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STATE OFFICERS 1976 - 1977

Junior Past State President Larry Roy
Montreal 2130

State President Owen McNally
Fort Hamilton 2621

State Vice President Donald Gregory
Utica 97

State Chaplain Arthur Cichon
Depew-Lancaster 2692

State Secretary Alfred W. Lane
Tarrytown 1042

State Treasurer Kenneth Decker
Ithaca 1253

State Conductor Ralph Pauly
Olean 616

State Inside Guard Robert Woodruff
Rochester 52

State Outside Guard Wayne Monroe
Elmira 941

STATE TRUSTEES

Chr: Larry Roy Montreal 2130
Laverne Graham Lockport 825
Arthur Gonyea Glens Falls 2486
Jack Harter Corning 2299
Donald Rettinger Toronto 2311

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1976 STATE CONVENTION

A majority of the delegates and visitors arrived in Elmira, N.Y. early Wednesday June 23, 1976. A regular business meeting of Elmira Aerie was held at 8 P.M., at which a number of the State leaders and visiting delegates were in attendance. Following this session the Convention Get-Together Party was held also in the home of Elmira Aerie. Dancing and entertainment were enjoyed by all of the early arrivals.

All of the business sessions for the State Aerie's Seventieth Annual Convention were held in the home of Elmira Aerie. The meetings for the State Auxiliary's Twenty Eighth Annual Sessions were held in the Holiday Inn. Registration of delegates opened at 10 A.M. on Thursday June 24, 1976 on the first floor of the Elmira Club.

The State Convention Banquet was held on Saturday evening June 26, 1976 in the main dining room of the Elmira College Campus Center.

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE CONVENTION

The convention was opened at 2 P.M. on Thursday June 24, 1976, with State Trustee Wayne Monroe, of Elmira, N.Y. presiding. An overflow crowd of delegates and visitors from both the State Aerie and State Auxiliary filled the meeting hall to capacity. The ceremonies were opened with the presentation of the colors by the Elmira Cadettes. There was a salute to the colors of both the United States and Canada plus the singing of both national anthems. The invocation was given by Captain Fred Marshall, of the Salvation Army. The joint opening session was welcomed by State President Larry Roy and Madam State President Eleanor Schick, who expressed their appreciation for all of the assistance given throughout the year. Elmira President Anthony DiPio, and Madam President Marlene Dominikoski expressed the wish of the local aerie and auxiliary for a most successful convention. The City of Elmira was represented by Mayor John Kennedy, Police Chief Thomas Donnell and Fire Chief David Potter, who all spoke briefly welcoming the delegates and expressing their best wishes for a fruitful convention. Nearby Horseheads was represented by its Police Chief Jesse Schwakhammer, who also spoke. Stan Douglas, Chemung County Legislator, and local radio announcer, spoke on points of interest, as did Carl Draxler, Chemung County Sheriff. Past Grand Madam President Chloe Honeycutt, of Indianapolis, Indiana, welcomed everyone and brought greetings from the Grand Auxiliary. Grand Aerie Auditor Michael T. Gaffeny and Eastern Regional President Harry Woodruff, Grand Aerie representatives, spoke briefly extending their greetings and best wishes for a successful conclave. State President Larry Roy introduced Grand Treasurer Al T. Williams, as the Keynote speaker. Brother Williams gave an excellent address. He elaborated on dedication to ideals particularly those concerning the Fraternity and the understanding of all people. The joint session was brought to a close at 3 P.M. The Auxiliary delegates returned to the Holiday Inn for their first business session. The aerie delegates re-convened for their business session at 3:30 P.M.

FIRST SESSION

The first session was called to order at 3:35 P.M. by State President Larry Roy.

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

Following the opening ceremony the Roll of State Officers was called. All of the State Officers were in Attendance.

The following Committee appointments were announced by State President Roy:

STATE COMMITTEES

1975 - 1976

BY-LAW

Kenneth Decker, Chr. 1253
Louis Dion, 2130
William Deegan, 941

LEGISLATIVE

Thomas Burns, Chr. 52
Glenn Amesbury, 1042
Alan Barody, 2486

YOUTH GUIDANCE

Donald Gregory, Chr. 97
Rene Lessard, 2130
Walter Lull, 46

CANCER RESEARCH

Robert Schick, Chr. 52
John Fresina, 97
Harry Meyer, 544

MAX BAER HEART FUND

William Carrick, Chr. 544
Arthur Cichon, Co-Chr. 2692
Patrick Lance, 2486

SOCIAL SECURITY

Wayne Monroe, Chr. 941
Harry Kincaid, 616
Mason Brunskill, 2640

STATE ATHLETIC

Arthur Gonyea, Chr. 2486
William Diamond, 1253
Don Rettinger, 2311

STATE SPEAKERS

Alfred Lane, Chr. 1042
A. Raymond Lance, 2486
Robert Sharkey, 52

MEMBER SECURITY [NET GAIN]

Laverne Weber, Chr. 825
Thomas Lauterbach, 97
John Cole, 544

BOY SCOUTS

Harold Fields, Chr. 52
Douglas McDermott, 2299
Richard Lute, 616

JIMMY DURANTE FUND

Charles Straub, Chr. 2467
Paul Leckinger, 52
Sandor Nagy, 825

STATE BOWLING

Laverne Graham, Chr. 825
Anthony Di Pio, 941
Roderick Elston, 1253

HOME AND FAMILY

D. James Shay, Chr. 941
Harold Fields, 52
John Kenney, 1411

NO GOOSE EGG AERIES

Louis Dion, Chr. 2130
Peter Cangialosi, 52
Thomas Connors, 2621

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Frank Stokes, Chr. 2311
Raymond Lance, 2486
Laverne Weber, 825
Raymond Womble, 1253
William Carrick, 544

PAST STATE PRESIDENTS

Raymond Womble, Chr. 1253
Gazo Samok, 2692
Edward Kamas, 941

CREDENTIALS

Ronald Stickney, Chr. 825
Ray Haggerty, 1411
Jack Harter, 2299
Calvin Morton, 2269
William Diamond, 1253

PUBLICITY

Frank Crowley, Chr. 941
George Blakeslee Jr. 1575
Al Garren, 2119

RESOLUTIONS

Roswald Viele, Chr. 941
Leo Beaudry, 2130
Gordon Brenenstuhl, 2467
Joseph Cangialosi, 52
Harold Wooschlager, 2191

RITUALISTIC

Henry Becker, Chr. 3128
Roger Grandchamps, 2130
Robert Woodruff, 52
John Kenney, 1411
Harmon Sawyer, 96
Ernest Davies, 514
Al Hubbard, 2119

IN MEMORIAM

Vincent Scharf, Chr. 46
Raymond Correll, 2269
Raymond Roggenkamp, 2621

ELECTION

Carl Roehner, Chr. 2692
Martin Hoyt, 52
Herman Cassidy, 941

G.A. HOSPITALITY ROOM

Owen McNally, Chr. 2621
A. Raymond Lance, 2486
Arthur Cichon, 2692

R.E.A.C.

Raymond Womble, Chr. 1253
Grant Shellman, 2299
Thomas Philpott, 2311

BETTER HOME TOWNS

Frank Stokes, Chr.
Wilbur Button, 616
Delos Decker, 1260

FIRE FIGHTERS

D. James Shay, Chr. 941
Charles Straub, 2467
Walter Schreiber, 1042

FINANCE AND BUDGET

Laverne Weber, Chr. 825
Donald Gregory, 97
Arthur Cichon, 2692

AUDITING

Carl Richardson, Chr. 616
Mason Brunskill, 2640
John Fresina, 97

GOLDEN EAGLE FUND

Raymond Lance, Chr. 2486
Warner Prager, 544
Nino Ghezzi, 053

JUDICIARY

Louis Dion, Chr. 2130
Chester Halliday, 46
Robert Waite, 941

BANQUET

Richard Updike, Chr. 941
Rene Lessard, 2130
Arthur Gonyea, 2486

STATE FUND RAISING

Kenneth Decker, Chr. 1253
Gordon Grzyb, 2692
Joseph Panetta, 544

CIVIC AFFAIRS

Ralph Pauly, Chr. 616
Franz Peterson, 3128
Bernard Rathbun, 3504

STATE OF THE ORDER

William Carrick, Chr. 544
Roswald Viele, 941
Raymond Lance, 2486
Jacques Samson, 3176
Gordon Brennstuhl, 2467

GRIEVANCE AND APPEALS

Edwin Carpenter, Chr. 941
Nino Ghezzi, 053
William Mullare, 3128

NEW AERIES

Charles Straub, Chr. 2467
Roger Grandchamps, 2130
Samuel Barbato, 1575

PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES

Donald Gregory, Chr. 97
Cecil Moshier, 88
Walter Goldberg, 825

BLOOD DONORS

Laverne Graham, Chr. 825
Andre Ducharme, 2130
Frank Beatty, 52

UNDER 35 CLUB

Robert Woodruff, Chr. 52
Donald Stevens, 1253
Marshall Gustafson, 2145

HELP FREEDOM RING

William Carrick, Chr. 544
Glenn Amesbury, 1042
Robert Schick, 52

REPORT OF THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

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

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 subject, which is properly before the Aerie, shall rise, give the salutation sign, address the Worthy 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 26, 1976 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.

All resolutions must be reduced to writing, typewritten in triplicate if possible, and delivered to the State Secretary for distribution to the proper committees. The Committee on resolutions will, at the proper time, report all resolutions to the convention, with recommendations thereon.

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

FOLLOWING IS THE ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE CONVENTION

ORDER OF BUSINESS - THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 1976

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.
7. READING OF COMMUNICATIONS.
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 25, 1976

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 STATE BOWLING COMMITTEE.
8. REPORT OF THE UNDER 35 CLUB.
9. REPORT OF THE IN MEMORIAM COMMITTEE.
10. REPORT OF THE STATE ATHLETIC COMMITTEE.
11. REPORT OF FIRE FIGHTERS COMMITTEE.
12. SECOND REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE.
13. REPORT OF 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. HOME AND FAMILY COMMITTEE.
19. NOMINATION OF OFFICERS.
20. RECESS.

ORDER OF BUSINESS - SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 1976

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. REPORT OF THE R.E.A.C. COMMITTEE.
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 NO GOOSE EGGS COMMITTEE.
12. REPORT OF THE STATE BANQUET COMMITTEE.
13. REPORT OF THE NET GAIN COMMITTEE.
14. REPORT OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE COMMITTEE.
15. REPORT OF BETTER HOME TOWNS COMMITTEE.
16. REPORT OF HELP FREEDOM RING COMMITTEE.
17. REPORT OF PROGRAM ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE.
18. REPORT OF MAX BAER HEART FUND COMMITTEE.
19. FINAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE.
20. REPORT OF THE PAST STATE PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE.

21. REPORT OF THE STATE OF THE ORDER COMMITTEE.
22. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS.
23. REPORT OF SPEAKERS COMMITTEE.
24. REPORT OF THE ELECTION COMMITTEE.
25. REPORT OF THE GRIEVANCE AND APPEALS COMMITTEE.
26. REPORT OF THE RITUALISTIC COMMITTEE.
27. INSTALLATION OF STATE AERIE OFFICERS.
28. ADJOURNMENT.

Respectively submitted,

Louis Dion, Chr. 2130
 Chester Halliday, 46
 Robert Waite, 941

At the conclusion of the reading of the report Brother Dion explained that copies of the Order of Business had been distributed to all delegates making it unnecessary to read the same. He then moved that the report be adopted to read. This was seconded by Laverne Weber, Lockport Aerie No. 825 and carried.

The next order of business was the reading of the proceedings of the 1975 State Convention held in Rochester, N.Y. State Secretary Lane started to read the proceedings for the approval of the delegates. A motion was made by Chester Halliday, Buffalo Aerie No. 46, that in view of the fact a 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. This was seconded by William Rae, Maple Leaf Aerie No. 2311, and carried.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

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

From the Grand Worthy President, Official Circulars No. 103 and 104 pertaining to Ritualistic Awards and Grand Aerie Parade prizes. Filed.

From the Grand Secretary, blanks for entry in the Grand Aerie Ritualistic Contests, in Miami Beach, Fla. Filed.

From the Grand Aerie Convention Committee, thanking the State Aerie for taking a full page ad in the Convention Journal. Filed.

From the Art Ehrmann Cancer Fund, notifying the State Aerie that the Board of Grand Trustee had approved a grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the Roswell Park Memorial Institute, Buffalo, N.Y. Enclosed also was a check for the above amount. Brother Lane was instructed to make the necessary arrangements for the presentation which will take place at the State Convention banquet on Saturday evening.

From Lewis H. Reed, Administrator of the Grand Aerie Bond Fund, explaining the different types of coverage that can now be had through the Eagles Bond Fund. Filed.

From the office of the Grand Secretary, a notification that Bronx Aerie No. 491 has been consolidated with Tarrytown Aerie No. 1042, effective as of March 24, 1976. Filed.

From Maurice Splain Jr., advising that the following brothers would represent the Grand Aerie at the State Convention: Grand Aerie Auditor Michael T. Gaffney, Grand Treasurer Al T. Williams and Eastern Regional President Harry Woodruff. Filed.

Several communications in connection with the Grand Aerie Convention to be held in Miami Beach, Florida. Two in particular -- one in

relation to the State flag and the other with reference to the Prayer Breakfast. Filed.

From Bob Hansen, with relation to the Aerie Treasurer classes scheduled for the month of July. Filed.

From the Chapel of the Four Chaplains, notice that an effort is being made to construct a new chapel building and that it would be appreciated if the local aeries would help in this particular project. Filed.

From Past State President Lewis Reed, Grand Secretary Paul Eichmann, and Grand Aerie Membership Director Maurice Splain Jr., best wishes for a most successful convention and a banner year ahead. Filed.

From the Jimmy Durante Children's Fund, notification that the following New York institutions were presented with \$1,000 grants from the Jimmy Fund: Edward J. Keon Memorial School for Retarded Children, Montrose, New York. Emma Laing Hospital, Children's Physical Therapy, Granville, New York. Prospect School for Handicapped Children, Glens Falls, New York. Wyoming Conference Children's Home, Binghamton, New York. Filed.

