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STATE OFFICERS 1978 - 1979

Junior Past State President Donald Gregory
Utica 97

State President Arthur Cichon
Depew-Lancaster 2692

State Vice President Ralph Pauly
Olean 616

State Chaplain Robert Woodruff
Rochester 52

State Secretary Alfred W. Lane
Tarrytown 1042

State Treasurer Kenneth Decker
Ithaca 1253

State Conductor Wayne Monroe
Elmira 941

State Inside Guard Laverne Graham
Lockport 825

State Outside Guard Arthur Gonyea
Glens Falls 2486

STATE TRUSTEES

Chr.: Donald Gregory Utica 97
Jack Harter Corning 2299
Donald Rettinger Toronto 2311
Ray Haggerty Tonawanda 1411
Rene Lessard Montreal 2130

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1978 STATE CONVENTION

With the arrival of the majority of the delegates and visitors on Wednesday, June 21, 1978, we again ran into the same problem that has been plaguing convention committees for years and years -- Housing Reservations. Fortunately, a major portion of the problems were solved quickly and plans for the evening's activities went along without any interruption. A class initiation was held in the aerie home at 8 o'clock at which 16 candidates were inducted into the Order by the State Officers Degree Team. On the entertainment side the Annual Get Acquainted Party immediately followed the initiation. The dancing and entertainment were enjoyed by a capacity crowd.

All State Aerie business sessions were held in the home of Schenectady Aerie. The State Auxiliary sessions were held in the Ramada Inn. Registration of delegates opened at 10 A.M. on Thursday June 22nd on the first floor of the aerie home.

The State Convention Banquet was held on Saturday evening June 24, 1978 in the Hall of Fame Ballroom in the Ramada Inn.

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE CONVENTION

The Convention was opened at 2:15 P.M. on Thursday June 22nd by David Waldron, Past President of Schenectady Aerie and General Chairman of the 1978 New York State Convention. James Burger, Commanding Officer of the United States Naval Reserve Security Group, led all present in the pledge of allegiance and the singing of both the United States and Canadian National Anthems. Reverend Bernard Gustas, Pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church gave the invocation. Speakers included James Tedisco, who represented Mayor Frank Duci, and read a proclamation establishing June 19th to the 25th as "Fraternal Order of Eagles Week". A number of city officials which included Wayne V. Chapman, City Manager; Sergeant Wemble, who represented the Chief of Police; Mrs. Karen Johnson, City Council Member; Dominic Gallo, City Council Member was unable to attend and he was replaced by Majority Leader David Roberts. Bernard Waldron, Sheriff of Schenectady County, brother of the Convention Chairman and Brother Eagle also extended a warm welcome. State President Donald Gregory, Madam State President Carmelita Pauly, Schenectady President Herbert Farrell and Madam President of the Auxiliary Gladys Barner were introduced and spoke briefly welcoming all delegates and visitors to Schenectady. Past Grand Worthy President Lewis Reed and Past Grand Madam President Adaline Navarra, along with Eastern Regional President Owen McNally all representatives of the Grand Aerie spoke extending their best wishes for a successful convention. Past Grand Madam President Mary Dunn was also introduced. Special thanks was given to State Secretary Lane for his expert guidance all along the way. M. Daniel Splain, Assistant International Director of Membership and Secretary of the Grand Tribunal was the keynote speaker and gave an eloquent address elaborating on the part fraternal organizations played in the governmental system of our country. This brought to a close the official opening ceremony. A recess was called at 3 P.M. to make the necessary arrangements for the first business session.

M T W T F S S FIRST SESSION

The first session was called to order at 3:50 P.M. by State President Donald Gregory.

The Roll Call of State Officers was held with all of the State Officers in attendance. Following the Roll Call the obligation and admission of new members along with the oath of allegiance was given by Past State President Kenneth Decker, of Ithaca Aerie No. 1253.

The following committee appointments were announced by State President Donald Gregory. Each delegate had received a copy of the appointments and are as follows:

STATE COMMITTEES 1977 - 78

BY-LAW

William Carrick, Chr. 544
Kenneth Decker, 1253
Laverne Weber, 825

LEGISLATIVE

Arthur Cichon, Chr. 2692
Anthony Villari, 46
Vincent Butkovitch, 1042

YOUTH GUIDANCE

Laverne Graham, Chr. 825
Carl Hamblin, 782
Gordon Gyzzrb, 2692

CANCER RESEARCH

Ralph Pauly, Chr. 616
John Muller, 3610
Robert Matteson, 97

MAX BAER HEART FUND

Wayne Monroe, Chr. 941
Roger Dillon, 97
Vincent Indovina, 52

SOCIAL SECURITY

Robert Woodruff, Chr. 52
Cecil Moshier, 88
Nicholas Hoffman, 482

STATE ATHLETIC

Arthur Gonyea, Chr. 2486
Edward Falcheck, 52
Richard Kosin, 1411

STATE SPEAKERS

Alfred W. Lane, Chr. 1042
Harry Woodruff, 52
A. Raymond Lance, 2486

MEMBER SECURITY [NET GAIN]

Gordon Brenenstuhel, Chr. 2467
Richard Updike, 941
Stanley Singer, 97

SCOUTING

Harold Fields, Chr. 52
John Milward, 2145
Joseph Capozzella, 97

JIMMY DURANTE FUND

Harold Fields, Chr. 52
Patrick Lance, 2486
Gordon Ireland, 2311

STATE BOWLING

Jack Harter, Chr. 2299
Jack Kincaid, 616
Calvin Morton, 2269

HOME AND FAMILY

D. James Shay, Chr. 941
 Thomas Lauterbach, 97
 Paul Baird, 2467

NO GOOSE EGG AERIES

Donald Rettinger, Chr. 2311
 Gordon Lindow, 2119
 Robert Brenenstuh, 2467

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A. Raymond Lance, Chr. 2486
 Laverne Weber, 825
 Larry Roy, 2130
 Owen McNally, 2621
 William Carrick, 544

PAST STATE PRESIDENTS

Frank Stokes, Chr. 2311
 Robert Schick, 52
 Raymond Womble, 1253

CREDENTIALS

Ronald Stickney, Chr. 825
 Al Hubbard, 2119
 Carl Richardson, 616
 Calvin Morton, 2269
 Duane Dennison, 2640

PUBLICITY

George Dingman, Chr. 514
 Leon Hillman, 482
 David Cook, 1575

RESOLUTIONS

William Carrick, Chr. 544
 Frank Crowley, 941
 Glenn Amesbury, 1042
 William Rae, 2311
 Charles Lee, 825

RITUALISTIC

Henry Becker, Chr. 3128
 Carl Hichman, 2486
 Al Hubbard, 2119
 John Kunzog, 2145
 Roger Grandchamp, 2130
 Wilbur Button, 616
 John Lewis, 2640

IN MEMORIAM

Vincent M. Scharf, Chr. 46
 Stanley Bartlett, 782
 Paul Bournival, 2176

ELECTION

Joseph Cangialosi, Chr. 52
 Chester Halliday, 46
 Douglas McDermott, 2299

G.A. HOSPITALITY ROOM

Owen McNally, Chr. 2621
 D. James Shay, 941
 Ralph Pauly, 616

R.E.A.C.

Wayne Monroe, Chr. 941
 James Buckmaster, 2640
 Gordon Ireland, 2311

BETTER HOME TOWNS

Arthur Cichon, Chr. 2692
 Lawrence Ehret, 2119
 John Kenny, 1411

POLICE AND FIREMEN

D. James Shay, Chr. 941
 Jack Harter, 2299
 Patrick Lance, 2486

FINANCE AND BUDGET

Laverne Weber, Chr. 825
 Ralph Pauly, 616
 Robert Woodruff, 52

AUDITING

Carl Richardson, Chr. 616
 William Kane, 3610
 Robert Thompson, 941

GOLDEN EAGLE FUND

James Stewart, Chr. 1411
 Robert Rogers, 2299
 Mark Larve, 616

JUDICIARY

Larry Roy, Chr. 2130
 Anthony DiPio, 941
 Robert Cummings, 52

BANQUET

Arthur Gonyea, Chr. 2486
 Franklin Zibro, 3773
 William Diamond, 1253

STATE FUND RAISING

Kenneth Decker, Chr. 1253
 John O'Connor, 514
 Kenneth Nydam, 1260

CIVIC AFFAIRS

Jack Harter, Chr. 2299
 Rene Lessard, 2130
 Jacques Fex, 3176

STATE OF THE ORDER

Thomas Philpott, Chr. 2311
 Robert Schick, 52
 A. Raymond Lance, 2486
 Louis Dion, 2130
 Owen McNally, 2621

GRIEVANCE AND APPEALS

Raymond Roggenkamp, Chr. 2621
 Warren Bean, 2191
 Richard Rose, 1253

REPORT OF THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Read by Larry Roy, 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 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 where the Credential Committee is meeting on Saturday June 24, 1978 from 9 A.M. until 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 in writing, typewritten in triplicate, if possible, and delivered to the State Secretary for distribution to the proper committees. The committee of 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.

