau Aerie No. 3128

This report was given at the State Convention Banquet and is as follows:

Grand Aerie Representatives, State Officers, Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen:

The State Ritualistic Committee is proud to present the following report. Six Aeries competed this year. Following are the final results:

1 - Ithaca Aerie No. 1253	97.9%
2 - Glens Falls Aerie No. 2486	95.0%
3 - Olean Aerie No. 616 No. 1	91.6%
4 - Jamestown Aerie No. 2145	91.1%
5 - Elmira Aerie No. 941	85.9%
6 - Olean Aerie No. 616 No. 2	70.2%

Respectfully submitted

Henry Becker, Chr. 3128
John Kenney, 1411
Al Hubbard, 2119
Richard Sherry, 2621
George Dingman, 514
Fred Tytler, 52
Stuart Gardner, 1260

A motion was made by Brother Becker that the report be adopted as read. There being no objections it was ruled as such by State President William Carrick.

There being no further business, this brought to a close the 68th Annual Convention of the New York State Aerie.

Respectfully submitted

Alfred W. Lane
State Secretary

NEW YORK STATE AERIE CONVENTIONS

YEAR and CITY

1907 — Rochester (Institution)	1941 — Rochester
1908 — Saratoga Springs	1942 — New York City
1909 — Little Falls	1943 — Auburn
1910 — Rockaway Beach	1944 — Batavia
1911 — Rochester	1945 — Rochester
1912 — Cohoes	1946 — Middletown
1913 — Carthage	1947 — Utica
1914 — Olean	1948 — Saratoga Springs
1915 — Auburn	1949 — Saratoga Springs
1916 — Rochester	1950 — Rochester
1917 — Buffalo	1951 — Rochester
1918 — Geneva	1952 — Binghamton
1919 — Syracuse	1953 — Schenectady
1920 — Niagara Falls	1954 — Oneonta
1921 — Saratoga Springs	1955 — Elmira
1922 — Binghamton	1956 — Montreal
1923 — Mount Vernon	1957 — Saratoga Springs
1924 — Rockaway Beach	1958 — Buffalo
1925 — Niagara Falls	1959 — Elmira
1926 — Watertown	1960 — Rochester
1927 — Binghamton	1961 — Toronto
1928 — Syracuse	1962 — Utica
1929 — Schenectady	1963 — Oneonta
1930 — Elmira	1964 — Watertown
1931 — Oswego	1965 — Rochester
1932 — Rochester	1966 — Syracuse
1933 — Lockport	1967 — Glens Falls
1934 — Johnstown	1968 — Olean
1935 — Ithaca	1969 — Rochester
1936 — Olean	1970 — Montreal
1937 — Auburn	1971 — Oneonta
1938 — Watertown	1972 — Utica
1939 — Gloversville	1973 — Glens Falls
1940 — Lockport	1974 — Olean

LIST OF THE PAST STATE PRESIDENTS OF THE
NEW YORK STATE AERIE, F. O. E.