From Rochester Aerie No. 52, asking that consideration be given to Past Worthy President Harold Fields, if there should be an appointment available in the Membership Department or on a State or National Committee. Filed for future reference.

Brother Lane stated that no further action was needed on any of the communications and if there was no objection all of the communications would be placed on file. There were no objections and State President Roy so ordered.

FIRST REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Read by Carl Richardson, Olean Aerie No. 616

Grand Aerie Representatives	2
State Officers	13
Past State Presidents	12
Delegates	85
Alternates	4
Past Worthy Presidents	<u>79</u>
Total Credentials Issued	123

It was moved by Brother Richardson that this partial report be accepted as read. This was seconded by Wayne Monroe, Elmira Aerie No. 941 and carried.

STATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Given by State President Larry Roy, Montreal Aerie No. 2130

Brother Roy gave an extemporaneous report during which he expressed his appreciation for being given the honor of serving as the New York State President which he described as the best experience of his life. He spoke of the many assignments and personal visits he had the pleasure of making during the past twelve months and the splendid welcome that he received on all occasions. He expressed his thanks for the many gifts that had come his way and went into detail about the hundreds of pictures that were taken and are at the present time in his personal scrap book. He spoke about his early years as a member of Montreal Aerie. He stated that he never dreamed of becoming State President, at that time, and it was only the help of all the good brothers that made it all possible. He told of his participation in the "People Helping People" programs for the past twenty years, not only as a member of the Eagles but also as a policeman in Montreal. He informed

all present that he has now retired from the police force and will now devote more time to the programs of the Fraternity. He related how proud he was of the record established by Montreal Aerie and also by the neighboring aerie in St. Jerome. He spoke about being raised in French Canada and he realized that it might have been a little difficult trying to understand his English and he appreciated the fact that everyone was so patient. He spoke at length about the wonderful co-operation he received from all the State leaders he worked with, calling them dedicated people. He elaborated on the assistance given him by State Secretary Lane and the work that he has done for the State throughout the years. He expressed the hope that he will remain as State Secretary for many years to come and will help Owen McNally in the same manner he did for him during the year just passed. In his closing remarks he stated, "as far as he was concerned Canada and the United States are one country." He thanked Elmira for the wonderful hospitality shown and extended his best wishes for a safe trip home to all of the delegates.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Roy
N.Y. State President

A motion was made by Kenneth Decker, Ithaca Aerie No. 1253 and seconded by Arthur Cichon, Depew-Lancaster Aerie No. 2692 that the report be adopted as given. This was approved. Following the adoption of the report Past State President Thomas Philpott, Maple Leaf Aerie No. 2311 complimented Brother Roy on the report and the progressive year he had as State President.

STATE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Read by State Secretary Alfred W. Lane, Tarrytown Aerie 1042.

Brother Delegates:

The fiscal year of 1975 - 1976 was marked with a few disappointments but a great many fine accomplishments that allows us to look back with a great deal of pleasure on the events of the past twelve months. For the first time in the past four years we failed to reach the 3,000 new member mark and also failed to add a new member to the New York State Eagle Family, however, in view of the conditions in various areas throughout the State jurisdiction we did initiate over 2700 new members, almost double the quota set by the Grand Aerie Membership Department and our efforts to date in connection with the Grand Aerie Humanitarian programs equal and in most cases exceed the results of years gone by. The great majority of the programs sponsored by the State Aerie met with great success. All in all the past year will go down in our history books as a progressive era, one that we all can be proud of.

As in the past your State Secretary's Report is an overall review of what has been accomplished during the past twelve months and which will be elaborated on in the reports of the various committee chairmen as the convention progresses.

The State Membership report will show that a great majority of the local aeries made and bettered their quota for the year making possible the overall total of 2705. A fine effort, in view of conditions. Bronx Aerie No. 491 consolidated with Tarrytown Aerie No. 1042 this past winter leaving us with a total of 48 local aeries in the State jurisdiction.

Official per capita tax figures received from the Grand Aerie, as of December 1975, is 16,306. The official figure of the previous year was 14,671, which would indicate that we had a net gain of 1,635 for that period.

Our financial status at the close of the fiscal year came as a pleasant surprise. Despite a few reverses at the very start of the year, the charter plane trip to Dallas being the major set back, we closed out on May 31st with a balance of \$6810.54. The State Secretary's detailed financial report is on the Secretary's desk for inspection, and will be included in the convention proceedings. It is a pleasure, once again, to report that no services had to be curtailed. The same wonderful spirit of co-operation was very much in evidence throughout the entire year and our heartfelt thanks should go to the dedicated State leaders whose presence and support added to so many of our programs and campaigns, and in the majority of cases without any remuneration whatsoever.

Approximately 150 brothers and sisters from the New York jurisdiction traveled to the 77th Annual Grand Aerie Convention, held in Dallas, Texas; 111 flew down in the N.Y. State Charter Plan. Like Texas, the convention was big in every way. Many of the local delegates took a personal part in conducting the business sessions of the convention. Past Worthy President and veteran member of Rochester Aerie, Harry Woodruff, was appointed Eastern Regional President for 1975 - 1976. New York had a large delegation in the Grand Aerie Convention parade on Saturday, many marching in the costumes of "Old New York" with banners flags and pennants. The New York Hospitality room was not only a meeting place for the New Yorkers but also for many of our brothers and sisters throughout the Country. We can all be proud of the part that we played in what is known as the Eagle Main Event of the Year.

Our State Fall Conference was held in the beautiful Canadian North Country with St. Jerome Aerie acting as host. Tarrytown, N.Y. was selected as the site for the Spring Conference. Both events were social and business successes. Highlights included awarding the 1977 State Convention to St. Jerome. Selecting Ithaca Aerie as the host for the 1976 Mr. and Mrs. Bowling Tournament and the continuation of the present State Membership Organization with State Secretary Lane as State Director. Lockport, N.Y. was selected as the site of the 1976 State Fall Conference.

As for the Sports Picture during the past year, although we have hundreds of golfers within our midst there was no State Golf Tournament scheduled because of lack of interest. However we did have a Mr. and Mrs. Bowling Tournament that was both an athletic and social success. This was hosted by Maple Leaf Aerie of Toronto, Canada whose hospitality made all that possible. Lockport Aerie conducted the 1976 New York State Bowling Tournament, which was one of the better, if not the best, ever held in the history of the New York State Aerie.

At the present moment the chairmen of our State Humanitarian Committees are busy compiling the donations which will equal and show every indication of surpassing all previous efforts realized in years gone by in our never ending battle against cancer, heart disease, children's afflictions and the problems of old age. Incidentally, all of the humanitarian committees will be holding a parade of checks later in the convention schedule. During the past year local aeries and auxiliaries from the New York State Jurisdiction were given the honor and pleasure of presenting the following grants: \$5,000 from the Eagles Art Ehrmann Cancer Fund, to Roswell Park Memorial Institute, Buffalo, N.Y. This grant will be presented Saturday evening at the State Convention Banquet. \$1,000 grants from the Jimmy Durante Children's Fund were presented to the following institutions: St. Justine's Children's Hospital, Montreal. Special Children's Ward, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Toronto, Canada. Special Children's Center, Tompkins County, Ithaca, N.Y. Association for Retarded Children, Al Sigl Center, Rochester, N.Y. Edward J. Keon Memorial School for Retarded Children, Montrose, N.Y. Emma Laing Hospital, Children's Physical

Therapy, Granville, N.Y. Prospect School for Handicapped Children, Glens Falls, N.Y. Wyoming Conference Children's Home, Binghamton, N.Y.

This is what you would call a fast look as to what has been happening to our State Eagle Family during the past twelve months. They were good months because we have learned to work together. A florist would get rich if we were to pass out bouquets to all who made this record possible. Special thanks go to State President Larry Roy, my buddy of many years standing Ken Decker, our State leaders, boys from the membership family and all who played a part in making my job as your State Secretary an enjoyable one.

Already we have great plans for the year ahead. All we ask is that you continue to support our programs and campaigns as you have in the past and if you do 1976 - 1977 will be another outstanding one for the New York State jurisdiction.

As always, I hope that this convention will be a happy and progressive one for all. Be careful, have a safe trip home, we want you back again next year.

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred W. Lane
State Secretary

STATE SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL REPORT
MAY 31, 1975 to JUNE 1, 1976

RECEIPTS:	NOV.	MAY	TOTAL
State Per Capita Tax from the Aeries	\$ 4,397.55	\$ 4,001.25	\$ 8,398.80
State Membership Fund	3,619.00	5,316.00	8,935.00
State Convention Advance		800.00	800.00
State Fund Raising	505.00	450.00	955.00
State Convention Credential Committee	1,470.00		1,470.00
State Auxiliary Ad in G.A. Journal		55.00	55.00
G.A. Hospitality Room	462.50	140.00	602.50
State Auxiliary Award Donation	45.00		45.00
Cancelled Check No. 2250	58.00		58.00
Charter Plane Receipts	1,670.03		1,670.03
TOTALS	\$12,227.08	\$10,762.25	\$22,989.33
EXPENDITURES:			
State Secretary's Salary	\$ 470.74	\$ 470.75	\$ 941.49
State Treasurer's Allowance	50.00	50.00	100.00
State President's Visits (Carrick)	135.00		135.00
State President's Visits (Roy)	578.00	656.00	1,234.00
Various Assignments	442.60	951.20	1,393.80
State Postage	162.60	257.60	420.20
Mimeographing State Bulletin	135.64	218.46	354.10
State Printing and Mimeographing	314.80	94.50	409.30
Membership Meetings	377.86	706.44	1,084.30
State Telephone	373.49	344.00	717.49
Social Security Tax	58.59	58.50	117.00
State Officers Conventions Assignments	1,925.13		1,925.13
State Convention Misc. Expenses	1,852.84		1,852.84
Delegate to the Grand Aerie Convention	250.00		250.00

Secretary's Office Supplies	44.77	23.15	67.92
State Officers Bond	26.25		26.25
Ad in G.A. Convention Journal	160.00		160.00
State Fall Conference (St. Jerome)	1,698.61		1,698.61
State Membership Awards	708.04	276.70	984.74
State Treasurer's Office Expense	46.02	33.90	79.92
State Legal Advisors Expense	30.00		30.00
G.A. Hospitality Room (Dallas)	488.30		488.30
Canadian Debit	20.87	10.12	30.99
Floral Sprays	60.45		60.45
Printing 1975 State Convention Proceedings		1,036.80	1,036.80
State Auxiliary Convention Advance		400.00	400.00
State Spring Conference (Tarrytown)		1,220.32	1,220.32
Eastern Regional Conference (Allentown)	588.72		588.72
Advance for Charter Plane	2,439.46		2,439.46
State Membership Miscellaneous Expenses	44.35	18.15	62.50
Replaced Cancelled Check	58.00		58.00
State Award Plaque	61.85		61.85
Stop Payment Membership Check		870.00	870.00
TOTALS	\$13,602.89	\$ 7,696.59	\$21,299.48

RECAPITULATION

Balance as of June, 1975	\$ 5,120.69
Total Receipts	22,969.33
	<u>\$28,110.02</u>
Total Expenditures	21,299.48
Balance as of June 1, 1976	\$ 6,810.54

Motion made by Louis Dion, Montreal Aerie No. 2130 that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Charles Straub Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467 and carried.

THE FIRST REPORT OF THE BY-LAW COMMITTEE

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

Brother Delegates:

Up until the present time no amendments to the State By-Laws have been received. The committee will be meeting again on Friday and Saturday morning. It will act on any by-law changes that may be received and make a final report at the Saturday session.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Decker, Chr.

A motion was made by Brother Decker, that this partial report be accepted as read. This was seconded by Rene Lessard, Montreal Aerie No. 2130 and carried.

STATE TREASURER'S REPORT

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

To the officers and members of the New York State Aerie and delegates assembled at our seventieth Annual State Convention in Elmira, N.Y. I submit the following financial statement as to the true

balance of the New York State Aerie account as of June 1, 1976:

Balance June 1, 1975	\$ 5,120.69
Receipts	<u>\$22,119.33</u>
	\$27,240.02
Disbursements	
Checks #2265 thru #2476	\$20,424.83
Canadian Debit	<u>4.65</u>
	\$20,429.48
Receipts	\$27,240.02
Disbursements	<u>20,429.48</u>
	\$ 6,810.54
Balance - June 1, 1976	\$ 6,810.54

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Decker
State Treasurer

It was moved by Thomas Philpott, Maple Leaf Aerie No. 2311 and seconded by Patrick Lance, Glens Falls, Aerie No. 2486 that the report be adopted as read. This was approved.

REPORT OF THE PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Read by Al Garren, Binghamton Aerie No. 2119

Brother Delegates:

It is a pleasure to report that we received splendid co-operation from the local media. To date a number of interesting articles have appeared in the local papers, along with some fine radio coverage. A special edition of the local newspaper is being printed which will elaborate on the convention proper and the many fine programs sponsored by the Fraternity as a whole. The local television station has been approached and it has agreed to televise some of the convention personalities. Plans are also in operation to have certain parts of the Convention Banquet on camera also.

At this time the committee would like to thank all those whose efforts made possible the wonderful publicity received to date.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Crowley, Chr. 941
George Blakeslee Jr. 1575
Al Garren, 2219

It was moved by Owen McNally, Fort Hamilton Aerie No. 2621, that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by William Rae, Maple Leaf Aerie No. 2311 and carried.

A number of announcements were made with reference to committee meetings, banquets and hospitality rooms. A recess was then called at 4:30 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

in the Sirloin Room Restaurant on Thursday June 24, 1976, starting at 6:30 P.M. All of the State Officers were in attendance along with Past State Presidents Womble, Dion, Weber, Stokes, Lance, Schick and Philpott. Also present were Zone Directors Viele and Brenenstuhl. Grand Aerie representatives included Michael Gaffney, Al Williams and Harry Woodruff. Following the serving of a delicious dinner a State Officers' meeting was held.