At this time it is customary to read the Order of Business for the Convention, but in view of the fact there is no great change in the procedure as regards to previous sessions and copies of the Order of Business have been distributed to all of the delegates I shall dispense with the reading of the same if there is no objection. However they will be included in the Convention proceedings.

Hearing none this report is

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Roy, Chr. 2130
Anthony DiPio, 941
Robert Cummings, 52

ORDER OF BUSINESS - THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 1978

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN: THIS SCHEDULE MUST BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO. PLEASE HAVE REPORT READY.

1. OPENING EXERCISE 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.
12. REPORT OF THE STATE TREASURER.
14. REPORT OF THE PUBLICITY COMMITTEE.
15. GOOD OF THE ORDER.
16. RECESS.

ORDER OF BUSINESS - FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 1978

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN: THIS SCHEDULE MUST BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO. PLEASE HAVE REPORT READY.

1. OPENING EXERCISES.
2. REPORT OF THE G.A. HOSPITALITY ROOM COMMITTEE.
3. REPORT OF THE STATE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.
4. REPORT OF BLOOD DONOR COMMITTEE.
5. REPORT OF THE STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR.
6. FIRST REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE.
7. REPORT OF THE STATE BOWLING COMMITTEE.
8. REPORT OF THE BY-LAW COMMITTEE.
9. REPORT OF THE IN MEMORIAM COMMITTEE.
10. REPORT OF THE STATE ATHLETIC COMMITTEE.
11. REPORT OF FIREMEN AND POLICEMEN COMMITTEE.
12. SECOND REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE.
13. REPORT OF SCOUTING 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 THE UNDER 35 CLUB.
18. REPORT OF STATE FUND RAISING.
19. HOME AND FAMILY COMMITTEE.
20. NOMINATION OF OFFICERS.
21. RECESS.

ORDER OF BUSINESS - SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 1978

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN: THIS SCHEDULE MUST BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO. PLEASE HAVE REPORT READY.

1. OPENING EXERCISES.
2. REPORT OF THE YOUTH GUIDANCE COMMITTEE.
3. REPORT OF THE CANCER RESEARCH COMMITTEE.
4. REPORT OF THE R.E.A.C. COMMITTEE.
5. REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.
6. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.
7. REPORT OF THE JIMMY DURANTE FUND COMMITTEE.
8. SECOND REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE.
9. REPORT OF NO GOOSE EGGS COMMITTEE.
10. REPORT OF THE STATE BANQUET COMMITTEE.
11. REPORT OF THE NET GAIN COMMITTEE.
12. REPORT OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE FUND COMMITTEE.
13. REPORT OF BETTER HOME TOWNS COMMITTEE.
14. REPORT OF PROGRAM ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE.
15. REPORT OF THE MAX BEAR HEART FUND COMMITTEE.
16. FINAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE.
17. REPORT OF THE PAST STATE PRESIDENTS COMMITTEE.
18. REPORT OF THE STATE OF THE ORDER COMMITTEE.
19. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS.
20. REPORT OF SPEAKERS COMMITTEE.
21. REPORT OF THE ELECTION COMMITTEE.
22. REPORT OF THE GRIEVANCE AND APPEALS COMMITTEE.
23. REPORT OF THE RITUALISTIC COMMITTEE.
24. INSTALLATION OF STATE AERIE OFFICERS.
25. ADJOURNMENT.

It was moved by Alfred Lane, Tarrytown Aerie No. 1042 that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Roger Grandchamp, Montreal Aerie No. 2130 and approved.

The next order of business was the reading of the proceedings of the State Convention held in St. Jerome during June of 1978. State Secretary Lane started to read the proceedings. Chester Halliday, Buffalo Aerie No. 46, moved that in view of the fact a copy of the proceedings had been given to each delegate and had previously been sent to every aerie in the jurisdiction, further reading be dispensed with and the proceedings be adopted as written. This was seconded by Al Hubbard, Binghamton Aerie No. 2119 and approved.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

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

From the Grand Aerie with the information that Past Grand Worthy President Lewis Reed, Eastern Regional President Owen McNally, Assistant Membership Director M. Daniel Splain and Judge Robert Cannon from Milwaukee, Wisconsin will represent the Grand Aerie at the annual convention. Filed.

From a majority of the Grand Aerie Officers, best wishes for a most successful convention. Filed.

From the Grand Aerie Convention Headquarters, a number of communications in reference to events to be held at the Grand Aerie Convention in Spokane, Washington, August 2nd through August 5th, 1978. Filed.

From the Jimmy Durante Children's Fund stating that grants to the following institutions have been approved: United Cerebral Palsy & Handicapped Children's Association of Syracuse, Inc. Syracuse, N.Y.; and Achievement Center Scout Troop Rochester School for the Deaf, Rochester, N.Y.; and Achievement Center Scout Troop No. 171, Falconer, N.Y.

Brother Lane stated that the presentations would be made at the State Convention Banquet on Saturday evening.

From the Art Ehrmann Cancer Fund a notification that a grant of \$5,000 had been approved for the Walton Jones Cell Science Center, Lake Placid, N.Y. Brother Lane announced that this also would be presented at the State Convention Banquet on Saturday evening.

From the Chapel of the Four Chaplains, a communication and folder in connection with their various programs and a request for our continued assistance. Filed.

From Brother William Lee Connelly, of Bremerton, Washington, asking for our support in having the Apple Blossom as our National Flower. No action was taken and the communication was filed.

Four communications were received from the office of the Grand Secretary with relation to the institution of the following aeries: Metro Aerie No. 3805, Colonie, N.Y., April 16, 1978; Mississauga Aerie No. 3806, Mississauga, Ont. Canada, April 29, 1978; Horseheads Aerie No. 3818, Horseheads, N.Y., May 21, 1978; Shawinigan Aerie No. 3810, Shawinigan Falls, Quebec, Canada, May 28, 1978. Communication filed.

From Maurice Splain Jr. Membership Director of the F.O.E. with relation to Legion of Honor awards to be presented to the brothers who organized new aeries during the 1977-1978 Fiscal year. Brother Lane announced the plaques would be presented during the convention sessions.

From St. Jerome Aerie No. 3176 an itemized report of the donations made by the aerie and auxiliary to local charities which amounted to \$14,141.06. Filed.

From Toronto Aerie No. 2311 a brief report of the charitable work done by the aerie and the auxiliary in conjunction with the work done for the Eagle Humanitarian Funds. Projects included raising \$2,700 for the Crippled Children's

Ward of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Participating in and donating \$1,000 to the Jerry Lewis Telethon for Muscular Dystrophy and are planning to man the telephones again this year. Filed.

From the Hornell Senior Center for the Aging, a thank you note for the \$1,000 grant received from the Golden Age Fund. Filed.

From the Grand Secretary's Office a letter of clarification for judging ritualistic competition. There being no objection this letter was given to Henry Becker, Chairman of the State Ritual Committee.

Brother Lane moved that all action taken during the reading of the communications be approved. This was seconded by Charles Straub, Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467 and carried.

FIRST REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

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

Grand Aerie Representative	2
State Officers	13
Past State Presidents	6
Delegates	101
Alternates	5
Past Worthy Presidents	81
Total votes	212
 Total Credential issued	 126

A motion was made by Brother Stickney that this partial report be accepted as read. This was seconded by John Lewis, Hornell Aerie No. 2640 and carried.

Under a special order of business State President Gregory presented Past Grand Worthy President Lewis Reed. Brother Reed spoke briefly complimenting the Officers and Delegates on such a splendid convention. He expressed his thanks and stated he was looking forward to addressing the convention at length Friday morning.

STATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Delivered by State President Donald Gregory: A brief talk was given at this time expressing his thanks. He stated his full report would be in the Convention Proceedings.

Grand Aerie Representatives, State Officers,
Distinguished Guests, Brother Delegates:

To say that I was surprised and very pleased with the results that have been credited to New York State and Eastern Canada during the fiscal year of 1977-1978 certainly would be putting it very mildly. As your State President I don't know how

to even begin to thank you for the combined efforts that made possible the addition of 5 new aeries and 2,723 new members during the past 12 months, to make my term of office one of my happiest years that I shall never forget. Special attention and tribute must go to the organizers of our five new units: Al Thurber, for Troy, N.Y.; Charles Straub, for Colonie, N.Y.; Don Rettinger, for Mississauga, Ontario, Canada; Dave Shay, for Horseheads, N.Y.; along with Louie Dion and Andre Caron, for Shawinigan Falls.

The co-operation that was given to all the chairmen of the various Grand Aerie Humanitarian Funds will once again put us up with the National leaders in monies donated.

All of my visits to the various aeries whether for business, social occasions, anniversaries or just to say hello were all happy events because of the manner in which my wife Ronnie and I were received and the splendid hospitality that was shown at all times.

It would be most difficult to thank personally, all who were responsible for this outstanding year, but I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the excellent co-operation and support I got from all of the State Officers, in particular State Secretary Lane, the Zone and District leaders and most of all the local aerie leaders and members who made all of these wonderful things happen.