1 * JOHN J. HARRINGTON, Brooklyn 393	1907-08
2 * JOHN J. HARRINGTON, Brooklyn 393	1908-09
3 * FREDERICK HUGHES, Yonkers 473	1909-10
4 * FREDERICK HUGHES, Yonkers 473	1910-11
5 * JAMES CONLAN, Buffalo 46	1911-12
6 * JAMES CONLAN, Buffalo 46	1912-13
7 * GEORGE B. BEDFORD, Syracuse 53	1913-14
8 * GEORGE B. BEDFORD, Syracuse 53	1914-15
9 * JOHN F. MALONEY, Watertown 782	1916-16
10 * JOHN F. COLE, Binghamton 1118	1916-17
11 * GEORGE E. MORGAN, Buffalo, 46	1917-18
12 * WILLIAM KENEALY, Rochester 52	1918-19
13 * JOSEPH M. SCHERER, Long Island City 1509	1919-20
14 * THOMAS G. WELSH, Elmira 941	1920-21
15 * FRANK X BERNHARDT, Buffalo 46	1921-22
16 * THOMAS J. HICKEY, Syracuse 53	1922-23
17 * JOSEPH STREICHER, Buffalo 46	1923-24
18 * JOHN F. McGRATH, New York 40	1924-25
19 * MICHAEL H. SWEENEY, Binghamton 1118	1925-26
20 * WILLIAM B. HUTCHINSON, Buffalo 46	1926-27
21 * MICHAEL H. SWEENEY, Binghamton 1118	1927-28
22 * WILLIAM S. DODSON, Olean 616	1928-29
23 * WILLIAM MENTZINGER, Rockaway Beach 1544	1929-30
24 * CHARLES J. MENGLER, Elmira 941	1930-31
25 - WILLIAM ALF, Buffalo 46	1931-32
26 * WALTER E. McGRATH, New York 40	1932-33
27 * ALBERT LEONARD, Geneva 95	1933-34
28 * ERNEST J. MAHONEY, Rochester 52	1934-35
29 * JOHN P. SAXER, Buffalo 46	1935-36
30 * JOHN T. SHORTELL, Olean 616	1936-37
31 * CHARLES G. MARALDO, Staten Island 543	1937-38
32 * RAYMOND R. BARBER, Ithaca 1253	1938-39
33 * WILLIAM H. MOSTYN, Rochester 52	1939-40
34 * WILLIAM H. MOSTYN, Rochester 52	1940-41
35 - R. LESLIE McDERMOTT, Lockport 825	1941-42
36 * CHARLES J. DOLZEN, Schenectady 514	1942-43
37 - KENNETH DECKER, Ithaca 1253	1943-44
38 * HENRY KOHAUT, Yonkers 0473	1944-45
39 * JOHN R. TAGGERT, Buffalo 46	1945-46
40 - GEORGE GREEN, Gloversville 482	1946-47
41 * FRANCIS H. BRECHUE, Auburn 96	1947-48
42 - EDWARD M. KAMAS, Elmira 941	1948-49
43 - PAUL M. AYERS, Lockport 825	1949-50
44 - DONALD MANZER, Utica 97	1950-51
45 * CHARLES F. BOYLE, Buffalo 46	1951-52
46 * JOSEPH L. WURZER, Rochester 25	1952-53
47 * LOUIS ASIFAN, Watertown 782	1953-54
48 * HAROLD CRAWFORD, Fort Hamilton 2621	1954-55
49 - KEENE M. BROWN, Ithaca 1253	1955-56
50 - FRANK H. LEWIS, Empire 544	1956-57
51 * CHARLES P. EDWARDS, Schenectady 514	1957-58
52 * ROBERT MAGNAN, Montreal 2130	1958-59
53 - GEORGE SATTLER, Elmira 941	1959-60
54 - GAZO SAMOK, Depew-Lancaster 2692	1960-61
55 - THOMAS PHILPOTT, Maple Leaf 2311	1961-62
56 * ROBERT WATTS, Lockport 825	1962-63
57 - HERBERT OLD, Nassau 3128	1963-64
58 - THEODORE HURWITZ, Oneonta 1260	1964-65
59 - ROBERT HOOD, Elmira 941	1965-66
60 - LOUIS DION, Montreal 2130	1966-67
61 * FRED RICHIE, Fort Hamilton 2621	1967-68
62 - ROBERT SCHICK, Rochester 52	1968-69
63 - RAYMOND WOMBLE, Ithaca 1253	1969-70
64 - LAVERNE WEBER, Lockport 825	1970-71
65 - FRANK STOKES, Maple Leaf 2311	1971-72
66 - EDGAR IRELAND, Gloversville 482	1972-73
67 - A. RAYMOND LANCE, Glens Falls 2486	1973-74

*DECEASED