SECOND SESSION

The second session of the 70th Annual Convention of the New York State Aerie was called to order at 10:15 A.M. on Friday June 25, 1976 by State President Larry Roy.

The new members were admitted and the obligation was given by Past State President Kenneth Decker of Ithaca Aerie No. 1253 to all present.

Under a special order of business State President Roy introduced the oldest Past State President Brother William Alf, of Buffalo Aerie No. 46, who served as State President during 1931 - 1932. Brother Alf gave a most interesting talk concerning his experiences as a 63 year member of Buffalo Aerie. He informed the delegates that he was 87 years old and had served the last 25 years as aerie trustee and is still active in all of the aerie programs and special campaigns.

REPORT OF THE GRAND AERIE HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Read by Owen McNally, Chr. Fort Hamilton Aerie No. 2621

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

Throughout the past year my committee and I have been requesting donations which will be used by the State Aerie Committee at the Grand Aerie Convention in Miami Beach, Florida, during the latter part of July. The purpose of these funds is to establish a New York State Hospitality Room to entertain all of our New York State people and their Eagle friends from other States as well. A portion of this fund is also used to decorate the New York State cars in the convention parade.

The following aeries and auxiliaries have made donations to this fund up until the present time.

Maple Leaf No. 2311	\$ 37.50
Glens Falls No. 2486	50.00
Ithaca No. 1253	50.00
Lockport No. 825	25.00
Hoosick Falls No. 2467	15.00
Utica No. 97	100.00
Flushing No. 583	10.00
Tarrytown No. 1042	10.00
Middletown No. 544	50.00
Maple Leaf Aerie No. 2311	25.00
Fort Hamilton No. 2621	15.00
Olean No. 616	75.00
	\$462.50
Balance as of 9-1-75	432.24
Balance as of 6-25-76	\$894.74

Thanking all for the fine co-operation we received and looking forward

to seeing you at the hospitality room in Miami Beach, this July.

Respectfully submitted,

Owen McNally, Chr. 2621
Raymond Lance, 2486
Arthur Cichon, 2692

Motion was made by Alfred Lane, Tarrytown Aerie No. 1042 that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by James Harris, Olean Aerie No. 616 and carried.

REPORT OF THE STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Read by State Membership Chr. Alfred Lane, Tarrytown Aerie No. 1042.

Brother Delegates:

After breaking the 3,000 new member barrier for the past three years it came as a little disappointment to a number of our leaders when the overall figure for 1975 - 1976 was announced as 2,705. It wasn't too long ago that we were delighted with a yearly total of 2,500. It is a good sign that we realize we can do better and plans are already in operation to get back in the 3,000 new member class.

As was stated in the State Secretary's report yesterday afternoon "In view of conditions a fine effort was made by the local aeries." Again, this year, 34 of our 48 aeries made and in most cases bettered their annual quota.

We continued with the Zone and District campaign which had proven to be most successful in the past. Our first State-wide program was the Early Bird Campaign in July. The results of the same did not live up to expectations with only 141 new members reported. Watertown Aerie No. 782 with a percentage gain of 5.6% won the Early Bird Trophy and its Worthy President Maurice Helmer Jr. Was the recipient of a \$25.00 Saving Bond. Our Kick-Off Campaign in September got off to a good start with Montreal Aerie No. 2130 leading the way with 34 new members. The State President's Campaign in November saw Montreal reporting 52 more new members to capture the State President's Trophy. Granville Aerie No. 3504, which had been struggling to get back on its feet, came through with a percentage gain of 8.4% to win the November State Membership Department Trophy. St. Jerome Aerie No. 3176, won the Spirit of '76 American Wall Tapestry by securing 35 new members in January to lead the State jurisdiction during that month. During the month of March we held the Old Timers Campaign, honoring the Dean of the Past State Presidents "Bill" Alf, from Buffalo Aerie No. 46. Rochester Aerie No. 52 reported 36 new members to gain the "Bill" Alf Trophy. Rotterdam Aerie with a 12% percentage gain became the recipient of the State Membership Trophy. The Past Presidents campaign in May ended the year with a 270 new member total. Montreal finished with a great big 48 to nip Rochester No. 52 at the wire 322-317 and become N.Y. State Membership Champions for 1975-1976.

As I have stated many times in the past "the greatest plans in the world would go for naught without the support and co-operation of the local aeries." Following is a list of this year's Quota Aeries:

Rotterdam 3610	Times	11	Utica 97	Quota
St. Jerome 3176	"	7	Johnstown 1575	"
Tonawanda 1411	"	4	Oneonta	"
Watertown 782	"	4	Cobleskill 2695	"
Montreal 2130	"	3	Hoosick Falls 2467	"

Granville 3504	"	3	Saratoga Springs 2586	"
Schenectady 514	"	2	Tarrytown 1042	"
Glens Falls 2486	"	2	Elmont 3128	"
Middletown 544	"	2	Fort Hamilton 2621	"
Rochester 52	"	2	Lockport 825	"
Endicott 2269	"	2	Batavia 2348	"
Johnson City 2644	"	2	Olean 616	"
Corning 2299	"	2	Jamestown 2145	"
Hornell 2640	"	2	Depew 2692	"
Cortland 2191	"	2	Toronto 2311	"
			Binghamton 2119	"
			Elmira 941	"
			Ithaca 1253	"
			Auburn 96	"

The State Membership Department formulates the plans, the local aerie follows through but the person that completes the picture and makes it all possible is the individual producer who contacts the potential member and in due time makes him part of our fraternity. As an incentive but more as a token of our appreciation for the efforts expended the State Membership Department, each year set up an award program. The Membership Chairman of each Quota Aerie receives a wallet. 34 were awarded. Each member securing five new members in any one month receives an award. 27 pen and pencil sets and 14 Eagle mugs were presented. Each member securing 10 new members during the fiscal year is presented with a handsome traveling clock. 24 clocks were awarded. The following brothers of the Exclusive Twenty Five Club, each received a \$25.00 cash award: Glenn Harper, Hornell; Romeo Bertrand, Montreal; Louis Dion, Montreal; Arthur Richard, Montreal; Virgil Stimson, Oneonta; Alan Barody, Glens Falls; Oliver DeVito, Rotterdam. Romeo Bertrand also received an extra \$25.00 for going over the fifty mark. Top producer for the year is Romeo Bertrand, of Montreal, with a total of 63 new members reported. Runner up is Glenn Harper of Hornell, with 41 new members reported. A \$50 cash award goes to Brother Bertrand and a \$25 award to Brother Harper. Attached to this report will be a complete list of the leading producers for 1975 - 1976. All members of the Exclusive Twenty Five Club and the New York State Big Ten Association will be included.

Each month a small plaque is presented to the aerie securing the greatest number of new members during that period. At the close of the year the New York State Membership Trophy is presented to the aerie with the highest total of new members reported. This year's winner is Montreal No. 2130 with a total of 322. Completing this year's Big Five we have 2-Rochester--317; 3-St. Jerome--270; 4-Elmira--155; 5-Hornell--146.

In the Zone Director's Contest, our newest member Gordon Brenstuhl, of Hoosick Falls Aerie had a record breaking year, finishing with 1214 new brothers in his Zone. Shorty Weber of Lockport Aerie was second with 731. In the District Director's Classic Rene Lessard was all alone with 592 and only two aeries in the District. Harold Fields, of Rochester Aerie was runner-up with 408. Special tribute must go to Elmira's Roz Viele who missed having an all quota zone by just three members. District Directors who had an all quota District are Laurence Campbell, Binghamton; Mason Brunskill, Hornell; Arthur Gonyea, Glens Falls.

We all realize that the above could not have been achieved without your personal help. Our sincere thanks go to one and all. Plans are already in operation for 1976 - 1977. All we ask is your continued help and support. Our program includes monthly class initiations (even if the report contains only one name); a real effort to institute at least two new aeries, plus an all out push to get New York back in the 3,000 new

member category again. If we all take a real interest and work together, this could be the year we will reach 4,000.

Thanks again for all that you have done. It is my sincere wish that your journey home will be a safe one that will lead to a most progressive year ahead.

Respectfully submitte,

Alfred W. Lane
State Membership Director

**LEADING PRODUCERS 1975 - 1976
MEMBERS OF THE EXCLUSIVE 25 CLUB
AND THE NEW YORK BIG TEN ASSOCIATION**

NAME	AERIE	MEMBERS REPORTED
Romeo Bertrand	Montreal 2130	63
Glenn Harper	Hornell 2640	41
Louis Dion	Montreal 2130	30
Arthur Richard	Montreal 2130	26
Virgil Stimpson	Oneonta 1260	26
Alan Barody	Glens Falls 2486	25
Oliver DeVito	Rotterdam 3610	25
Ronald Walsh	Rotterdam 3610	23
Frank Hover	Schenectady 514	22
Paul Bournival	St. Jerome 3176	18
Kenneth Myhrberg	Glens Falls 2486	17
Robert Woodruff	Rochester 52	17
Edward Falchick	Rochester 52	16
Joseph Panetta	Middletown 544	16
Carl Roehner	Depew-Lancaster 2692	14
George Smith	Granville 3504	14
Charles Straub	Hoosick Falls 2467	14
Albert Ricco	Rotterdam 3610	13
Alonzo LaValley	Elmira 941	13
Robert Sharkey	Rochester 52	12
Edward Callery	Johnstown 1575	12
Warren Bean	Cortland 2191	12
Mason Brunskill	Hornell 2640	12
James White II	Utica 97	10

It was moved by Arthur Cichon, Depew-Lancaster Aerie No. 2692 that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Earle Willis, Maple Leaf Aerie No. 2311 and carried.

Following the adoption of the report a number of awards for membership achievement were presented by Brother Lane. At this time the State Membership Trophy for 1975 - 1976 was presented to Montreal Aerie and accepted by Rene Lessard, who gave a short talk of thanks.

State Secretary Lane read a letter of congratulations and best wishes from Ray Marston, Grand Outside Guard, from Burlington, Vermont. This was filed.

FIRST REPORT OF THE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 1

WHEREAS the Fraternal Order of Eagles has designated itself as an "International Organization", having established units in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Phillipine Islands and lately in the United

Kingdom of Great Britain, and

WHEREAS certain parts of the ritual, more specifically the exemplification of LIBERTY in the initiatory ceremony is preponderantly flavoured with American History and American patriots only and

WHEREAS in the solicitation of prospective members for the Order the latter are given to understand that the Fraternal Order of Eagles is in fact international in its scope, and

WHEREAS candidates standing before the aforesaid station of Liberty are impressed by both the wording and the transparency that the order is "American" oriented rather than "International".

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that steps be taken by the Grand Aerie to make the necessary amendments in the wording of the Junior Past Worthy President's charge of the ritual so as to eliminate the reference to American History and patriots and also to re-illustrate the transparency depicting the principle of Liberty without exposing the flag of any country whatsoever.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be referred to the Grand Aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles for consideration at its forthcoming annual convention in Miami, Florida.

ADOPTED by the members of Maple Leaf Aerie No. 2311 at its regular meeting held on the 14th day of June, 1976.

Frank D. Stokes
Secretary

A motion was made by Brother Viele that this resolution be adopted and forwarded to the Grand Aerie for consideration at the Grand Aerie Convention in Miami Beach. This was seconded by Robert Waite, Elmira Aerie No. 941 and approved by the delegates.

REPORT OF THE STATE BOWLING COMMITTEE

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

Brother Delegates:

The 29th Annual Bowling Tournament of the New York State Aerie was held in Lockport, N.Y., under the auspices of Lockport Aerie No. 825.

The tournament proved very successful with 158 teams, 408 doubles, 816 singles and 775 all events.

The Bowling Committee, at this time, wishes to thank all aeries, teams and team captains for the wonderful support and co-operation we received to make this tournament the fraternal and financial success that it was.

At the Annual State Bowling Meeting held in Lockport, N.Y. Endicott Aerie No. 2269 was awarded the State Bowling Tournament for 1977. Joseph Kibler, of Lockport, N.Y. was re-elected to a three year term as a State Bowling Director. It was again pointed out that tournament prize checks not cashed by December 31, 1976 would become void. Following is the financial report of the tournament:

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE 1976 N.Y. STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT

RECEIPTS:

Balance as of January 1, 1976	\$ 423.79
Total Receipts From Entry Fees	12,826.95
TOTAL	\$13,250.74

Expenditures:

Allie Brant Alleys - 7146 Games at 70 cents per game	\$ 5,002.20
LaVerne Graham, Tour. Sec'y - 7254 Scheduled Games	
7-1/2 cents per game	544.05
Scorekeepers - 7146 Games at 10 cents per game	714.60
Total Prize Money	5,611.00
Jess Graham, Writing Prize Money Checks	15.00
Bowling Directors Meeting in Lockport	433.10
Clyde Ott, State Bowling Secretary's Salary	50.00
Clyde Ott, Association Postage & Supplies	18.93
Bank Charge	15.34
Voided Check	79.25
Schenectady Aerie No. 514 - Overpayment of Entry	5.95
Prize Payment from Previous Tournament	4.00
TOTAL	\$12,493.42

RECAPITULATION

Balance as of January 1, 1976	\$ 423.79
Total Receipts	<u>12,826.95</u>
	\$13,250.74
Total Expenditures	<u>12,493.42</u>
Balance as of June 23, 1976	\$ 757.32

Respectfully submitted

LaVerne Graham, Chr. 825
 Anthony DiPio, 941
 Roderick Elston, 1253

It was moved by Brother Graham and seconded by Owen McNally, Fort Hamilton Aerie No. 2621 that the report be adopted as read. This was approved.

Following the adoption of the report a number of the brothers present complimented Lockport Aerie for the manner in which the tournament was conducted.

A discussion was presented by William Harris, Olean Aerie No. 616 as to what procedure a local aerie would use to be selected to conduct the National Mr. and Mrs. Bowling Tournament. At the conclusion of the discussion a motion was made by Brother Harris and seconded by Marshall Gustafson Jamestown Aerie No. 2145 that the State Secretary write to the National Committee supporting a bid by Olean Aerie No. 616 to host the 1977 National Mr. and Mrs. Tournament. This was approved.