In closing I want to extend my congratulations to my successor Brother Cichon, along with my pledge to assist him in every way to duplicate or perhaps better the year just passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Gregory
State President

It was moved by Alfred Lane, Tarrytown Aerie No. 1042 that the report be adopted as given. This was seconded by Henry Becker, and approved.

STATE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Read by State Secretary Alfred W. Lane, Tarrytown Aerie No. 1042.

Brother Delegates:

This is the 23rd time that I have had the privilege and the pleasure of presenting the Secretary's Report. Again, as in the past you will find that this is a synopsis of what has transpired during the past 12 months and a preface of the reports that will be elaborated on as the convention progresses.

To me our greatest accomplishment was in the New Membership field. We gained Nationwide attention by instituting 5 new aeries into the New York State Eagle Family during the past year an our overall total of 2728 new members belies the statement that interest in fraternal organizations is growing weaker year by year. Although we do have a few weak units, no charters were revoked or surrendered during 1977 - 1978 leaving us with a total of 53 local aeries in the State jurisdiction.

Official per capita tax figures received from the Grand Aerie, as of December 1977 is 14,848. The official figure last year was 15,701 which would indicate a net gain loss. Again, I must point out that the figures of the aeries reporting after the survey was taken were not counted.

One of the chief topics in our world today is the high cost of living and the ballooning inflation. Our balance as of May 31, 1978 is \$5,471.25. The State Secretary's Financial Report is on the Secretary's desk for inspection and will be included in the Convention proceedings. During the past few years we did manage to continue all of our services within our financial boundaries only because so many of our State and local leaders gave their support to so many of our programs and campaigns, in the majority of cases, without any remuneration whatsoever. After many discussions it was agreed almost wholeheartedly by all concerned, that a raise in the present State Per Capita Tax is a must in order to continue as one of the better State Aeries in the jurisdiction.

A large number of the Local aeries and auxiliaries were represented at the Grand Aerie Convention in Minneapolis and took an important part not only in the business sessions but also in the Convention Parade and the fun sessions as well. A number of our brothers and sisters were appointed as Eastern Regional representatives but the highlight was when Owen (Big Daddy) McNally was selected as Eastern Regional President.

Our Fall and Spring Conferences held in Utica and Tonawanda respectively were business and social successes again. Each year the attendance at these important gatherings is gaining in numerical strength making them top attractions on our annual program sheet. Highlights included selecting Binghamton as the site of the 1979 State Convention, selecting Captain Frank Banks of the Elmira Fire Dept. as Fireman of the Year and Patrolman Perry Specchio, of the Watkins Glen Police Dept. as Policeman of the Year. Past State President Laverne "Shorty" Weber was picked to lead the State Membership Department for 1978-1979. The 1978 State Mr. and Mrs. Bowling Tournament went to Hornell Aerie and Depew-Lancaster was selected as the site for the State Fall Conference in September.

The Sports picture remains the same with bowling the only Statewide activity. Our Mr. and Mrs. State Bowling Tournament held in Elmira, was one of the best to date. The Annual State Bowling Tournament held in Corning this past year was outstanding with a special "Pat on the back" going to both Mr. and Mrs. Jack Harter for an excellent job so well done. It is the hope of all our sport minded members that the day is not too far off when we will have a Statewide Golf Tournament, along with a softball tournament as well.

Official reports received from the various Humanitarian Funds of the Grand Aerie show that the New York State Eagle Family has been very busy during the past 12 months. For your information each fund chairman is holding a parade of checks later in the convention schedule. New York State was very fortunate in having the honor and privilege of presenting a number of grants from the various funds to deserving institutions throughout the State jurisdiction. I am sure the particulars will be included in the reports that will follow.

As we roll down the curtain on another wonderful year I can honestly say it was all made possible because of our ability to work together as a team or family. It would

be so difficult to name names -- as so many played a part in making this all happen. Extra special thanks must go to the State officers, State President Don Gregory, my good right arm State Treasurer Ken Decker and of course the brothers that make the wheel go around - all of the local secretaries whose support and co-operation still make my job a pleasure.

1978 - 1979 is just ahead -- all of the signs point towards a Super Year with three more new aeries, and perhaps more - along with an army of new members to help make our New York Eagle Family one of the best in the entire Eagle jurisdiction.

We feel sure that this convention will be a happy and progressive one. It is the wish of all concerned that your journey back home will be without incident. You are the brothers that make all of these things happen. My sincere thanks to each and everyone of you.

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred W. Lane
State Secretary

STATE SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL REPORT

MAY 31, 1977 to JUNE 1, 1978

RECEIPTS:	NOV.	MAY	TOTAL
State Per Capita Tax from the aeries	\$3,856.60	\$4,007.60	\$ 7,864.20
State Membership Fund	3,046.00	3,559.00	6,605.00
State Convention Advance		800.00	800.00
State Fund Raising	400.00	200.00	600.00
State Convention Credential Committee	1,400.00		1,400.00
State Auxiliary Ad in G.A. Journal		60.00	60.00
G.A. Hospitality Room	175.00		175.00
Donation to State Ritual Competition	75.00		75.00
State Auxiliary Convention Badges (1978)		60.00	60.00
TOTALS	\$8,952.60	\$8,686.60	\$17,639.20

EXPENDITURES:

State Secretary's Salary	\$ 470.75	\$ 470.24	\$ 940.99
State Treasurer's Allowance	50.00	50.00	100.00
State President's Visits (McNally)	392.48		392.48
State President's Visits (Gregory)	232.60	799.28	1,031.88
Various Assignments	619.92	862.24	1,482.16
State Postage	247.70	295.00	542.70
Mimeographing State Bulletin	150.64	233.66	384.30
State Printing and Mimeographing	273.86	126.87	400.73
Membership Meetings	418.76	906.32	1,325.08
State Telephone	302.96	344.86	647.82
Social Security Tax	58.75	59.50	118.25
State Officers' Convention Assignments	2,324.16		2,324.16

State Convention Misc. Expense	1,941.27		1,941.27
Delegate to the G.A. Convention	250.00		250.00
Secretary's Office Supplies	48.86	37.37	86.23
State Officers' Bond	26.25		26.25
Ad in the G.A. Conv. Journal	160.00		160.00
State Fall Conf. Assignments (Utica)	1,081.36		1,081.36
State Membership Awards	421.80	476.43	898.23
State Treasurer's Office Expense	39.30	30.10	69.40
G.A. Hospitality Room (Minneapolis)	240.91		240.91
Canadian Debit	44.52	70.93	115.45
Floral Sprays	46.77		46.77
Printing 1977 St. Conv. Proceedings		1,220.40	1,220.40
State Auxiliary Convention Advance		400.00	400.00
State Spring Conference (Tonawanda)		1,247.96	1,247.96
Eastern Regional Conference (Williamsport)	484.36		484.36
State Membership Misc. Expense	41.00	73.55	114.55
Grand Aerie Convention Signs	218.28		218.28
State Convention Expense (1978)		123.99	123.99
TOTALS	\$10,587.26	\$7,828.70	\$18,415.96

RECAPITULATION

Balance as of June 1, 1977	\$ 6,248.01
Total Receipts	17,639.20
	23,887.21
Total Expenditures	18,415.96
Balance as of June 1, 1978	\$ 5,471.25

Respectfully Submitted,
Alfred W. Lane
State Secretary

A motion was made by Brother Lane and seconded by Al Hubbard, Binghamton Aerie No. 2119, that the report be adopted as read. This was carried.

FIRST REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 1

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

WHEREAS: In the past, the meeting dates of the Annual State Convention were scheduled for the fourth weekend during the month of June, and

WHEREAS: A number of schools hold their graduation exercises during that same period at which a great number of Eagle members will attend, forcing them to miss the convention that year.

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED: The meeting dates of the Annual New York State Convention F.O.E. be changed from the 4th weekend in June to the third weekend in June.

This resolution was presented by Elmira Aerie No. 941. It was approved by the local aerie at its regular meeting on June 15, 1978 and signed by Aerie Secretary James Laskaris.

Brother Carrick stated the committee favored this move and that the resolution be turned over to the By-Law Committee. He moved such action be taken. This was seconded by Wayne Monroe, Elmira Aerie No. 941 and carried.

FIRST REPORT OF THE BY-LAW COMMITTEE

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

Brother Delegates:

After careful consideration your By-Law Committee presents the following changes to our present By-Laws:

Section 1:1 Change from -- The State Aerie shall meet annually in the month of June, starting on the Thursday of the last week, where there are at least two remaining days in June -- to read -- The State Aerie shall meet annually in the month of June starting on the Thursday which includes the third Saturday of the month.

Section 4:1 Change from -- Per Capita tax to be paid semi-annually on or before January 1st and on and before July 1st of each year, not in excess of 50 cents per annum. -- to read -- Per Capita Tax to be paid semi-annually on or before January 1st and on and before July 1st of each year, not in excess of 70 cents per annum. The same to be paid in United States currency.

Section 5:1 Change from -- Or eight cents per mile if traveling by automobile -- to read -- or 12 cents per mile if traveling by automobile.

Section 5:6 Change from -- Or eight cents per mile if traveling by car for the distance to and from destination -- to read -- Or 12 cents per mile if traveling by car for the distance to and from destination.

Section 5:7 Change from -- Or if traveling by automobile, not in excess of eight cents per mile while going to or returning from, and while in actual attendance at the Grand Aerie Session. In no event shall the expense of each exceed \$250.00 -- to read -- or if traveling by automobile, not in excess of 12 cents per mile while going to or returning from, and while in actual attendance at the Grand Aerie Session. In no event shall the expense of each exceed \$350.00.

Section 8:9 Change from -- Such rules by its adopted, subject to the approval of the State Trustees -- to read -- Such rules may be by its adoption, subject to the approval of the State Executive Committee.

As this was the first reading no action was taken.

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 Seventy Second Annual State Convention, in Schenectady, N.Y., I submit the following financial statement as to the true balance of the New York State Aerie account as of June 1, 1978.

Balance June 1, 1977	\$ 6,248.01
Receipts	17,639.20
	\$23,887.21
Disbursements	
Checks #2721 thru 2925	\$18,300.51
Canadian Debit	115.45
	\$18,415.96
Receipts	\$23,887.21
Disbursements	\$18,415.96
Balance June 1, 1978	\$ 5,471.25

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Decker
State Treasurer

A motion was made by Brother Decker that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by William Rae, Toronto Aerie No. 2311 and carried.

REPORT OF THE PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Read by George Dingman, Chr. Schenectady Aerie No. 514

Brother Delegates:

Frank Duci, Mayor of the City of Schenectady, N.Y. has proclaimed the week of June 19th through the 25th as Fraternal Order of Eagles Week in recognition of the 75th Anniversary of Schenectady Aerie No. 514 and the 72nd Annual Convention of the New York State Aerie. A number of articles have appeared in the Schenectady Gazette and the Albany Knickerbocker News with reference to the convention and the donations that were being made. The Schenectady Gazette has been quite cooperative with an informative article appearing in this weeks issue and they will

follow our activities and have a more complete story in next weeks editions.

We have been very fortunate in getting good coverage in publicizing the programs of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and also good publicity on convention activities.

Respectfully submitted,

George Dingman, Chr. 514
Leon Hillman, 482
David Cook, 1575

It was moved by Brother Dingman, that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by John Lewis, Hornell Aerie No. 2640 and carried.

A number of announcements were made with reference to committee meetings, banquets and hospitality rooms. A recess was then called at 4:45 P.M. to meet again on Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

STATE OFFICERS BANQUET

The Annual State Officers Banquet was held in a private dining room of the Ramada Motel on Thursday evening June 22nd, 1978 beginning at 6:45 o'clock. All of the State Officers were in attendance along with Past State Presidents Lance, Weber, Roy, Carrick and Philpott. Also present were Zone Directors Becker, Brennstuhl, Fields and Grand Aerie Representative Lewis Reed. Following the serving of a delicious dinner a State Officers meeting was held.

SECOND SESSION

The second session of the 72nd Annual Convention of the New York State Aerie was convened by President Donald Gregory at 10:15 A.M. on Thursday June 23, 1978.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

Secretary Lane read two communications that arrived after the start of the convention:

From Fort Erie Aerie No. 3155 an itemized report of the donations given to the local charities during 1977-1978 which totaled \$525.00. Filed.

From Watertown Aerie No. 782, an itemized report of all monies given to local and Eagle Humanitarian Funds during 1977-1978 which came to a total of \$5,654.00. Filed. It was moved by Brother Lane and seconded by Kenneth Decker, Ithaca Aerie No. 1253 that the action taken be approved. Carried.

REPORT OF THE GRAND AERIE HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

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

Brother Delegates:

I have been given the honor to be the chairman of the Grand Aerie Hospitality Room, at the National Convention in Spokane, Washington, this coming August. My committee and I are still soliciting for donations for this project.

As you know these donations are used for cars, decorating the cars for the Grand Aerie Parade and of course for the New York State Hospitality Room.

A few donations have been received to date. A complete financial report of all contributions, including those received at this convention will be printed in the State Convention proceedings.

Following is the Financial Report:

Corning Aerie No. 2299	\$ 30.00
Binghamton Aerie No. 2119	10.00
Oneonta Aerie No. 1260	25.00
Rochester Aerie No. 52	25.00
Elmira Aerie No. 941	25.00
Lockport Aerie No. 825	25.00
Olean Aerie No. 616	75.00
Ft. Hamilton Aerie No. 2621	50.00
Tarrytown Aerie No. 1042	15.00
Flushing Aerie No. 583	10.00
Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467	10.00
Tonawanda Aerie No. 1411	25.00
Ithaca Aerie No. 1253	25.00
H. Becker, Elmont, 3128 (Personal)	20.00
T. Philpott/M. McClusky, Toronto (Personal)	10.00
Total	\$380.00

RECAPITULATION:

Balance as of 9-24-77	\$471.92
Total Receipts	380.00
Balance as of 6-24-78	\$851.92

Respectfully submitted,
Owen McNally, Chr. 2621
D. James Shay, 941
Ralph Pauly, 616

A motion was made by Brother McNally that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Charles Eber, Tonawanda Aerie No. 1411. Carried.

REPORT OF THE STATE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Read by Arthur Cichon, Chr. Depew Aerie No. 2692

Brother Delegates:

We are happy to report there has been no new legislation directly dealing with the status of the State or Local Aeries, during the course of the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
Arthur J. Cichon, Chr. 2692
Anthony Villeri, 46
Vincent Butkovitch, 1042

FINAL REPORT OF THE BY-LAW COMMITTEE

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

A complete reading of the proposed By-Law changes, which were introduced at the Thursday session, was again given in its entirety. Official action was taken on each section separately:

Section 1:1 Which was in reference to changing the Annual Convention dates from the fourth weekend in June to the Thursday of the last week which includes the third Saturday of the month. A motion to adopt was made by Brother Carrick and seconded by Wayne Monroe, Elmira Aerie No. 941. This was approved. It was explained at this time that the convention scheduled for 1979 might have to be exempt from this ruling because of previous commitments.

Section 4:1 Which was in reference to raising the State Per Capita from 50 cents per annum to 70 cents per annum based on United States currency. A motion was made by Brother Carrick that this section be adopted. This was seconded by Arthur Cichon, Depew Aerie No. 2692. On the question State Secretary Lane spoke at length with relation to the payment in United States currency. He stated he had several meetings with the Canadian delegates and they objected to payment based on United States currency claiming their per capita tax was being raised and they were further being penalized because of the fiscal rate exchange that they had no control over. It was suggested that the New York State Aerie open a checking account in one of the Canadian banks. Brother Lane further stated that he agreed wholeheartedly with their objections and moved that the motion be amended so that the wording "Based on United States currency" be deleted. This was seconded by Charles Straub, Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467 and carried. The main motion was then voted upon and unanimously approved.

Section 5:1 Which was in reference to changing the mileage expense from 8 cents per mile, while traveling by automobile to 12 cents. A motion was made by Brother Carrick and seconded by Ralph Pauly, Olean Aerie No. 616 that this be adopted as read. Carried.

Section 5:6 Which was in reference to changing the mileage expense from 8 cents while traveling by automobile to 12 cents. It was moved by Brother Carrick that this be adopted as read. This was seconded by Richard Updike, Elmira Aerie No. 941 and carried.

Section 5:7 Which was in reference to changing the mileage expense from 8 cents while traveling by automobile to 12 cents. Also changing the maximum amount of expense for each from \$250.00 to \$350.00. A motion was made by Brother Carrick and seconded by Albert Thurber, Lansingburgh Aerie No. 3773 that this section be adopted as read. This was approved.

Section 8:9 Which is in reference to changing the wording State Trustees to State Executive Board. It was moved by Brother Carrick, that this section be adopted as read. This was seconded by Gordon Lindow, of Binghamton Aerie No. 2119 and carried.

Brother Carrick proposed that all action taken with reference to the new amendments of the New York State Aerie by-laws be adopted and a complete copy of the same be sent to the Grand Secretary for his approval. Alfred Lane, Tarrytown Aerie No. 1042, seconded the motion. This was approved by the delegates.

Respectfully submitted,

William Carrick, Chr. 544
Kenneth Decker, 1253
Laverne Weber, 825

REPORT OF THE BLOOD DONORS COMMITTEE

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

Brother Delegates:

We, in the Fraternal Order of Eagles are known as "People Helping People". What greater gift could we give than "To give our Blood".

With the demand for blood so high in this country today, we, as Eagles should be more concerned than we are. Let me ask you this question: Did you give blood last year? Are you between the ages of 17 and 65? If you can answer yes to those questions you are on the right track. If not take these questions back to your aerie and get something started.

Make it a community project. The donors do not have to be members of the Eagles. Get a friend, neighbor or fellow worker. Contact your local Red Cross and they will give you the necessary information for setting up a Blood Donors Program. Your local newspaper and radio station are very receptive to programs such as this, and their publicity can help make it a huge success.