REPORT OF THE UNDER 35 CLUB COMMITTEE

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

Brother Delegates:

Your committee for the Under 35 Club, is very unhappy at this time as we have no reports from any one at this convention. We cannot report what we don't have. We trust that the committee next year will have more to report. There seems to be a lack of interest not only in the Under 35 Club but in other activities as well. We hope that next year the committee will have more to report under this heading. Any report from

a local aerie turned in later today or tomorrow will be included in the convention proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Woodruff, Chr. 52
Donald Stevens, 1253
Marshall Gustafson, 2145

It was moved by Brother Woodruff and seconded by Mason Brunskill, Hornell Aerie No. 2640 that the report be adopted as read. This was approved.

REPORT OF THE IN MEMORIAM COMMITTEE

Read by Vincent Scharf, Chr. Buffalo Aerie No. 46

Brother Delegates:

We believe that in this Bicentennial year, apart from its many celebrations; that it is only fitting to pause and recall our many friends and brothers who have been called to the "Grand Aerie Beyond."

Time will not permit us to intone all their names, but suffice to say "They were dear to us and we loved them as brothers."

So, at the sound of the gavel, I ask all of the assembled delegates to stand in silent meditation as William Alf, Dean of the New York Past State Presidents offers an appropriate prayer.

"Our Heavenly Father, in this hour of trial and affliction we turn to thee. In Thy Providence Thou hast called our Brothers hence, and we bow in humble submission to Thy will. They were dear to us and we loved them as brothers. May they now realize the love of a Heavenly Father, which passeth all understanding. They bore the trials and burdens of this earthly life, and weary of it all, turned to Thee for rest. We commit them to Thy tender care. Comfort the living and those near to them by ties of relationship and brotherly affection. Help us to realize that the parting is only for a short season, and that we shall meet again in the Grand Aerie beyond, where the faults and frailties of this earthly life are forgotten, and all becomes perfect in the love of an Infinite God. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

Vincent M. Scharf, Chr. 46
Raymond J. Correll, 2269
Raymond Roggenkamp, 2621

A motion was made by Brother Scharf that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Earle Willis, Maple Leaf Aerie No. 2311 and carried.

REPORT OF THE STATE ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

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

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

It is a pleasure to announce that a number of communications have been received by your committee and I would like to take this opportunity of reading them to you:

From Glens Falls Aerie No. 2486 -- They have two bowling teams and it sponsors a little league baseball team.

From Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467 -- They also have two bowling teams plus a little league ball team and a softball league for girls.

From Fort Hamilton Aerie No. 2621 -- They have a mixed bowling league with 50 men and women, plus a little league baseball team.

Fort Johnson Aerie No. 1575 -- They have a bowling league of members on alleys located in the aerie home. They also sponsor a Babe Ruth Baseball team.

Oneonta Aerie No. 1260 -- They have 2 senior bowling teams, 2 junior bowling teams, 2 softball teams and a Little League baseball team.

Rochester Aerie No. 52 -- They have 8 bowling teams, 44 men in their golf league, a softball team and 8 mixed bowling teams.

At this time Kenneth Decker, Ithaca Aerie No. 1253 was called upon to give a report on the Mr. and Mrs. Bowling Tournament scheduled for early October. Brother Decker explained in detail what plans were being put into operation.

It was moved by Brother Gonyea, that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Harold Wooschlager, Cortland Aerie No. 2191. On the question a number of oral reports were made by different delegates with a request they be included in the convention proceedings. They are as follows: Rotterdam No. 3610 -- Softball Teams. Montreal No. 2130 -- Bowling. Elmira 941 -- 20 Bowling Teams. Lockport No. 825 -- Bowling Teams, Baseball League. Cortland No. 2191 -- Bowling and Soft Ball Teams. Toronto No. 2311 -- 10 Bowling teams and a Jr. Hockey Team. Depew-Lancaster No. 2692 -- 10 Bowling Teams and a softball team. There was no objection to the request and the report was adopted.

Under a special order of business State President Roy introduced Eastern Regional President Harry Woodruff, of Rochester, N.Y. Brother Woodruff gave a brief and entertaining address. He spoke of his close friendship with Brother Gaffney and Brother Williams, which has extended over a 30 year period and his 39 years of active membership in Rochester Aerie. In closing he extended his thanks for the fine co-operation that he received during his years as a Grand Aerie Auditor and special thanks to Elmira Aerie for the wonderful hospitality shown to him during this convention period.

SECOND REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

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

Grand Aerie Representatives	3
State Officers	13
Past State Presidents	13
Delegates	90
Alternates	9
Past Worthy Presidents	<u>96</u>
Total Credentials Issued	145

It was moved by Brother Stickney that this partial report be accepted as read. This was seconded by Al Hubbard, Binghamton Aerie No. 2119 and carried.

REPORT OF THE BOY SCOUT COMMITTEE

Read by Harold Fields, Chr. Rochester Aerie No. 52

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

Reports on scouting activities seem to be at a minimum although it does increase from year to year.

Jamestown aerie and auxiliary No. 2145 combine their efforts to

sponsor a handicapped Boy Scout Troop No. 12 under the leadership of Art Kinny. This fine troop is advancing rapidly and has received numerous awards for their activities. This troop presented the colors at the Jamestown Aerie 43rd anniversary.

Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467 reports they still have active scouting programs. Annually they have a father and son Scout Breakfast. They also have a girl scout troop that is quite active.

Glens Falls Aerie No. 2486 also sponsors a girl scout troop. Troop 267 was formed this year and presently has 18 girls at the junior level who average 9 - 11 years of age and from grades 4 through 6.

One of the girls first community projects was the adoption of six foster grandmothers from the Eden Park Nursing Home. They visit them, send cards and make little gifts for special occasions.

Their activities and projects were too numerous to put in this report but Troop Leader Lois Hopkins, wishes to thank the Eagles, especially Alan Barody for being there when 18 girls needed them.

Rochester Aerie No. 52 sponsors Boy Scout Troop No. 452. Sponsorship of this troop was taken over two years ago. At the present time this troop has 15 boys all working to attain the many achievements in scouting.

They have complete use of the aerie facilities and must raise their own funds before the aerie will help. They recently sold light bulbs and held a spaghetti dinner to raise funds for Summer Camp. Because of the interest shown in helping themselves the aerie sponsored two boys to Summer Camp.

Troop 452 is under the leadership of Mike Hight and three quarters of the leaders and committeemen are members of Rochester Aerie.

The committee recommends that the committee name be changed from Boy Scout Committee to Scouting Committee because it is apparent that some aeries sponsor girl scout troops as well as boy scouts.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold Fields, Chr. 52
Douglas McDermott, 2299
Richard Lute, 616

A motion was made by Brother Fields that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Anthony DiPio, Elmira Aerie No. 941 and carried.

REPORT OF THE NEW AERIE COMMITTEE

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

Brother Delegates:

This report is presenting some good news and some bad news. As we Eagles have our highs, we also have our lows.

For the past few years we have had good results with our new aerie programs. Looking over the record we find that Past State President Bob Schick organized an aerie in East Rochester and yours truly organized aeries in Albany, Granville and Rotterdam.

The bad news is we did not organize a new aerie in 1975 - 1976. State President Larry, your chairman admits he did not accomplish his goal of at least one new aerie during the past year. I did accomplish a good contact in Massena, but unfortunately this contact passed away.

Now for the good news. In a workshop held in Rochester last year 8 members attended. Some of these brothers are present today. Here are the results to date of last year's meeting: Carl Richardson of Olean, trying to start a unit in Hamburg. Zone Director Viele indicates that Waverly, N.Y. could be a home for an Eagle Aerie. Ray Haggerty, of

Tonawanda investigating some sites in the Buffalo suburbs. State President Larry Roy working to institute a new aerie in Laval, Canada. Things look good for the future.

Co-Chairman of this committee Roger Grandchamp, of Montreal, has been working on a site 400 miles north of Montreal. 400 miles is a real big effort. We are not going to pressure him but we are all waiting for a new aerie in his district.

In an attempt to increase interest in new aerie activities there will be a workshop immediately following this session. All are invited to attend.

There is no greater thrill than successfully organizing a new aerie. New aeries mean greater potential for the success of the humanitarian projects of our great fraternity. Also new fraternal life into our local communities. At times new aeries do fail, yet our fraternity grows because the seed of Eagledom is planted by new aerie organizers. Today the New York jurisdiction has 48 aeries. Please help to increase this number for our new State President Owen McNally.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Straub, Chr. 2467
Roger Grandchamp, 2130
Samuel Barbato, 1575

It was moved by Brother Straub and seconded by Sandor Nagy, Lockport Aerie No. 825 that the report be adopted as read. This was approved.

Under a special order of business State President Roy introduced Grand Aerie Representative and Director of the Jimmy Durante Children's Fund, Michael T. Gaffney to the delegates. Brother Gaffney, one of the most forceful speakers in the Order gave another masterful address. He gave a most informative talk on the history and programs of the Order. He expressed the thanks of the Grand Aerie and congratulations of all concerned for the fraternal progress made by the aeries of the State jurisdiction during the year just passed and concluded with an excellent explanation of the individual duties of the local aerie officers.

REPORT OF THE CIVIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Read by Ralph Pauly, Chr. Olean Aerie No. 616

Brother Delegates:

A lengthy but excellent report was received from Olean Aerie No. 616 about its Civic Affairs Program of the past year. It is as follows: Olean Aerie No. 616 won the distinction of being the first organization in Cattaraugus County to program a public presentation in honor of the Bicentennial. It consisted of an original tableau of nine narrated scenes composed by one of the club members, and made its debut at our Mother's Day function in May 1975 with a cast of 35 men, women and children. Carrying the significant title "Americana". Its theme was to demonstrate how people of diverse nationalities, cultures and religious faiths, pooled their individual abilities and inspirations to bring forth and establish our great nation.

Commencing with a scene of the Pilgrims signing the Mayflower Compact, then proceeding to Colonial times and the Founding Fathers, it carried itself through the waves of immigration in the 1840's and at the turn of the century, plus some memorable events or eras in our Country's makeup. Although, for the most part the show was sprinkled with humor and perhaps a little good natured satire in a couple of places, such as our prohibition days scene, it also had its serious aspects.

The association of the Fraternal Order of Eagles with the founding of

Mother's Day and with the establishment of Boy's Town, two great American institutions, were graphically portrayed. One particularly interesting scene was called "Parade of Personalities", wherein a dozen foreign born individuals were impersonating appropo, each from a different country, who became famous American citizens that left their mark on our way of life.

The scene that had the most emotional impact on the audiences portrayed the famous Four Chaplains of different faiths, as they went down with the USS Dorchester in World War II off the coast of Greenland on February 3, 1943, arms linked together and a prayer on their lips. Not the least item that evoked admiration were the clear improvisations done by our prop committee under the direction of Past Worthy President Richard Lute, together with the exquisite costumes worn in the Colonial scenes created by the ladies of the auxiliary.

As the result of both the Chairman of the local Bicentennial Committee and the Mayor of Olean having been in the audience at its initial presentation, the cast was subsequently invited to perform at the County Fair, then for a program in a neighboring town, which was attended by State Officials and finally to be the feature attraction at the extravaganza in the Olean High School auditorium last November, when Grand Worthy President Joseph Fournier, visited Olean Aerie. An official scroll of acknowledgement was presented by the Cattaraugus County Bicentennial Committee.

Our Home and Family program has also been most rewarding and received with tremendous enthusiasm by the community. Honors are annually awarded at a dinner, to committee selected individuals for outstanding service contributing to the welfare of our city, in the fields of Law and Order, public safety, education and entertainment, as well as civic and charitable endeavor. Awards are also presented to children on various grade levels in the public and parochial schools for exceptional essays on the theme of family and faith.

Presently being looked forward to is the big combined Bicentennial State Beauty Pageant parade on July 5th when our Eagle float, The Founding Fathers, will be rolling down the avenue. As you know the Annual New York State Beauty Pageant is held in Olean, N.Y.

Short reports were received from Fort Hamilton Aerie No. 2621 with relation to its association with the Third Avenue Merchants; Elmont Aerie No. 3128 referring to contributions to the Bravo Volunteer Service; Hoosick Falls Aerie in connection to its donations to all of the village projects.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph Pauly, Chr. 616
Franz Peterson, 3128
Bernard Rathbun, 3504

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

REPORT OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY COMMITTEE

Read by Mason Brunskill, Hornell Aerie No. 2640.

Brother Delegates:

90% of American workers are now covered by social security. 31 million get monthly social security checks. Today almost all jobs are covered by social security. Disability Insurance was added in 1954 to give protection against loss of earnings due to total disability.

In 1972 legislation was passed so that social security benefits will

automatically increase in the future as the cost of living goes up. However, there are still many who are drawing only minimum benefits and often times are unable to enjoy the bare necessities. A national campaign should be launched to have the congress pass legislation to guarantee these people increases above what they are now getting that would assure them a few extra dollars to enjoy themselves during the latter days of their existence. Also legislation should be inaugurated to improve the benefits and lower the rates of medicare. Under the present plan very few, if any, can afford the extra premiums to pay for additional health insurance which would cover the difference between what medicare pays and the cost of hospital care. Most people living on a fixed income of social security just cannot afford the additional outlay necessary for the protection against sickness and long stays in the hospital.

Legislation has also been recently enacted that enables direct deposit of social security checks in the banks, savings and loans and credit unions. This is not only a time saving process which eliminates having to go to the bank or some other place to cash the check but also eliminates the possibility of theft of the check. This is available to all persons on social security and can be done by merely filling out a simple form authorizing the government to send the check direct to the bank or other saving institutions of your choice. There are many advantages to this arrangement but the main one is peace of mind.

To those who are nearing the age where they will become eligible for benefits under social security, the local social security office has many pamphlets available explaining the details and procedures necessary to apply and also information available for qualifying. They can also help you figure out approximately what your monthly income will be under the plan. Anyone planning to retire should make application for benefits at least three months in advance, so that when they do retire payments will start promptly.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Monroe, Chr. 941
Harry Kincaid, 616
Mason Brunskill, 2640

A motion was made by Brother Brunskill and seconded by William Harris, Olean Aerie No. 616 that the report be adopted as read. This was approved.

REPORT OF THE BLOOD DONORS COMMITTEE

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

Brother Delegates:

The Blood Donor Program should be one of the most important projects in all of our aeries today. If your aerie does not have a program, start one immediately. Contact the Red Cross for information and the procedure for setting up a blood bank program in your aerie. You may also set up a program with the hospital. It will be necessary to give them a list of donors from your aerie with their blood type. Also in most communities the Red Cross has a blood program. It is possible for you to set up a certain day or two each month. Join in this program and have a blood bank established in your aerie's name.

Due to the increased demand for blood, especially rare types of blood and so many new discover blood diseases, there is an increasing demand from day to day. Do make an extra effort to get your aerie to join with our other units that are participating.

Your committee has received a report that Olean Aerie has established a blood bank and has blood available for those who are in need.

Middletown Aerie recently completed a successful blood bank campaign which they donated to the Horton Hospital. Other aeries who have had blood donor programs are Fort Hamilton, Rochester, Elmira and Montreal. We feel sure there are many more.

With a little effort on your part we can start some form of program in all of our aeries and truly show that we are people helping people.

The pint of blood that you give today might save a life or be the one that you may need someday.

Respectfully submitted,

Laverne Graham, Chr. 825
Andre Ducharme, 2130
Frank Beatty, 52

It was moved by Brother Graham that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Charles Straub, Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467 and carried.

REPORT OF THE FIRE FIGHTERS COMMITTEE

Read by D. James Shay, Chr. Elmira Aerie No. 941.

Brother Delegates:

Your committee received two reports; one from Olean and the other from Hoosick Falls. Both of these aeries hold special days in honor of their fire fighters. There should be no distinction in honoring fire fighters whether volunteer, professional or Federal. They should be honored for the hazardous service they perform.

At Tarrytown, during the business session of the Spring Conference we requested information as to what benefits were available to families of Eagle Fire Fighters who were killed in the line of duty. I understand this information is available and will be passed on to the membership. For your information there are about 150,000 fire fighters in New York State.

We would like to suggest and I so move that the State Aerie honor a fire fighter from the New York State Jurisdiction. Also that letters recommending recognition be submitted at the Spring Conference and the recipient be honored at the following State Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Straub, 2467
Walter Schrieber, 1042
Dave Shay, Chr. 941

A motion was made by Brother Shay that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Earle Willis, Maple Leaf Aerie No. 2311. On the question State Secretary Lane asked what procedure was to be used in selecting the Fireman of the year. It was agreed that the selection would be made by the State Executive Committee at the Spring Conference. The motion was carried.

REPORT OF THE HOME AND FAMILY COMMITTEE

Read by D. James Shay, Chr. Elmira Aerie No. 941

Brother Delegates:

I received reports from the following aeries: Olean, Hoosick Falls, Rochester and Tonawanda. Also verbal reports from Lockport and Elmira.

There are many things that we Eagles do in our respective communities that come under the heading of Home and Family along with many other committees reporting here at this convention. Our major charities are certainly family oriented along with Boy Scouts, R.E.A.C., and our Under Thirty Five Committees.

We feel that we can work for a goal within this State and the province of Quebec and Ontario seeking legislation to honor our parents. It has been suggested that the second Sunday in December be selected as Parent's Day. We also believe in the continuing support of Home and Family Month from November 25th to December 25th.

It is also our belief that the continuing program in honor of Father and Mother should be a part of every aerie activity and include in this the widows of members who have passed to the Grand Aerie beyond.

If there are any further remarks that you delegates would like to have recorded in this Home and Family report we would be delighted to hear from you. There were no further remarks.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold Fields, Rochester 52
John Kenny, Tonawanda 1411
D. James Shay, Chr. Elmira 941

It was moved by Brother Shay that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Robert Sharkey, Rochester Aerie No. 52 and carried.

A question was brought on the floor as to what procedure should be taken as to having the State Legislature recommending that the second Sunday in December be officially declared Parents. Day. State Secretary Lane suggested that a resolution to that effect be presented. No further action was taken.

Under a special order of business, State President Roy introduced Al T. Williams, Grand Treasurer of the F.O.E. for many years. Brother Williams who is one of New York State Aerie's favorite people and a guest speaker on many occasions throughout the State jurisdiction gave a humorous and informative Eagle talk which featured the progressive record being made by both the State Aerie and State Auxiliary.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Read by Frank Stokes, Chr. Maple Leaf Aerie No. 2311

Brother Delegates:

Your committee wishes to report that during the past two days we have met and interviewed 17 dedicated Eagles seeking office in the State Aerie and after much consideration and deliberation we recommend the following slate of officers for 1976 - 1977:

State President Owen McNally, Fort Hamilton Aerie No. 2621
State Vice President Donald Gregory, Utica Aerie No. 97
State Chaplain Arthur Cichon, Depew-Lancaster Aerie No. 2692
State Secretary Alfred W. Lane, Tarrytown Aerie No. 1042
State Treasurer Kenneth Decker, Ithaca Aerie No. 1253
State Conductor Ralph Pauly, Olean Aerie No. 616
State Inside Guard Robert Woodruff, Rochester Aerie No. 52
State Outside Guard Wayne Monroe, Elmira Aerie No. 941

State Trustee Arthur Gonyea, Glens Falls Aerie No. 2486
 State Trustee Laverne Graham, Lockport Aerie No. 825
 State Trustee Jack Harter, Corning Aerie No. 2299
 State Trustee Donald Rettinger, Maple Leaf Aerie No. 3211

A motion was made by Brother Stokes that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Sandor Nagy, Lockport Aerie No. 825 and carried.

Following the acceptance of the report State President Roy relinquished the President's Chair to Past State President Kenneth Decker of Ithaca Aerie No. 1253 who called for further nominations from the floor. The only contest was for the office of State Trustee. Following were the additional nominations: Charles Straub, Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467, nominated by Gordon Brenenstuhl, Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467. Al Hubbard, Binghamton Aerie No. 2119, nominated by Purley Taylor, Binghamton Aerie No. 2119. Glenn Amesbury, Tarrytown Aerie No. 1042, nominated by Franz Peterson, Elmont Aerie No. 3128. Ray Haggerty, Tonawanda Aerie No. 1411, nominated by Francis Campagna, Tonawanda Aerie No. 1411. There being no further nominations Brother Decker declared the nominations closed. He announced that the election of Officers would be held Saturday morning from 9 to 11 A.M. in the ante room outside the Convention Hall. State Secretary Lane made the announcement that you must vote for four trustees or your ballot would be voided.

A number of announcements were made with reference to committee meetings and the like, after which the convention was recessed until 10 o'clock Saturday morning. The session was brought to a close at 12:45 P.M.

THIRD SESSION

The third session of the 70th Annual Convention of the New York State Aerie was called to order at 10:15 A.M. on Saturday June 26, 1976 by State President Larry Roy.

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

REPORT OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE COMMITTEE

Read by Raymond Lance, Chr. Glens Falls Aerie No. 2486

Brother Delegates:

Your committee wishes to report the following contributions and thank all those who co-operated in this campaign:

**NEW YORK STATE CONTRIBUTIONS
 AUGUST 1, 1974 to JUNE 1, 1976**

NO.	CITY	AERIE AMT.	AUX. AMT.	JOINT
52	Rochester		\$180.50	
53	New Syracuse		10.00	
88	Niagara Falls	\$ 50.00		
97	Utica		50.00	
482	Gloversville	5.00		
514	Schenectady		10.00	
544	Middletown		25.00	
616	Olean		25.00	
782	Watertown			\$ 100.00
825	Lockport		100.00	

NO	CITY	AERIE AMT.	AUX. AMT.	JOINT
1253	Ithaca		25.00	
1260	Oneonta		39.75	
1411	Tonawanda		100.00	
2191	Cortland		15.00	
2299	Corning			100.00
2467	Hoosick Falls	50.00		
2486	Glens Falls			1,065.00
2640	Hornell		100.00	
2692	Depew-Lancaster	<u>100.00</u>		
		\$205.00	<u>\$705.25</u>	<u>\$1,265.00</u>

Aerie and Auxiliary Total \$2,175.25

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AT THE CONVENTION

Utica Aerie No. 97	\$ 500.00
Middletown Aerie No. 544	77.00
Olean Aerie No. 616	150.00
Binghamton Aerie No. 2119	25.00
Endicott Aerie No. 2269	100.00
Lockport Bowling Tournament	<u>150.00</u>
	\$1,002.00
Previously Contributed	\$2,175.25
State Convention Donations	<u>1,002.00</u>
Overall Total	\$3,177.25

Respectfully submitted

Raymond Lance, Chr. 2486
Warner Prager, 544
Nino Ghezzi, 053

It was moved by Brother Lance and seconded by Arthur Gonyea, Glens Falls Aerie No. 2486 that the report be adopted as read. This was approved.

REPORT OF STATE LEGAL ADVISOR

Given by State Secretary Lane.

Brother Lane explained that the State Legal Advisor Thomas Burns of Rochester, N.Y. had not arrived at the convention up until the present time. He was sure that he was detained by business and that a complete report would be forthcoming. He further explained that all matters of a legal nature had been taken care of along with the preparation of the 1976 State Convention Agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred W. Lane
State Secretary

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

REPORT OF THE STATE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Given by State Secretary Lane.

Brother Lane again reported that in the absence of the Committee Chairman State Legal Advisor Thomas Burns he would give an extemporaneous report. He stated that going back through the records of the past 12 months there had not been any new legislation directly dealing with the status of the State or local aeries.

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred W. Lane, 1042
Glenn Amesbury, 1042
Alan Barody, 2486

It was moved by Brother Lane that the report be adopted as given. This was seconded by Charles Straub, Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467 and carried.

REPORT OF THE YOUTH GUIDANCE COMMITTEE

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

Brother Delegates:

Written reports were received from Montreal Aerie No. 2130 and Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467. During the past year Montreal Aerie conducted an energetic campaign in conjunction with the La Criminologie Society of Montreal for the purpose of combatting juvenile delinquency. The campaign was a tremendous success and was brought to a successful conclusion when the aerie presented a check for \$3,475.00 to Judge Marcel Trahan.

Hoosick Falls Aerie has been active for years in the Youth Guidance Field. They have been a part of the Junior Miss Softball League since its start and each year field a team in the Little League.

Our Fraternity has long been known for its many programs and activities in aiding our youth to become better citizens. This is included not only in our National programs but also in the programs of the local aeries as well. Included in the number of different projects are Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Little League Baseball Teams, and many others.

We feel sure that every aerie represented in this room spends a great deal of money, time and effort in building up the Youth Guidance Program.

In closing we ask you brothers at home to continue to work with the young people by promoting various types of programs and projects that will prove interesting to them and guide them in the right direction. It would be appreciated if your program in detail is reported to the State Committee so that it may be part of the proceedings of our next convention.

Respectfully submitted,

Rene Lessard, 2130
Walter Lull, 46
Donald Gregory, Chr. 97

A motion was made by Brother Gregory that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Richard Dow, Middletown Aerie No. 544 and carried.

REPORT OF THE CANCER RESEARCH COMMITTEE

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

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

The following is a report of the Art Ehrmann Cancer Fund to May 31, 1976.

We received \$778.00 from seven aeries, \$1,474.86 from 22 auxiliaries and a total of \$4,253.76 from the joint efforts of 5 aeries and auxiliaries of the jurisdiction. "God bless the women of the Auxiliary."

I would be remiss if I didn't mention that South Glens Falls raised \$1,679.22 and the brothers and sisters of my home aerie donated a whopping \$1,924.54.

The Grand total for the State of New York and Eastern Canada is \$6,605.62 to date. We will now have the Annual Convention Parade of checks.

NEW YORK STATE CONTRIBUTIONS

AUGUST 11, 1975 to MAY 31, 1976

NO.	CITY	AERIE AMT.	AUX. AMT.	JOINT
52	Rochester		\$ 15.00	\$1,924.54
053	Syracuse		10.00	
88	Niagara Falls		45.00	
97	Utica	\$100.00	15.00	
514	Schenectady		25.00	
543	Staten Island		5.00	
544	Middletown		147.00	
616	Olean		175.13	
782	Watertown	200.00		
825	Lockport		558.85	
941	Elmira		100.00	
1042	Tarrytown	10.00		
1253	Ithaca	115.00	50.00	
1260	Oneonta		43.75	
1411	Tonawanda		60.00	
1575	Johnstown	59.00		
2145	Jamestown		50.00	
2191	Cortland		25.00	
2269	Endicott		30.00	
2299	Corning			350.00
2348	Batavia		10.00	
2467	Hoosick Falls	100.00		
2486	Glens Falls			1,679.22
2640	Hornell			200.00
2644	Johnson City		41.13	
2692	Depew-Lancaster	200.00	15.00	
3155	Fort Erie		23.00	
3176	St. Jerome		25.00	
	Miscel-Lottie Backhouse			100.00
		\$784.00	\$1,468.86	\$4,253.76

Total Aerie and Auxiliaries \$6506.62

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AT THE CONVENTION

Niagara Falls No. 88	\$ 10.00
Utica No. 97	500.00

Middletown No. 544	381.00
Olean No. 616	600.00
Lockport No. 825	200.00
Elmira No. 941	530.00
Binghamton No. 2119	25.00
Endicott No. 2269	100.00
Maple Leaf Aerie & Aux. No. 2311	650.00
Fort Hamilton No. 2621	15.00
Fort Erie No. 3155	10.00
Lockport Bowling Tournament	150.00
	<u>\$3,171.00</u>

Previous Contributions	\$6,506.62
State Convention Donations	<u>3,171.00</u>
Overall Total	<u>\$9,677.62</u>

It was moved by Brother Schick that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Anthony DiPio, Elmira Aerie No. 941 and carried.

FINAL REPORT OF THE BY-LAW COMMITTEE

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

Brother Delegates:

We must be doing something right. It is with pleasure that your By-Law Committee reports that no requests for changes were submitted at this Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth B. Decker, Chr. 1253
Louis Dion, 2130
William Deegan, 941

It was moved by Brother Decker that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Sandor Nagy, Lockport Aerie No. 825 and carried.