I am sure with a little effort on your part, we can get the Blood Donors Program going in every aerie and continue to be known as "People Helping People"

In closing it is our pleasure to report that we did receive progressive reports from Olean and Middletown aeries.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph Pauly, Chr. 616
Harold Hammond Sr. 2311
Frank Beatty, 52

It was moved by Brother Pauly that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Charles Eber, Tonawanda Aerie No. 1411 and carried.

REPORT OF THE STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

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

Brother Delegates:

We have much to cheer about this particular year adding five new aeries to our State Family -- a feat most of us consider a modern miracle. Once again we did not reach the 3,000 new member mark, a perpetual quota we always set for ourselves, but we did secure an overall total of 2,728 new members, 557 more than the 1976-1977 figure.

Our State-wide Campaigns started off slowly but were really traveling full speed ahead at the close of the fiscal year. The institution of Lansingburgh Aerie early in June gave us a nice start for the Summer Campaign. The Kick-off Campaign in September produced 203 new members. The Hunter's Campaign in November was a big disappointment to all with only 145 new members being reported. Depew and Elmira tied for top honors and each received a Hunter's Trophy. Granville with a percentage gain of 13% was awarded the Percentage Gain Trophy. The State President's Trophy was won by Rochester and the State Membership Trophy for the best percentage gain was won by Endicott with a gain of 6.5%. The Under 35 Membership Campaign Plaque for the most members reported in March was won by Elmira with a total of 30 new members. Syracuse was the winner of the best percentage plaque with a gain of 16%. April, our annual Old Timers Campaign month became the most productive month in our fiscal year with 470 new members added to the roll. This was made possible with the institution of 2 new aeries -- namely Metro Aerie, in Colonie, N.Y. and Mississauga Aerie in Ontario Canada. The first winner of the Al Lane traveling Trophy presented for the best percentage gain during the Old Timers Campaign was Endicott Aerie with a gain of 19.8%. May was another banner month with an additional 440 new members reported. Two more new aeries joined the State Eagle Family group. One in Horseheads, N.Y. and the other in Shawinigan Falls, Quebec, Canada, bringing to a very happy and successful conclusion a most progressive new membership year.

For the third consecutive year a concerted effort was made to have all the local aeries report at least one new member each month. Our average was about 50% most months. However, 37 out of 50 aeries joined the Quota Aerie Group. A number of them going over the assigned quota many times. Following is a list of this year's Quota Aeries:

Rotterdam 3610	Times	10	Montreal 2130
Endicott 2269	"	8	Oneonta 1260
Binghamton 2119	"	5	Granville 3504
Corning 2299	"	3	St. Jerome 3176
Depew 2692	"	3	Flushing 583
Utica 97	"	3	Rochester 52
Saratoga Springs 2586	"	3	Lockport 825
Cobleskill 2695	"	2	Olean 616
Hoosick Falls 2467	"	2	Jamestown 2145
Troy 3773	"	2	Tonawanda 1411
Middletown 544	"	2	Toronto 2311
Fort Hamilton 2621	"	2	Mississauga 3806
Batavia 2348	"	2	Johnson City 2644
Watertown 782	"	2	Elmira 941
Gloversville 482			Ithaca 1253
Schenectady 514			Hornell 2640
Norwich 1043			Syracuse 53
Glens Falls			Auburn 96
			Cortland 2191

Again this year we set up a little award program -- not as a reward but as a token of our appreciation for the efforts expended. The Membership Chairman of each Quota Aerie received a handsome wallet -- 37 wallets were distributed. An Eagle Drinking Cup went to all producers securing three new members in any given month. They also received an additional cup for each additional three as well. 128 cups were awarded. Each member securing 10 new members during the fiscal year was presented with a traveling alarm clock. 26 were presented. Becoming a member of the Exclusive 25 Club entitles you to a \$25.00 cash award. This year we had five. Romeo Bertrand, of Montreal; Mason Brunskill, of Hornell; Edward Barrett, of Elmira; Richard Magill, of Rochester; and Virgil Stimpson, of Oneonta. The top Producer Award of \$50.00 goes to Romeo Bertrand, the leading producer for the past two years, from Montreal Aerie who secured 42 new members. The \$25.00 award for the runner-up position goes to Mason Brunskill, of Hornell, who reported 33 new members.

Each month a small plaque was presented to the aerie with the greatest number of new members reported. The New York State Membership Trophy for 1977-1978, which is presented to the aerie with the highest total of new members reported during the year goes to Elmira Aerie with a total of 208. Following are the aeries that completed the Big Five in the State Membership Derby: 1. Elmira 941 - 208; 2. Rochester 52 - 178; 3. Montreal 2130 - 162; 4. Rotterdam 3610 - 122; 5. Depew-Lancaster 2692 - 112.

Our Zone and District setup along with your help worked wonders again this year. Gordon Brenenstuhl had the honor of being top Zone Director. His total of 1,135 for the year was one of the highest recorded in quite a long period of time. Frank Crowley was top District Director with 448. A special tap on the back must go to District Directors Stuart Gardner, Arthur Gonyea, Rene Lessard, Calvin Morton, Frank Crowley and Maurice Helmer who had all Quota Aerie in their particular Districts.

When it is all said and done you know and I know that it is the individual producer that contacts the potential member and makes him part of our great fraternity. To you brothers along with our State and local leaders my sincere thanks for your wonderful co-operation. An extra special thank you to Charles Straub, Dave Shay, Don Rettinger, Louie Dion, Andre Caron, Al Thurber and all their energetic helpers who made five new aeries in one year possible.

At the Spring Conference in Tonawanda I asked that I be relieved of the duties in connection with the State Membership Director's Office. They granted my request and in my place they appointed Past State President Laverne (Shorty) Weber of Lockport Aerie. Brother Weber has years of experience in the Membership Field and in my humble opinion will do wonders towards keeping our State Eagle Family membership strong and right up there with the National leaders.

In closing I want to say thank you again for the wonderful support I received as Membership Director throughout the years and present the brother who is going to take you to greater heights, your new State Membership Director "Shorty" Weber.

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred W. Lane
St. Mem. Director

LEADING PRODUCERS 1977 - 1978
MEMBERS OF THE EXCLUSIVE 25 CLUB AND
THE NEW YORK BIG TEN ASSOCIATION

Name	Aerie	Members Reported
Romeo Bertrand	Montreal 2130	42
Mason Brunskill	Hornell 2640	33
Edward Barrett	Elmira 941	27
Richard Magill	Rochester 52	25
Virgil Stimpson	Oneonta 1260	25
Roger Grandchamp	Montreal 2130	22
Harold Royer	Saratoga Springs 2586	21
Calvin Morton	Endicott 2269	20
Carl Roehner	Depew-Lancaster 2692	18
Mike Esposito Sr.	Rotterdam 3610	18
Richard Vanderlip	Depew-Lancaster 2692	17
Clarence Burg	Depew-Lancaster 2692	17
Robert Waite	Elmira 941	17

Ralph Gaudio	Rotterdam 3610	16
Edward Falcheck	Rochester 52	14
Charles Bootes Sr.	Lockport 825	13
John Gady	Middletown 544	12
Victor Rollins	Middletown 544	12
Richard Updike	Elmira 941	12
Leo Vanderhoff	Olean 616	11
Kenneth Morrissey	Glens Falls 2486	11
Franklin Zibro	Troy 3773	11
Richard Nellis	Johnstown 1575	10
Jack Harter	Corning 2299	10
Richard Winkowski	Depew-Lancaster 2692	10

Brother Lane moved the acceptance of the report. This was seconded by Ralph Pauly, Olean Aerie No. 616 and carried.

Following the adoption of the report, Leverne Weber the new State Membership Director, spoke briefly elaborating on the splendid job that Brother Lane did as Membership Director throughout the years and asked the delegates to give him a standing ovation, which they did. He outlined his plans for the coming year and stated there would be a general membership meeting in the aerie home at 4 o'clock and invited all to attend.

Under a special order of business both Brothers Lane and Weber presented a number of awards for membership achievement; included were the Old Timers Traveling Award for the best percentage gain in April, which went to Endicott Aerie, and the State Membership Trophy for the greatest number of new members reported during 1977-1978 which went to Elmira Aerie No. 941. A \$50 cash award went to Romeo Bertrand, of Montreal Aerie 2130 for being the top producer during the past year and a \$25 award went to Mason Brunskill, the runner-up.

REPORT OF THE STATE BOWLING COMMITTEE

Read by Jack Harter, Chr. Corning Aerie No. 2299.

Brother Delegates:

It is our pleasure to report that the New York State Bowling Tournament held in Corning, N.Y. during the Spring Months was a tremendous success. Steuben Aerie wishes to express its sincere thanks to all who participated and for the wonderful support received from the bowlers. Glens Falls Aerie No. 2486 was selected to host the 1979 Tournament. At the Annual meeting of the Bowling Association it was decided that the Tournament Secretary will send each Team Captain a letter verifying dates and times of bowling plus the official program book.

Congratulations to all bowlers who won the weekly drawings of a bowling ball and to the big winner of the Ball, Bag and Shoes.

All in all bowling seems to be the most popular sport and most of the aeries are looking forward to the 1979 tournament in Glens Falls, N.Y.

Following is the financial report of the tournament:

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE 1978

N.Y. STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT

RECEIPTS:

Balance as of January 1, 1978	\$ 408.74
Total Receipts From Entry Fees	12,895.35
TOTAL	\$13,303.99

EXPENDITURES:

Crystal Lanes, 7143 Games at 75c per game	\$ 5,357.25
Jack Harter, Tour. Sec'y, 7254 Scheduled Games at 7.5c per game	542.93
Total Prize Money	5,657.00
Jack Harter, Writing Prize Money Checks	15.00
Bowling Directors' Meeting in Corning, N.Y.	327.60
Edward Pakkala, Director, February Tournament Meeting	50.00
Clyde Ott, Association Postage and Supplies	22.56
Entry Overpayments returned	60.80
TOTAL	\$12,083.14

RECAPITULATION

Balance as of January 1, 1978	\$ 408.75
Total Receipts	12,895.25
Total Expenditures	\$13,303.99
Balance as of June 22, 1978	\$ 1,220.85

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Harter, Chr. 2299

Jack Kincaid, 616

Calvin Morton, 2269

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

Under a special order of business State President Gregory presented Past Grand Worthy President Lewis Reed to the delegates. He gave an excellent address during which he complimented the State Aerie as a whole for the remarkable record made during the past year. He paid special tribute to the organizers of the five new aeries and to State Secretary Lane for his outstanding State Bulletin. The highlights of the talk centered around what could be accomplished when the members work together and the programs that included both the aerie and auxiliary participation. Following his talk he presented an award for outstanding Eagle Publication to Montreal Aerie

and Legion of Honor awards to the five brothers who organized the new aeries during 1977-1978. As a final tribute for an excellent accomplishment during the past year the Bell Ringer Award was presented to State President Gregory.

REPORT OF THE IN MEMORIAM COMMITTEE

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

Brother Delegates:

This is the time of memories, a time of reverence - not sorrow, a time of love - a time when with bowed heads we pause to reflect on those departed brothers - recalling their friendship and past brotherly association.

Friendship strengthens with time! Death does not eradicate it. Sure, we can no longer see their smiling faces or clasp their hands or hear their voices - they have gone to the Grand Aerie beyond. May they rest in peace! Individual intonement would be lengthy so let us stand in silent meditation while we ponder our losses remembering that they were dear to us and we loved them as brothers! At the sound of the gavel, please rise. Past State Trustee Chester P. Halliday of Buffalo Aerie No. 46 will offer a prayer in their memory.

Respectfully submitted,
Vincent M. Scharf, Chr. 46
Stanley Bartlett, 782
Paul Bournival, 3176

A motion was made by Brother Scharf and seconded by Frank Stokes, Toronto Aerie No. 2311 that the report be adopted as read. This was approved.

Following the adoption of the report Brother Scharf announced there would be a joint In-Memoriam service at the Ramada Inn at 8 P.M. that evening with the same being open to the general public.

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 the aeries that turned in reports to the committee and I would like to take this opportunity to read them:

Glens Falls Aerie No. 2486 sponsored 3 bowling teams and 2 Little League baseball teams.

Olean Aerie No. 616 very active in bowling locally, State-wide and Nationally. Each year they hold a golf tournament.

Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467 has a very active softball team, they also sponsor a Little League Team, along with a Ladies softball team. Indoors a pool tournament is held monthly.

Rochester Aerie No. 52, one of the most active in the sports department has 8 bowling teams, a softball team, a mixed bowling league. They also conduct several golf tournaments each year.

As far as State Bowling is concerned the Mr. and Mrs. Tournament will be held this Fall in Hornell, N.Y. Glens Falls Aerie will host the Annual State Bowling Tournament, starting in March.

We, the committee, wish to thank those aeries who turned in the above reports. In conclusion, if any one is interested in conducting a golf tournament or the details of the same, please see Brother Richardson, of Olean Aerie.

Respectfully submitted,
Arthur Gonyea, Chr. 2486
Edward Falcheck, 52
Richard Kosin, 1411

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

REPORT OF THE SCOUTING COMMITTEE

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

Brother Delegates:

At the start of this convention no reports have been received by this committee.

It is known that Jamestown Aerie and Auxiliary No. 2145 still sponsor a handicapped Boy Scout Troop, Troop No. 171 in Falconer, N.Y. This troop just recently became a recipient of a \$1000.00 grant from the Jimmy Durante Children's Fund.

Rochester Aerie No. 52 still sponsors Boy Scout Troop No. 452, which meets in the aerie home. As well as scouting and local civic projects they find time to do a number of projects for the aerie. They helped serve breakfast on two different occasions, "Breakfast with Santa" and "Breakfast with the Easter Bunny". Although they are now in Summer recess, they are in the process of refurbishing some of the aerie's old bingo tables. This troop had its first Eagle Scout this year and expects to have a couple more in the Fall.

The National theme for scouting this year is "ALL OUT FOR SCOUTING" and this committee wishes more aeries would take part in supporting the Scout Movement. Tomorrow these youths will be our leaders.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold H. Fields, Chr. 52

John Milward, 2145

Joseph Capozzella, 97

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

REPORT OF THE NEW AERIE COMMITTEE

Given by Albert Thruber, Chr. Lansingburgh Aerie No. 3773

Brother Thurber gave an extemporaneous report, centering most of his remarks on the accomplishments of the brothers who were responsible for organizing five new aeries during the past year. He also extending his thanks to the members of his committee who helped in making that outstanding statistic possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Albert Thurber, Chr. 3773

Robert Woodruff, 52

Jack Harter, 2299

Charles Straub, 2467

John Gaty, 544

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

REPORT OF THE CIVIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Read by Rene Lessard, Montreal Aerie No. 2130

Brother Delegates:

Your committee would like to stress the importance of the many civic projects the aeries of New York State perform to promote and furnish the various services our governments, local, State and National are now finding difficult to provide.

The committee has received only two reports, as of this date. One from Hoosick Falls Aerie and one from Lockport Aerie. Hoosick Falls donated money to the village for a new bandstand, supported the 150th anniversary, plus many other donations. Lockport made weekly donations to many civic affairs for a total of \$1375.00.

Your committee is positive that a great many of our aeries are active in Civic Affairs. We are disappointed we did not receive more reports, but perhaps in the future your aerie will publicize the good work that you do in your community by forwarding a report to the Civic Affairs Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Harter, Chr. 2299

Rene Lessard, 2130

Jacques Fex, 3176

A motion was made by Brother Lessard, that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Albert Thurber, Lansingburgh Aerie No. 3773 and approved.

REPORT OF THE STATE FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

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

Brother Delegates:

The following monies were raised on a strictly voluntary basis and we wish to thank everyone for their participation.

The following contributions were received from June 1, 1977 through May 31, 1978.

Rochester 52	\$ 25.00
Depew-Lancaster 2692	50.00
Glens Falls 2486	150.00
Hoosick Falls 2467	25.00
Utica 97	50.00
Corning 2299	47.00
Middletown 544	50.00
Olean 616	250.00
Tonawanda 1411	50.00
Total	\$697.00

Our sincere thanks for your participation.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Decker, Chr. 1253

John O'Connor, 514

Kenneth Nydam, 1260

Brother Decker moved that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Douglas McDermott, Corning Aerie No. 2299 and carried.

REPORT OF THE UNDER 35 COMMITTEE

Read by James Cassidy, Elmira Aerie No. 941

State President and Brother Delegates:

The Under 35 Club could be very helpful to your aerie if it was carefully planned so that the younger members could get acquainted with Club Programs and learn what being an Eagle really means, by helping them to get into activities that they would take a part in, such as Friday Night Dances with their favorite music, softball teams, bowling leagues, hiking, scouting and many other things.

To help this group get out more for meetings and activities some arrangements could be made for baby sitters, as most in this group have children and don't feel that they can afford sitters; this would be something for the aerie to think about. Some members think that an Under 35 Club would be just a Rock and Roll teenage group, but this is not so. The younger members should be encouraged to participate in Club Projects, as they will be the ones to carry the Fraternal Order of Eagles spirit into the future when the older members step down from the leadership posts.

It is our sincere hope that we will hear of more Under 35 Clubs in New York State during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond P. Haggerty, Chr. 1411
James Cassidy, 941
James Callery, 1575

A motion was made by Brother Cassidy that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Frank Stokes, Toronto Aerie No. 2311 and carried.

SECOND REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

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

Grand Aerie Representatives	4
State Officers	13
Past State Presidents	8
Delegates	111
Alternates	5
Past Worthy Presidents	94
Total Votes	241
Total Credentials Issued	144

Brother Stickney moved that this partial report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Henry Becker, Elmont Aerie No. 3128 and carried.