REPORT OF THE STATE FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

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

Brother Delegates:

Your committee on State Fund Raising proudly presents the following report.

This money was raised on strictly voluntary basis and we wish to thank everyone for their participation.

Following is the contributions received from June 1, 1975 through May 31, 1976:

Oneonta Aerie No. 1260	\$ 50.00
Middletown Aerie No. 544	100.00
Elmira Aerie No. 941	50.00
Utica Aerie No. 97	200.00
Olean Aerie No. 616	200.00
Endicott Aerie No. 2269	5.00
Glens Falls Aerie No. 2486	150.00
Montreal Aerie No. 2130	100.00
St. Jerome Aerie No. 3176	100.00

Depew-Lancaster Aerie No. 2692	50.00
Lockport Aerie No. 825	25.00
Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467	15.00
Ithaca Aerie No. 1253	<u>50.00</u>

\$1,095.00

After the report was read additional checks were presented; from Olean Aerie No. 616 - \$250.00; Fort Hamilton Aerie No. 2621 - \$15.00 and from Wayne Monroe (Elmira Aerie No. 941) - \$58.00 for an overall total of \$1,418.00. Again we say thanks a million.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth B. Decker, Chr. 1253
Gordon Grzyb, 2692
Joseph Panetts, 544

A motion was made by Brother Decker and seconded by Harold Long, Olean Aerie No. 616 that the report be adopted as read. This was approved.

REPORT OF THE R.E.A.C. COMMITTEE

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

State President Larry Roy, Grand Aerie Representatives,
State Officers and Brother Delegates:

R.E.A.C. continues to grow in New York State and Eastern Canada and from all reports 1976 - 1977 will be even a greater year.

Not meaning to be repetitious of last year's report which is published in your 1975 State Convention proceedings on page 32, however, I would like to mention a few rules and regulations. It is simple to start a R.E.A.C. Club in your aerie. Write to Retired Eagles Activity Club, National Headquarters, 2401 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53233, and ask for an instruction kit. The ground rules for organizing are the same. They require an election of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Sergeant of Arms. Set a scheduled time for your meetings; either weekly, bi-weekly or monthly. The activities that have met with the most success in organized R.E.A.C.'s are card parties, bingo, dancing, visiting nearby places of interest or other aeries. The main committee of the R.E.A.C. Club should be an active sick and visiting committee.

A number of the clubs open their meetings by having coffee and doughnuts on arrival and then serve a small lunch at noon.

In our reports to date we find that R.E.A.C. in no way interferes with aerie business or in anyway does it conflict with the Senior Citizens organizations in the community. Our members also belong to the Senior Citizens clubs and are active in those organizations also. A number of Senior Citizens have joined the Eagles because they like our programs.

Again, I'd like to remind you that to be a member of the R.E.A.C. you must be 55 years or older, but this does not mean that younger people cannot be part of this program. Most R.E.A.C.'s have social members. By Social we mean a member that is not yet 55 years old but would like to take part in our activities. He is most welcome. A social member has no vote in business meetings but does pay dues, which in most cases is one dollar a year.

Your committee did receive reports from a few of the aeries. Hoosick Falls No. 2467 has an active R.E.A.C. Club which puts on floor shows and works on aerie committees. Montreal Aerie No. 2130, has a newly organized unit which has grown to 86 members and meets monthly in the

aerie home. One of the largest groups organized during the past year is from Toronto Aerie. Its group was instituted with over 100 members. Aerie Secretary Frank Stokes reports much progress is being made and that the members are anxious to contact other clubs and have home and home visits. This is a practice that has been in operation throughout the R.E.A.C. organization for the past couple of years.

Word has been received that Lockport Aerie is making plans to organize this coming year. In due time we believe that nearly 100% of our aeries will have R.E.A.C. Clubs.

Our committee has discovered that a number of aeries that do not have R.E.A.C. Charters, do have some form of get-togethers for their older members but in most cases they are not as active as R.E.A.C. programs are. We feel sure that as time goes by they will adopt our program.

In Judge Hansen, R.E.A.C. has a great booster, but we find that the Grand Aerie Director does not push this program very hard. I would recommend to our Grand Aerie Representatives that at the next meeting of the Board, they call this to the Board's attention and see if we can't get the support for R.E.A.C. that is given to our major fund raising programs. In two years serving as your chairman of the State R.E.A.C. Committee, I have had one letter from headquarters. This was an invitation for us to spend a vacation in Florida.

I am happy that the editor of the Leader and the magazine does give R.E.A.C. publicity and Mrs. Ehrmann certainly gives good writeups about us in Mrs. Eagle.

Your State Committee stands ready at any time to be of help to any aerie that is organizing. Let's hope that our program continues to grow.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond Womble, Chr. 1253
Grant Shellman, 2299
Thomas Philpott, 2311

It was moved by Brother Womble that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Frank Crowley, Elmira Aerie No. 941 and carried. Following the adoption of the report it was announced that Binghamton Aerie No. 2119 had donated a check for \$25.00 to R.E.A.C.

REPORT OF THE JIMMY DURANTE FUND

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

Brother Delegates:

Up until the present time \$51,000.00 have been distributed to "People Helping People" institutions throughout the New York State jurisdiction. This milestone in our fraternal history was made possible only because of people like you. You are the leaders and I am sure the motivaters of your aeries. It is to you that we look for the ideas, the parties and the dollars necessary to keep this important program going.

At this convention we have a man with us who is no stranger to the State of New York. Today he happens to be the National Director of the Jimmy Durante Children's Fund. It has been my pleasure to work with him throughout the years and I look forward to the privilege of doing so again many times in the future.

State President Roy, we feel sure there are many brothers present who have not had the pleasure of meeting this gentleman and I feel that it would be a nice gesture to have the brother delegates present the aerie check to the National Director of the Jimmy Fund Brother Michael T. Gaffney.

At this time I want to thank our Eastern Regional Director "Tex"

Womble for his assistance. It is our hope that the new posters mailed to the local aeries helped in this particular campaign. Twenty hours of art work was put into that effort and we felt that it was beautiful. Our thanks go to all for the efforts expended in making this all possible.

State President Roy, I want to thank you for the privilege of serving as chairman of this committee. I hope that you are satisfied with the job that we did and it is our sincere hope that the aeries and auxiliaries will continue to support the Jimmy Durante Fund.

At the beginning of the parade of checks we have reached a total of \$4,910.56 and are 9th in the National standings. Following is the financial report:

**NEW YORK STATE CONTRIBUTIONS
AUGUST 10, 1975 THRU MAY 28, 1976**

NO.	CITY	AERIE AMT.	AUX. AMT.	JOINT
52	Rochester	\$ 445.50		\$ 741.94
053	Syracuse		\$ 10.00	
88	Niagara Falls		72.50	
97	Utica		67.00	
514	Schenectady	218.07	100.00	
543	Staten Island		5.00	
544	Middletown		147.00	
825	Lockport		50.00	
941	Elmira		100.00	
1042	Tarrytown	10.00		
1253	Ithaca	115.00	75.00	
1260	Oneonta	100.00	39.75	
1411	Tonawanda		121.00	
2145	Jamestown		50.00	
2191	Cortland		25.00	
2299	Corning			56.55
2311	Toronto	1,000.00		
2467	Hoosick Falls	100.00	10.00	
2486	Glens Falls			820.00
2640	Hornell		50.00	100.00
2644	Johnson City		41.25	
2692	Depew-Lancaster	<u>225.00</u>	<u>15.00</u>	
		\$2,203.57	\$988.50	<u>\$1,718.49</u>

Total Aeries and Auxiliaries \$4,910.56

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AT THE CONVENTION

Niagara Falls No. 88	\$ 10.00
Auburn No. 96	25.00
Utica No. 97	500.00
Middletown No. 544	361.00
Olean No. 616	600.00
Lockport No. 825	200.00
Oneonta No. 1260	150.00
Tonawanda No. 1411	175.00
Binghamton No. 2119	25.00
Endicott No. 2269	100.00
Maple Leaf Aerie & Aux. No. 2311	4,500.00
Fort Hamilton No. 2621	15.00
Elmont No. 3128	217.50
Fort Erie No. 3155	10.00
Lockport Bowling Tournament	<u>150.00</u>
	\$7,038.50

Previous Contributions	\$ 4,910.56
State Convention Donations	<u>7,038.50</u>
Overall Total	\$11,949.06

Respectively submitted,

Charles Straub, Chr. 2467
 Paul Leckinger, 52
 Sandor Nagy, 825

A motion was made by Robert Schick, Rochester Aerie No. 52 to adopt the report as read. This was seconded by Richard Lute, Olean Aerie No. 616 and carried.

Following the adoption of the report a number of the delegates congratulated Al Armstrong, Chairman of the Maple Leaf Aerie's Jimmy Durante Committee for the excellent manner in which he conducted the local aerie's campaign. Brother Armstrong was called to the podium. In a brief talk he explained he had a campaign connected with hockey along with minutes and seconds. He concluded by saying that the success of the campaign was due to the wonderful co-operation that he received from the brothers and sisters of Maple Leaf Aerie and Auxiliary.

Brother Michael T. Gaffney, Director of the Jimmy Durante Fund also spoke briefly expressing his appreciation for every dollar donated. He gave a brief outline of the Jimmy Fund and the work that had been done by Art Ehrmann, in its behalf.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

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

Brother Delegates:

Each and every year the cost of everything has been rising to a point that keeping in line with a budget becomes a problem. All officers involved are, once again, to be congratulated for a job well done. After a careful study of all of the State Aerie's financial activities this committee recommends the following budget for the year 1976 - 1977.

Balance as of June 1, 1976 \$ 6,810.54

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS:

State Per Capita Tax	\$ 8,000.00
State Membership Fund	7,500.00
State Convention Advance	800.00
State Fund Raising	750.00
State Convention Committee	<u>1,500.00</u>

Total Estimated Receipts \$25,360.54

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:

State Secretary's Salary	\$ 1,000.00
State Treasurer's Allowance	150.00
State President's Visitations	2,000.00
Various Assignments	3,000.00
State Postage	800.00
State Printing and Mimeographing	1,000.00
Membership Meetings	2,000.00
Social Security Tax	150.00
State Telephone and Telegrams	1,000.00

State Officers Convention Assignments	2,500.00
State Convention Miscellaneous Expenses	2,000.00
Delegate to Grand Aerie Convention	400.00
State Secretary's Office Supplies	150.00
State Officers Bond	30.00
Ads in State and G.A. Convention Journals	300.00
State Conferences (Spring & Fall)	3,000.00
State Membership Miscellaneous Activities	150.00
Grand Aerie Supplies	50.00
State Membership Awards	1,500.00
State Treasurer's Office Expense	120.00
State Legal Advisors Expense	100.00
Printing of Convention Proceedings	1,500.00
State Auxiliary Convention Advance	400.00
Regional Conference Assignments	1,000.00
Contingency Fund	<u>1,060.54</u>
Total Estimated Expenditures	\$25,360.54

Respectfully submitted,

Laverne Weber, Chr. 825
Donald Gregory, 97
Arthur Cichon, 2692

It was moved by Brother Weber and seconded by Michael Lopez, Glens Falls Aerie No. 2486, that the report be adopted as read. This was approved.

FINAL REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEES

Read by Gordon Brenenstuhl, Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

Grand Aerie Representatives,
State Officers and Brothers:

We have a resolution to present on behalf of the New York State Aerie.

WHEREAS, we have all had a wonderful time and,

WHEREAS, we had a very prosperous and fruitful convention,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the New York State Aerie and all delegates express their appreciation for the hospitality provided by Elmira Aerie No. 941.

Respectfully submitted,

Roswald Viele, Chr. 941
Leo Beaudry, 2130
Gordon Brenenstuhl, 2467
Joseph Cangialosi, 52
Harold Wooschlager, 2191

A motion was made by Brother Brenenstuhl that the resolution be adopted as read. This was seconded by Rene Lessard, Montreal Aerie No. 2130 and approved by the delegates:

REPORT OF THE NO GOOSE EGG COMMITTEE

Read by Louis Dion, Montreal Aerie No. 2130

Brother Delegates:

Since a few years we have had no report of the No Goose Egg Committee but this year we are lucky enough to have only three aeries, in the whole year who are in the No Goose Egg Category. We hope in the future we will be able to report no goose eggs in any of the forty eight aeries of New York, Ontario and Quebec.

Your committee strongly recommends that all aeries in the State jurisdiction have an initiation every month so that a report will be sent to the Grand Aerie twelve times during the fiscal year.

With your co-operation I am sure that we would all be proud of the fact that New York is a 100% No Goose Egg State Aerie.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis Dion, Chr. 2130
Peter Cangialosi, 52
Thomas Connors, 2621

It was moved by Brother Dion and seconded by Sandor Nagy, Lockport Aerie No. 825 that the report be adopted as read. This was approved.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

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

Brother Delegates:

Audit of New York State Aerie books. Period of Audit: June 1, 1975 to May 31, 1976. We the undersigned members of the 1976 New York State Auditing Committee have audited the books of both the State Secretary and the 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. Verified balance as of May 31, 1976 was \$6,810.54.

We commend Brother Lane and Brother Decker for the excellent manner in which they have executed the duties of their respective offices.

Respectively submitted,

Carl Richardson, Chr. 616
Mason Brunskill, 2640
John Fresina, 97

A motion was made by Brother Richardson that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Earle Willis, Maple Leaf Aerie No. 2311 and approved by the delegates.

State Secretary Lane under a special order of business informed the delegates that no action had been taken at the Friday session with reference to the brothers who were nominated for office in which there was no contest. He then moved that he be instructed to cast one ballot for the slate of officers nominated with the exception of the office of State Trustee. This was seconded by Richard Dow, Middletown Aerie No. 544 and carried.

Secretary Lane did cast one ballot and State President Roy declared those brothers elected to office for the coming year.

REPORT OF THE BANQUET COMMITTEE

Read by Frank Crowley, Elmira Aerie No. 941.