REPORT OF THE BETTER HOME TOWN COMMITTEE

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

Brother Delegates:

This is one of our newer programs in the Fraternal Order of Eagles and we would like to urge each aerie to participate, to improve the quality of their own Home Town.

You could salute an individual or organization for outstanding contributions to your own Town or City. Show the rest of your neighbors that you are behind them when you say "Our Town - we like it here."

As all of our Eagle programs have grown through the involvement and co-operation of a great number of people, we are sure that this one will blossom and bear fruit.

We believe each aerie Better Home Town Committee should have an active and progressive plan and follow in the spirit of "People Helping People" and we would like to commend the aeries who are doing this.

Respectfully submitted,
Arthur J. Cichon, Chr. 2692
Paul Barber, 2119
John Kenney, 1411

It was moved by Brother Cichon, and seconded by Roger Grandchamp, Montreal Aerie No. 2130, that the report be adopted as read. This was approved.

REPORT OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY COMMITTEE

Read by Alfred Lane, Tarrytown Aerie No. 1042

Brother Delegates:

With the Social Security Benefits improving with every passing year there still are many who cannot afford to retire at age 62 through 65. Many of our Senior Citizens cannot survive on their pensions and look to other sources for additional revenue. The recent ruling of the House and Senate now keeps many of these people on the job until age 70. This isn't fair to them, as they have only a few of those golden years to enjoy after they retire.

What can be done to improve the system? We of your committee cannot answer this. We know that the original concept of Social Security was to have the money there when we all retired, but over the years many thousands of dollars have gone to widows, children and who knows what else, as no one can account for this system of Social Security. Let's hope a solution will be forthcoming to make Social Security a worthwhile thing for all those who retire.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Woodruff, Chr. 52
Cecil Moshier, 88
Nicholas Hoffman, 482

This report was read by Secretary Lane in the absence of Robert Woodruff, Chairman of the committee. Brother Lane moved that the report be accepted as read. This was seconded by John Kenney, Tonawanda Aerie No. 1411 and approved.

REPORT OF THE PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Read by Donald Rettinger, Chr. Toronto Aerie No. 2311

Brother Delegates,

Programs and activities are the backbone of an aerie and if we look at our most successful clubs we will see they are the ones that take advantage of the programs offered by the Grand Aerie and use them to the fullest extent.

Although this committee has not received any written reports it is easy to see by looking at our record, during the past year, that most aeries must certainly have regular activities in their respective clubs and are using them to support our many programs and aims of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

The only thing that we can offer in the way of aid is to ask the aeries who are running successful events in their clubs to make them known to the other aeries so that they might try them in their homes. We are not suggesting that what works in one club will work in all aeries but if we communicate with one another and make our success known, some clubs who are looking for new ideas may be able to use it and in this way we will not only be supporting our programs but helping each other as well.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Rettinger, Chr. 2311
Edward Barrett, 941
LeRoy Miller, 1253

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

REPORT OF THE NO GOOSE EGG COMMITTEE

Read by Donald Rettinger, Chr. Toronto Aerie No. 2311

Brother Delegates:

The report of the No Goose Egg Committee for New York State has become a repetitious one. For the past few years we have four Goose Egg Aeries. There is very little that this committee can offer in the way of improving our record except to perhaps encourage all aeries to try and have regular initiations and interesting social functions in our clubs to attract potential members and make them want to become Eagles. It is the opinion of this committee that this is the key to greater membership and to make New York a true "No Goose Egg" State. In closing we want to offer our congratulations to all aeries who reported new members this past year and to encourage them to keep up the good work.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Rettinger, Chr. 2311
Gordon Lindow, 2119
Robert Brenenstuh, 2467

A motion was made by Brother Rettinger and seconded by Frank Stokes, Toronto Aerie No. 2311 that the report be adopted as read. This was approved.

At this time a number of announcements were made with reference to committee meetings and hospitality parties.

Brother Lane, Tarrytown Aerie No. 1042 spoke about the possibility of holding a State Golf Tournament. He suggested that any plans along that line should be brought to the State Fall Conference for consideration.

Arthur Cichon, Depew-Lancaster Aerie No. 2692 spoke briefly on the plans being formulated for the Spring Conference which is to be held in the new Depew Aerie home in September.

Laverne Graham, Lockport Aerie No. 825 announced Lockport would be celebrating its 75th Anniversary in September.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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

Brother Delegates:

After two days of careful study during which we interviewed a number of dedicated brothers from all sections of the great Empire State jurisdiction seeking office in the State Aerie, this is the selection of the State Nominating Committee:

State President Arthur Cichon, Depew-Lancaster Aerie 2692
 State Vice President Ralph Pauly, Olean Aerie No. 616
 State Chaplain Robert Woodruff, Rochester Aerie No. 52
 State Secretary Alfred Lane, Tarrytown Aerie No. 1042
 State Treasurer Kenneth Decker, Ithaca Aerie No. 1253
 State Conductor Wayne Monroe, Elmira Aerie No. 941
 State Inside Guard Laverne Graham, Lockport Aerie No. 825
 State Outside Guard Arthur Gonyea, Glens Falls Aerie No. 2486
 State Trustee Donald Rettinger, Toronto Aerie No. 2311
 State Trustee Jack Harter, Corning Aerie No. 2299
 State Trustee Ray Haggerty, Tonawanda Aerie No. 1411
 State Trustee Rene Lessard, Montreal Aerie No. 2130

Brother Lance moved that the report be accepted as read. This was seconded by Alfred Lane, Tarrytown Aerie No. 1042 and carried.

Following the acceptance of the report State President Donald Gregory called for further nominations from the floor. The only contest was for the office of State Trustee. Following were the additional nominations: Roger Grandchamp, Montreal Aerie No. 2130, nominated by Andre Caron, Montreal Aerie No. 2130. Charles Straub, Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467, nominated by Paul Baird, Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467. Duane Dennison, Hornell Aerie No. 2640, nominated by Ralph Harris, Hornell Aerie No. 2640. There being no further nominations Brother Gregory declared the nominations closed.

William Carrick, Middletown Aerie No. 544 recommended that the Worthy State President dissolve the Nominating Committee. This was done.

Charles Straub, Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467 moved that the Secretary cast one ballot for the slate of officers which were uncontested. This was seconded by Alfred Lane, Tarrytown Aerie No. 1042 and approved.

State Secretary cast one ballot for all of the uncontested offices and State President Gregory declared them elected.

State Secretary Lane announced that the election would be held on Saturday morning from 9 A.M. to 11 A.M. in the basement of the aerie home. He also announced that all delegates must vote for 4 trustees or their vote would be voided.

There being no further business the convention was recessed until 10 o'clock Saturday morning. The session was brought to a close at 12:25 P.M.

THIRD SESSION

The third session of the 72nd Annual Convention of the New York State Aerie was called to order at 10:25 A.M. on Saturday June 24, 1978 by State President Donald Gregory.

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

Under a special order of business State Secretary Lane read a letter from James Steward, Tonawanda Aerie No. 1411, who is the State Chairman of the Golden Eagle Committee, which stated he would be unable to be at the convention and asked Brother Lane to read his enclosed report, or have a member of his committee do it.

A motion was made by Alfred Lane, Tarrytown Aerie No. 1042 and seconded by Kenneth Decker, Ithaca Aerie No. 1253 that the Installation of Officers ceremony be opened to the general public. This was approved.

REPORT OF THE YOUTH GUIDANCE COMMITTEE

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

Brother Delegates:

With only the written report of Lockport Aerie received, this committee can only report on the youth activities as forwarded from that report. They presented a college scholarship award to a student from the Lockport Senior High School for \$250.00. Another to a student from Sesales Catholic High School, also for \$250.00. A \$200.00 donation to the Wyalham Lawn Home for children's activities. A \$125.00 donation to the Lockport Baseball Little League. A \$250.00 donation to the Midget League Baseball Team. \$500.00 went to two divisions of the Little Loop Football League. The Lockport Senior High School received \$400.00 to help them buy ice time for hockey practice, along with many smaller amounts donated to other Youth Organizations.

We feel sure there are other aeries represented in this room who have spent a great deal of time and effort with the youth in their communities but did not make any report to the State Committee.

In closing we ask all who have a Youth Guidance Program in their aerie to keep up the good work and bring it to the attention of all by having a complete report to the 1979 State Convention Youth Guidance Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
 Laverne Graham, Chr. 825
 Carl Hamblin, 782
 Gordon Grzyb, 2692

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

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

Read by Wayne Monroe, Chr. Elmira Aerie No. 941

Brother Delegates:

Just in case someone has forgotten R.E.A.C. and what it means -- very simply this RETIRED EAGLES ACTIVITY CLUB.

This group of active Eagles are doing as much now and maybe more in promoting the fraternal teachings of the order. They are involving people, who before R.E.A.C. probably would have given up the idea of cultivating new friends, new ideas and also new ways to help others less fortunate than themselves.

Our belief is that we, as the kind of middle age group, which in the near future will be joining this exclusive society, owe it to them to encourage their formation and talk to the ones that you know who are eligible to join.

We should also encourage the use of all our facilities to help them to achieve their goals, which, to some of us are not important but to those people are very vital.