Brother Delegates:

I am presenting this report in behalf of Richard Updike, the committee chairman, who is at the present time in the local hospital checking on the condition of his father who is gravely ill. It is my pleasure to report that all arrangements have been completed for the holding of the State Convention Banquet, scheduled for 6:30 this evening in the Elmira College Campus Center. Cocktails will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 P.M. Extra tickets can be obtained from Frank Crowley or Herman Cassidy. A special request is made by the committee that all guest be present at 6:30, as the program is expected to start right on time.

Respectively submitted,

Richard Updike, Chr. 941
Rene Lessard, 2130
Arthur Gonyea, 2486

It was moved by Brother Crowley that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by D. James Shay, Elmira Aerie No. 941 and carried.

REPORT OF THE NET GAIN COMMITTEE

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

Brother Delegates:

If any organization is to go forward numerically or financially an increase in membership must be achieved. The Worthy President of every aerie, upon his installation into office, should appoint a committee that will achieve this goal.

The Membership Committee must conduct a variety of campaigns throughout the year to encourage the enrollment of new members. The individual producers of these new members should be rewarded in some manner. Steps must also be taken to keep members from becoming delinquent. Aerie activities play an important part in keeping members from becoming dissatisfied and dropping their membership. An active aerie is a successful aerie.

In answer to the question "What is a Net Gain Aerie." The answer is "A net gain is achieved only when the total number of members on the roll is greater at the end of the fiscal year than what it was at the beginning of that year."

This committee on behalf of all of the State Officers wishes to take this opportunity to offer our congratulations to all the aeries in the New York State jurisdiction who have met the requirements that entitles them to receive Net Gain Awards. Our congratulations in particular go to the following aeries who are the top three producers in New York State and Eastern Canada. They are as follows:

1. St. Jerome Aerie No. 3176 with a Net gain of 213 members.
2. Oneonta Aerie No. 1260 with a net gain of 20 members.
3. Elmira Aerie No. 941 with a net gain of 18 members.

Respectfully submitted,

Laverne Weber, Chr. 825
Thomas Lauterback, 97
John Cole, 544

It was moved by Brother Weber and seconded by Charles Trask, Rochester Aerie No. 52 that the report be adopted as read. This was approved.

Following the approval of the report Brother Weber presented the New York State Net Gain Trophy to a representative of St. Jerome Aerie.

REPORT OF THE BETTER HOME TOWN COMMITTEE

Read by Frank Stokes, Chr. Maple Leaf Aerie No. 2311.

Brother Delegates:

This committee is of the opinion that the local aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles should become involved with other organizations in the community in developing programs for the betterment and improvement of the Home Town with a view to making it a better place in which to live.

We believe also that local aeries should establish their own programs to recognize individuals or corporations who contribute something extra to the community. Such programs surely enhance the reputation of the aerie and an aerie with a good reputation will receive recognition by the citizens. Eagle programs of "People Helping People" have a place in every community and it only remains for the Eagle leaders to promote and put them in to effect.

We believe that the Better Home Town Committee should work hand and hand with Home and Families and Civic Affairs Committees and with aggressive action on the part of the Eagles we will not only have a better Home Town we will have a better aerie as well.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Stokes, Chr. 2311
Delos Decker, 1260
Wilbur Button, 616

It was moved by Brother Stokes, that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Thomas Philpott, Maple Leaf Aerie No. 2311 and approved.

REPORT OF THE HELP FREEDOM RING COMMITTEE

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

Brother Delegates:

I am very proud to have been selected as the chairman of the Help Freedom Ring Committee. As a retired Sergeant I feel that I can say we must help keep the people of our great country aware of the wonderful freedom we have here.

For the rest of this special year, Sing out for Freedom. When you have a function in your aerie be sure to end your evening with the song God Bless America. Keep your people aware.

If you have not already had a program to honor your Policemen and Firemen -- do so now. Keep law alive in our great Country. See that the laws are enforced. Stress the duties and responsibilities of good citizens to assure Liberty under Law for all.

Sing out for freedom and stand on guard for our great freedoms.

Respectfully submitted,

William C. Carrick, Chr. 544
Glenn Amesbury, 1042
Robert Schick, 52

It was moved by Brother Carrick, that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Brother Schick Rochester Aerie No. 52 and approved by the delegates.

Following the report a discussion was held on the many programs of the Bicentennial year which included statements by Brother Carrick in which he told the delegates that all of the programs held in his aerie were brought to a close with the playing of the four service songs (Army, Navy, Marine and Air Corps) along with the Star Spangled Banner. Brother Shay, Elmira Aerie No. 941 announced that a special program is being held in his aerie on July 3rd, at which time all will join in the singing of the National Anthem at midnight.

REPORT OF THE PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

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

Brother Delegates:

We are happy to report that Binghamton Aerie No. 2119 and Hoosick Falls Aerie 2467 sent in communications informing us of the various activities they engaged in under the banner of the Program and activities Committee of the local aerie. Binghamton held a benefit for three firemen who died while on duty. Namely Chief Cox, Lieutenant Russell and Fireman McGiver. The Aerie and Auxiliary sponsors Bowling Teams, Softball Teams, Mixed Shuffleboard Contests and monthly dances.

Hoosick Falls has a number of programs. When a member is initiated they show him a brochure and invite him to select a program of his choice.

The Fraternal Order of Eagles should be proud because of real spirit and determination we have made this one of our finest years. The call by your State Leaders for an extended effort to all our departments resulted in a united drive to expand our contributions to all the projects sponsored by the Grand Aerie.

We are certainly proud of the efforts made in behalf of our senior citizens through R.E.A.C. and in throwing our weight behind the small fry in our Little League, Baseball, Football and Hockey. For our adult members our co-ed bowling, golf tournaments and the like have given many the opportunity to relax.

Taking a personal part in community affairs and digging in to our personal coffers in order to raise money for the heart, cancer and crippled children's funds in the hope that some day these dread diseases will be wiped out. And finally our complete dedication to our country has brought the fact that we are an organization of people doing all that we possibly can to further the welfare of all.

In closing, let us hope that this past year is just a forerunner of greater things to come in the immediate future.

Respectfully submitted,

Laverne Graham, 825
Ceicle Moshier, 88
Donald Gregory, Chr. 97

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

REPORT OF THE MAX BAER HEART FUND

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

Brother Delegates:

This is the report of the Max Baer Heart Fund for the year 1975 - 1976, for the State of New York. We would like to thank you for all of the work that went into making your contributions possible.

This year we found that the reports did not come in as regularly as they did when Brother Gaffney was handling the Fund. It is quite possible there may be some names that we do not have listed on the report.

NEW YORK STATE CONTRIBUTIONS AUGUST 11, 1975 TO MAY 31, 1976

NO.	CITY	AERIE AMT.	AUX. AMT.	JOINT
46	Buffalo	\$ 10.00		
52	Rochester	100.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 761.10
053	Syracuse		20.00	
88	Niagara Falls		65.00	
97	Utica		61.00	
514	Schenectady		75.00	
543	Staten Island		5.00	
544	Middletown		147.00	
616	Olean		195.00	
782	Watertown	200.00		
825	Lockport		100.00	
941	Elmira	303.00	100.00	
1042	Tarrytown	35.00	10.00	
1253	Ithaca	15.00	79.40	
1260	Oneonta		39.75	
1411	Tonawanda		34.00	
1575	Johnstown	54.00		
2130	Montreal	50.00	25.00	
2145	Jamestown		50.00	
2191	Cortland		25.00	
2269	Endicott		135.00	
2299	Corning			260.61
2311	Toronto	25.00	350.00	
2348	Batavia		10.00	
2467	Hoosick Falls	100.00		
2486	Glens Falls			650.00
2640	Hornell		50.00	100.00
2644	Johnsson City		1,117.00	
2692	Depew-Lancaster	200.00	25.00	
3155	Fort Erie		31.00	
3176	St. Jerome		25.00	
	State Auxiliary		15.00	
	R. Schick		10.00	
	A. Wozniak		10.00	
		\$1,092.00	\$2,839.15	\$1,771.71

Total Aeries and Auxiliaries \$5,702.86

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AT THE CONVENTION

Niagara Falls No. 88	\$ 10.00
Auburn No. 96	25.00
Utica No. 97	500.00
Middletown No. 544	361.00
Olean No. 616	600.00
Lockport No. 825	200.00
Binghamton No. 2119	25.00
Endicott No. 2269	100.00
Toronto Aerie and Auxiliary	185.00
Fort Hamilton No. 2621	15.00
Fort Erie No. 3155	10.00
Lockport Bowling Tournament	150.00
State Aerie Officers	<u>313.75</u>
	\$2,494.75

Previous Contributions	\$5,702.86
State Convention Donations	<u>2,494.75</u>
Overall Total	\$8,197.61

Respectfully submitted,

William Carrick, Chr. 544
 Arthur Cichon, Co-Chr. 2692
 Patrick Lance, 2486

It was moved by Brother Carrick and seconded by Harry Kincaid, Olean Aerie No. 616 that the report be adopted as read. This was approved.

Under a special order of business Grand Aerie Auditor Michael T. Gaffney, presented an honorable mention award for a class B Aerie Publication from the Eagle Publication Department, to Corning Aerie No. 2299. The award was accepted by Worthy President Douglas McDermott.

FINAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

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

Grand Aerie Representatives	3
State Officers	13
Past State Presidents	13
Delegates	94
Alternates	9
Past Worthy Presidents	<u>122</u>
Total Credential Issued	172

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald A. Stickney, Chr. 825
 Carl D. Richardson, 616
 Ray P. Haggerty, 1411
 Jack L. Harter, 2299
 Calvin Morton, 2269

COMPLETE LIST OF REGISTERED DELEGATES

DELEGATE	AERIE	DELEGATE	AERIE		
1	Ronald A. Stickney	825	55	Alan Barody	2486
2	Ray P. Haggerty	1411	56	Francis Crowley	941
3	Jack Harter	2299	57	Warner Prager	544
4	Calvin E. Morton	2269	58	Joseph J. Panetta	544
5	John A. Dickinson	941	59	Robert W. Woodruff	52
6	Alonz LaValley	941	60	Harry Woodruff	52
7	Alfred W. Lane	1042	61	Laverne Weber	825
8	Carl D. Richardson	666	62	Laverne Graham	825
9	Glenn Amesbury	1042	63	Wayne Monroe	941
10	Rene Lessard	2130	64	Larry Roy	2130
11	Charles E. Michaud	2130	65	Edwin Carpenter	941
12	Sandor Nagy	825	66	Marshall Gustafson	2145
13	Bertrand Romeo	2130	67	Robert Waite	941
14	Edward M. Kamas	941	68	James Cassidy	941
15	Vincent M. Scharf	46	69	Francis Campagna	1411
16	Ernest Bates	2299	70	Patrick Lance	2486
17	Walter J. Schreiber	1042	71	Michael Lopez	2486
18	Franz Peterson	3128	72	Joseph M. Everett	941
19	Henry Becker	3128	73	Walter J. Manry	2640
20	Kenneth Decker	1253	74	Robert Hood	941
21	Charles Straub	2467	75	Alfred Forkell	52
22	Donald Gregory	97	76	Milo Eddy	52
23	Grant Shellman	2299	77	Thomas Philpott	2311
24	Thomas Lauterbach	97	78	Fred LaBelle	2311
25	Harmon Sawyer	96	79	D. James Shay	941
26	Leo Beaudry	2130	80	Martin Hoyt	52
27	Roger Grandchamp	2130	81	Joseph Cangialosi	52
28	Georges Taillefer	2130	82	Peter Cangialosi	52
29	Marcel Trembley	2130	83	Vincent Indovina	52
30	William J. Stone Sr.	941	84	Ralph E. Pauly	616
31	Gordon Brenenstuhl	2467	85	John R. Kenney	1411
32	Raymond J. Correll	2269	86	Harry C. Kincaid	616
33	Al Hubbard	2119	87	Wilbur E. Button	616
34	Alvin B. Garren	2119	88	Andre Ducharme	2130
35	Raymond Roggenkamp	2621	89	Richard Lute	616
36	Michael F. McGovern	2621	90	Cecil Moshier	88
37	Roswald C. Viele	941	91	Donald Rettinger	2311
38	Douglas McDermott	2299	92	Earle Willis	2311
39	Robert Manry	2299	93	William A. Rae	2311
40	Anthony DiPio	941	94	Frank Stokes	2311
41	William Deegan	941	95	Harold A. Long Jr.	616
42	Roderick Elston	1253	96	James Harris	616
43	Raymond Womble	1253	97	Paul Bournival	3176
44	Alfred Lucas	2540	98	Rene DeLorme	3176
45	William C. Carrick	544	99	Milton L. Templar	941
46	Arthur J. Cichon	2692	100	Robert Sharkey	52
47	Gordon Grzyb	2692	101	Robert Schick	52
48	Herman E. Cassidy	941	102	Harold Fields	52
49	Owen McNally	2621	103	Richard Updike	941
50	Harry B. Meyer	544	104	John Fresina	97
51	Mason Brunskill	2640	105	Chester Halliday	46
52	John Cole	544	106	Walter Lull	46
53	Richard Baire	616	107	Stanley Singer	2486
54	Arthur Gonyea	2486	108	Frank Beatty	52

DELEGATE	AERIE	DELEGATE	AERIE		
109	Nino Ghezzi	053	141	Pierre Proteau	2130
110	William Fox	1253	142	Duane Brunning	825
111	William Mullare	3128	143	Robert Byron	2191
112	Louis Dion	2130	144	James Updike Sr.	2191
113	Delos Decker	1260	145	Loren Swanson	2145
114	Charles Trask	52	146	Carl Roehner	2692
115	John Bauman	941	147	Andrew Nazak Jr.	2644
116	Jacques Samson	3176	148	Gerald Guemar	2644
117	Gerard Lachapelle	3176	149	Thomas Smallcomb	2644
118	J. Pierre Gauthier	3176	150	Duane Kugler	825
119	Donald Stevens	1253	151	Lloyd Goff Jr.	825
120	Ronald W. Hogan	1253	152	Paul Sampson	2486
121	William Diamond	1253	153	J. Murray Burt	2311
122	Raymond Lance	2486	154	Henry Reinders	2311
123	George Mould	97	155	Robert Humphreys	2311
124	Carl Hichman	2486	156	John Threadgill	616
125	Stephen Tisa	52	157	Joseph Mercun	1260
126	Albert Thornton	2311	158	Robert Thompson	941
127	Ernest Davies	514	159	Richard Dow	544
128	George Dingman	514	160	Charles Arnold	941
129	Dominick McKenzie	2586	161	E. Leroy Miller	1253
130	Harold Royer Sr.	2586	162	George Hollister	1253
131	Floriant Longpre	3176	163	Roger Dillon	97
132	Gordon Ireland	2311	164	George Blakeslee Jr.	1575
133	William Alf	46	165	Samuel Barbato	1575
134	Donald Derx	616	166	Lucius Talarico	1575
135	Purley Taylor	2119	167	Peter Watier	825
136	Earl Brown	97	168	Gerard Provencher	3176
137	Ross Bearss	2311	169	Joel Dwyer	941
138	Harold Wooschlager	2191	170	Vincent Leahy	941
139	John L. Horner	2191	171	Clayton Tucker	825
140	Wesley Barnes	616	172	Charles F. Eifert	825

It was moved by Brother Stickney that the report of the committee be adopted as read. This was seconded by Laverne Graham, Lockport Aerie No. 825. On the question State Secretary Lane remarked that this was the greatest number of delegates registered at a State Convention in the past 20 years and he suggested that a rising vote of thanks be included in the motion for an excellent job so well done by the committee. The report and suggestion was approved by the delegates.

REPORT OF THE PAST STATE PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE

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

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

Friday, June 25th, at 1 P.M. The Past State Presidents of the State of New York and Eastern Canada, held their Annual Luncheon at the Mark Twain restaurant in Elmira, N.Y. This was followed by the Annual business session. Distinguished guests included Grand Treasurer Al Williams, semi-retired Grand Aerie Auditor Michael T. Gaffney and Eastern Regional President Harry Woodruff. In attendance were 11 Past State Presidents and Larry Roy, this year's State President, who was initiated into the group.

State Treasurer Kenneth Decker who doubles as Secretary for the Past Presidents' group reported that no member of the Past State

Presidents had died during the year. He further stated that our financial position was such that it was unnecessary to collect dues this year.

Our oldest living Past State President William Alf, of Buffalo Aerie No. 46, was in Elmira but due to a mixup on the place and the time of the banquet was not with us. Brother Alf served as State President in 1931 - 1932. Brother Hood is at the convention but due to a business appointment could not be in attendance. Brother Al Lane could not attend as he was conducting a meeting of the Membership Department.

We have 22 living Past State Presidents and Larry Roy becomes the 69th member of our Organization.

All Past State Presidents stand ready at any time to be of any help they can to the aeries of New York State and Eastern Canada. We extend good wishes to Owen McNally and his new officers for the coming year, and sincerely hope that all of our Past State Presidents will be able to meet with us next year in St. Jerome.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond Womble, Chr. 1253
Laverne Weber, 826
Edward Kamas, 941

A motion was made by Brother Womble and seconded by Marshall Gustafson, Jamestown Aerie No. 2145 that the report be adopted as read. This was approved by the delegates.

REPORT OF THE STATE OF THE ORDER COMMITTEE

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

Brother Delegates:

Reporting on the State of the Order, we are proud to say we kept up our goals and exceeded the 2700 new member mark, under the guidance of our State President Larry Roy. The reports of the State Officers and State Committee Chairmen have been excellent. The Membership Committee with the help of the local aeries did an excellent job and at the last minute Montreal Aerie No. 2130, probably in honor of their own brother being State President, beat out all other aeries and came in first with 322 new members.

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 did not have any new aeries in 1975 - 1976 but we are looking forward to some hard work on the part of the New Aerie Committee brothers to keep the door open at all times.

We can say with pride that we have had a very successful year, in all areas of our work. The job was well done, brothers.

We look forward to another year, hoping that it will be successful in every way. We are also looking forward to new goals, new ideas and new projects. Let us profit from yesterday, live for today and look for tomorrow.

Respectfully submitted,

William Carrick, Chr. 544
Roswald Viele, 941
Raymond Lance, 2486
Jacks Samson, 3176
Gordon Brenenstuhl, 2467

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

Under a special order of business State President Roy vacated the President's chair which was taken over by Past State President Decker. Past State President Carrick was called upon to make a number of presentations. He called State President Roy to the altar and presented him with his Past State President's Certificate, his Past State President's diamond pin and plaque plus a small cash purse for the efforts expended during his year as State President.

Brother Roy extended his sincere thanks and spoke briefly about his 25 years as an Eagle. He stated when joining he didn't have the slightest idea of ever becoming State President. Throughout the years he tried to be known as a working brother securing as many as 25 new members a year for quite a long period of time. He spoke again of the wonderful support he received. He further stated that now that it is over he doesn't regret the pressures and problems but only remembers the pleasures. He asked the delegates to give their wholehearted support to the new State President Owen McNally, in the coming year.

REPORT OF THE SPEAKERS COMMITTEE

Given by Alfred W. Lane, Chr. Tarrytown Aerie No. 1042.

Brother Delegates:

Again, at this convention, we have been blessed with a number of local community speakers along with some outstanding orators from the Grand Aerie. I am sure that we were all pleased with the talks given by the Mayor John Kennedy, the two Police Chiefs Tom Donnell and Jesse Schwakhammer. Fire Chief David Potter, County Legislator Stan Douglas and County Sheriff Carl Draxler also gave interesting and informative talks about Elmira and nearby communities.

Under the banner of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Al Williams and Mike Gaffney, two of the fraternity's top speakers reviewed again the splendid record being made by the members of the local aeries and auxiliaries. A pleasant surprise was a talk by Eastern Regional President Harry Woodruff, which he dubbed his "Gettysburg Address" and in which he praised the aeries and auxiliaries of the New York State jurisdiction for the splendid fraternal record made during 1975 - 1976. Of course our own "Patrick Henry's" had a number of opportunities to demonstrate their own oratorical skills.

In closing your committee wishes to thank the brothers of Elmira Aerie and all those who helped in anyway towards making our part of the program possible.

It was moved by Brother Lane and seconded by D. James Shay, Elmira Aerie No. 941 that the report be adopted as read. This was approved.

Under a special order of business Grand Treasurer Al T. Williams gave a short talk pertaining to the various humanitarian funds of the Order and expressed his appreciation for the generosity displayed by so many of the units in the New York State jurisdiction.

Eastern Regional President Harry Woodruff also expressed his thanks for the hospitality shown him during the past year and the efforts expended to make his term of office a successful one.

State President Roy thanked the Elmira Convention Committee for the fine co-operation received. He concluded by telling the delegates that he had the pleasure of riding to the Saturday morning session in an 1914 Model T. Ford owned by Donald E. Kalek.

REPORT OF THE ELECTION COMMITTEE

Read by Carl Roehner, Chr. Depew-Lancaster Aerie No. 2692.

Brother Delegates:

Following is the report of the election for the office of State Trustee: 168 brothers voted; five ballots were voided. Final voting figures are:

Laverne Graham, Lockport Aerie No. 825	234
Arthur Gonyea, Glens Falls Aerie No. 2486	187
Donald Rettinger, Maple Leaf Aerie No. 2311	180
Jack Harter, Steuben Aerie No. 2299	167
Ray Haggerty, Tonawanda Aerie No. 1411	112
Charles Straub, Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467	86
Al Hubbard, Binghamton Aerie No. 2119	79
Glenn Amesbury, Tarrytown Aerie No. 1042	42

Respectfully submitted,

Carl Roehner, Chr. 2692
Herman Cassidy, 941
Martin Hoyt, 52

A motion was made by Brother Roehner that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Henry Reinders, Maple Leaf Aerie No. 2311 and approved by the delegates.

State President Roy declared the following brothers elected to the office of State Trustee for the coming year: Laverne Graham, Arthur Gonyea, Jack Harter and Donald Rettinger.

Brothers Charles Straub, Ray Haggerty and Glenn Amesbury, expressed their appreciation and thanked the delegates for the support that they received.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The following brothers were installed into office by Grand Aerie Representative Michael T. Gaffney who acted as Grand Worthy President, Grand Treasurer Al T. Williams who acted as Grand Worthy Conductor and Eastern Regional President Harry Woodruff, who acted as Grand Secretary:

Past State President	Larry Roy, Montreal Aerie No. 2130
State President	Owen McNally, Fort Hamilton Aerie No. 2621
State Vice President	Donald Gregory, Utica Aerie No. 97
State Chaplain	Arthur Cichon, Depew-Lancaster Aerie No. 2692
State Secretary	Alfred W. Lane, Tarrytown Aerie No. 1042
State Treasurer	Kenneth Decker, Ithaca Aerie No. 1253
State Conductor	Ralph Pauly, Olean Aerie No. 616
State Inside Guard	Robert Woodruff, Rochester Aerie No. 52
State Outside Guard	Wayne Monroe, Elmira Aerie No. 941
State Trustee	Laverne Graham, Lockport Aerie No. 825
State Trustee	Arthur Gonyea, Glens Falls Aerie No. 2486
State Trustees	Jack Harter, Steuben Aerie No. 2299
State Trustee	Donald Rettinger, Maple Leaf Aerie No. 2311

Following the Installation Ceremony a short speaking program was held during which newly installed State President Owen McNally expressed his appreciation for the confidence given and he asked for continued support during the coming year. He stated he was willing to work in every way possible for a successful term of office. In closing he

thanked the representatives of the Grand Aerie for their attendance and for the great help that they gave in the installation of the new officers.

At this time a motion was made by Earle Willis, Maple Leaf Aerie No. 2311, that a rising vote of thanks be given to Hilda Mercun who served so efficiently as secretary during the convention business sessions. This was seconded by Kenneth Decker, Ithaca Aerie No. 1253 and a standing vote of thanks and appreciation was given by all of the delegates present.

With all of the convention business completed up to this point, State President Roy announced that the report of the State Ritualistic Committee would be given at the State Convention Banquet. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 P.M.

STATE CONVENTION BANQUET

The Joint Convention Banquet was held in the main dining room of the Elmira College Campus Center in Elmira, N.Y. on Saturday evening, June 26, 1976. A crowd of close to 500 persons were in attendance and once again Past State President Kenneth Decker, of Ithaca, N.Y. served as toastmaster. All of the newly installed State Officers were introduced. Short talks were given by outgoing State President Larry Roy and Madam State President Eleanor Schick, newly installed State President Owen McNally and Madam State President Ethel Clark, Eastern Regional President Harry Woodruff, and Past Grand Madam President Chloe Honeycutt. The principal address was given by General Auditor Michael T. Gaffney. One of the highlights of this affair was the presentation of a \$5,000.00 grant from the Eagle Cancer Fund, by State President Owen McNally, to the Roswell Park Memorial Institute. The grant was accepted by Director William Aungst, who expressed the thanks and appreciation of the institute and gave a brief resume of the history of the same. A number of gifts, presented as tokens of appreciation were given to State Presidents Owen McNally and Eleanor Schick, Grand Aerie Auditor Michael Gaffney, State Secretary Alfred Lane and Madam President of Elmira Auxiliary Marlene Dominikoski.

REPORT OF THE STATE RITUALISTIC COMMITTEE

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

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

This State Ritualistic Committee is proud to present the following report: This year five aeries competed and the results were as follows:

	1 - Lockport Aerie No. 825	98.3%
	2 - Maple Leaf Aerie No. 2311	96.8%
TIE	2 - Glens Falls Aerie No. 2486	96.8%
	4 - Ithaca Aerie No. 1253	96.6%
	5 - Elmira Aerie No. 941	92.5%

Respectfully submitted,

Henry Becker, Chr. 3128
Roger Grandchamps, 2130
Robert Woodruff, 52
John Kenney, 1411
Harmon Sawyer, 96
Ernest Davies, 514
Al Hubbard, 2119

This report was given at the State Convention Banquet. A motion was made by Brother Becker that the report be adopted as given. There being no objections it was ruled by the New State President Owen McNally, that the report of the committee was approved.

With no further business on the agenda this brought to a close the 70th 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)	1942	—	New York City
1908	—	Saratoga Springs	1943	—	Auburn
1909	—	Little Falls	1944	—	Batavia
1910	—	Rockaway Beach	1945	—	Rochester
1911	—	Rochester	1946	—	Middletown
1912	—	Cohoes	1947	—	Utica
1913	—	Carthage	1948	—	Saratoga Springs
1914	—	Olean	1949	—	Saratoga Springs
1915	—	Auburn	1950	—	Rochester
1916	—	Rochester	1951	—	Rochester
1917	—	Buffalo	1952	—	Binghamton
1918	—	Geneva	1953	—	Schenectady
1919	—	Syracuse	1954	—	Oneonta
1920	—	Niagara Falls	1955	—	Elmira
1921	—	Saratoga Springs	1956	—	Montreal
1922	—	Binghamton	1957	—	Saratoga Springs
1923	—	Mount Vernon	1958	—	Buffalo
1924	—	Rockaway Beach	1959	—	Elmira
1925	—	Niagara Falls	1960	—	Rochester
1926	—	Watertown	1961	—	Toronto
1927	—	Binghamton	1962	—	Utica
1928	—	Syracuse	1963	—	Oneonta
1929	—	Schenectady	1964	—	Watertown
1930	—	Elmira	1965	—	Rochester
1931	—	Oswego	1966	—	Syracuse
1932	—	Rochester	1967	—	Glens Falls
1933	—	Lockport	1968	—	Olean
1943	—	Johnstown	1969	—	Rochester
1935	—	Ithaca	1970	—	Montreal
1936	—	Olean	1971	—	Oneonta
1937	—	Auburn	1972	—	Utica
1938	—	Watertown	1973	—	Glens Falls
1939	—	Gloversville	1974	—	Olean
1940	—	Lockport	1975	—	Rochester
1941	—	Rochester	1976	—	Elmira