The committee feels that brothers like "Tex" Womble and Ken Decker, both from Ithaca Aerie could expand on the programs and activities of the R.E.A.C. group and give you brothers a much better report.

As a member of Elmira Aerie No. 941, I have encouraged a group known as "The Three Score Club" to change their name to the R.E.A.C. because I believe the Grand Aerie will give them a great deal of support in setting up programs and activities beneficial to all.

We only hope that this small message will encourage all of you present to get behind this program and give it that little push we feel sure will in due time become an active and vital force in our organization.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne H. Monroe, Chr. 941

James Buckmaster, 2640

Gordon Ireland, 2311

A motion was made by Brother Monroe that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Vincent Scharf, Buffalo Aerie No. 46 and carried.

REPORT OF THE CANCER RESEARCH COMMITTEE

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

Brother Delegates:

It has been my pleasure to serve as chairman of the Art Ehrmann Cancer Fund Committee for 3 out of the last 4 years. It is very gratifying to know how much effort

is put forth by the aeries and auxiliaries to raise the funds necessary for science to put an end to this dreaded disease and we as Eagles will never stop working until this goal is reached.

During the year from August 2, 1977 to May 31, 1978 donations were received from only seven aeries in the amount of \$516.00 and from 25 auxiliaries for \$1862.10. Jointly we received \$2912.65 and personal donations of \$75.00 for a total of \$5365.75. This is an increase of \$135.00 over last year.

The committee and I would like to give special recognition to the Rochester Aerie and Auxiliary No. 52 for their donation of \$1660.65 and to Glens Falls Aerie and Auxiliary No. 2486 for their joint effort of \$1240.00. A complete list of other donations will be listed in the Convention Proceedings.

We are very happy to report that the Grand Aerie Board of Trustees has approved a \$5000.00 grant from the Art Ehrmann Cancer Fund to be presented to the Walton Jones Cell Science Center, Lake Placid, N.Y. at this convention.

At this time the Annual Parade of checks will be held.

NEW YORK & EASTERN CANADA CONTRIBUTIONS

ART EHRMANN CANCER FUND

August 2, 1977 to May 31, 1978

No.	Location	Aerie Amt.	Aux. Amt.	Joint
52	Rochester	20.00	—	1,660.65
053	Syracuse	—	54.00	—
88	Niagara Falls	—	83.00	—
97	Utica	—	49.00	—
482	Gloversville	—	5.00	—
514	Schenectady	—	20.00	—
544	Middletown	—	218.12	—
616	Olean	—	100.00	—
825	Lockport	—	760.00	—
941	Elmira	—	100.00	—
1042	N. Tarrytown	—	10.00	—
1043	Norwich	—	10.00	—
1253	Ithaca	—	50.00	—
1260	Oneonta	165.00	12.50	—
1411	Tonawanda	—	100.00	—
1544	Rockaway Beach	—	5.00	12.00
1545	Ossining	—	5.00	—
1575	Johnstown	6.00	—	—
2145	Jamestown	—	50.00	—
2191	Cortland	—	25.00	—
2299	Corning	30.00	—	—
2311	Toronto, Ontario	45.00	—	—
2348	Batavia	—	10.00	—
2467	Hoosick Falls	100.00	15.00	—

2486	S. Glenn Falls	—	—	1,240.00
2640	Hornell	—	100.48	—
2692	Depew	150.00	15.00	—
3128	Elmont	—	15.00	—
3155	Fort Erie, Canada	—	25.00	—
	State	—	25.00	—
	Miscellaneous	—	—	75.00
		516.00	1,862.10	2,987.65
Total Aeries & Auxiliaries				\$5,365.75

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AT THE CONVENTION

Middletown No. 544	\$ 100.00
Saratoga Springs No. 2586	50.00
Fort Hamilton No. 2621	50.00
Elmira No. 941	55.25
Lockport No. 825	150.00
Corning No. 2299	129.00
Binghamton No. 2119	50.00
Flushing No. 583	50.00
Oneonta No. 1260	165.00
Toronto Aerie & Auxiliary No. 2311	2525.00
Fort Erie No. 3155	20.00
Schenectady Aerie & Auxiliary No. 514	332.00
Utica No. 97	500.00
Niagara Falls No. 88	10.00
Endicott No. 2269	25.00
Olean No. 616	600.00
Olean No. 616 / 20-20 Club ³	1000.00
Hoosick Falls Fire Dept.	
In memory of Henry Lemon	100.00
	\$5911.25
Previous Contributions	\$ 5365.75
State Convention Donations	5911.25
Overall Total	\$11,277.00

Respectfully submitted,
 Ralph E. Pauly, Chr. 616
 John Muller, 3610
 Robert Matteson, 97

Brother Pauly moved that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Richard Updike, Elmira Aerie No. 941 and carried.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

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

Brother Delegates:

Audit of the New York State Aerie books: Period of the Audit: June 1977 to May 31, 1978.

We the undersigned members of the 1978 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 treasurer properly maintained and in balance with the bank statement, which was in evidence. Verified balances as of May 31, 1978 was \$5,471.25.

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

Respectfully submitted,
 Carl Richardson, Chr. 616
 William Kane, 3610
 Robert J. Thompson, 941

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

REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

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

Brother Delegates:

As previously been brought before this convention, trying to live within a budget prepared a year in advance is getting to be almost an impossibility. However with the able and capable leadership of our State Secretary and all State Financial Officers, this has once again been accomplished. All are to be congratulated for a job well done.

After a careful and considerable study of the State Aerie's financial activities scheduled for the coming year this committee presents the following budget for the 1978-1979 fiscal year.

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS:

Balance June 1, 1978	\$ 5471.25
State Per Capita Tax	9000.00
State Membership Fund	7000.00
State Convention Advance	800.00
State Fund Raising	700.00
Grand Aerie Hospitality Room	150.00
State Convention Committee	1500.00
Total Estimated Receipts	\$24621.25

ESTIMATED EXPENSES:

State Secretary's Salary	\$ 1,000.00
State Treasurer's Allowance	100.00
State President's Visitations	1,800.00
Various Assignments	2,000.00
State Postage	750.00
State Printing and Mimeographing	1,000.00
Membership Meetings	2,500.00
Social Security Tax	130.00
State Telephone and Telegrams	1,000.00
State Officers Convention Assignments	2,500.00
State Convention Miscellaneous Exp.	2,000.00
Delegate to the Grand Aerie Convention	500.00
State Secretary's Office Supplies	150.00
State Membership Office Expense	750.00
Ads in G.A. & State Conv. Journals	200.00
State Conference-Spring & Fall	2,500.00
Grand Aerie Supplies	50.00
State Membership Awards	1,000.00
State Treasurer's Office Expense	100.00
Printing Convention Journal	1,500.00
State Auxiliary Convention Advance	400.00
Regional Conference Assignments	1,000.00
State Officers Bond	50.00
Contingency Fund	1,641.25
Total Estimated Expenses	\$24,621.25

Respectfully submitted,

Laverne Weber, Chr. 825

Robert W. Woodruff, 52

Ralph E. Pauly, 616

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

REPORT OF THE JIMMY DURANTE FUND

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

Worthy State President Don, I thank you for the opportunity to serve as Chairman of the Jimmy Durante Children's Fund.

I also thank my Co-chairmen, Gordon Ireland and Patrick Lance for their cooperation during the year. Every place we went we sold the buttons we designed and had manufactured. Gordy added to the project and sold Ice Box stick-on kittens as well.

The Grand Aerie applauded our slogan "Let's Give It A Push" as it tied in with the wheelchair on the National Poster.

We gave each aerie a chance to sell these buttons so they could add to their fund. Several aeries took advantage of the program.

During the year we received nine \$1000.00 grants going to the following organizations:

- RANDOLPH CHILDREN'S HOME,
Randolph, New York
- BLYTHEDALE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL,
Valhalla, New York
- THE GREENHOUSE CENTER,
Corning, New York
- ONEIDA COUNTY ASSN. FOR RETARDED CHILDREN,
Utica, New York
- QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL, CRIPPLED CHILDREN'S WARD
Toronto, Canada
- UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY & HANDICAPPED CHILDREN'S ASSOC.
OF SYRACUSE, INC.,
Syracuse, New York
- PROSPECT SCHOOL,
Glens Falls, New York
- ROCHESTER SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF,
Rochester, New York
- ACHIEVEMENT CENTER SCOUT TROOP #171,
Falconer, New York

I had the great pleasure of taking part in the presentation of a grant in Utica, N.Y.

We had set a goal of \$10,000 for this year, but as of June 5th we only had \$3,946.62. We hope that the parade of checks will bring us closer to our goal.

I wish to thank all of you for supporting the "Jimmy" Fund during the past year.

At this time we will have our Annual Parade of Checks.

NEW YORK AND EASTERN CANADA CONTRIBUTIONS

JIMMY DURANTE CHILDREN'S FUND

August 1, 1977 - May 31, 1978

No.	Location	Aerie Amount	Aux. Amount	Joint
46	Buffalo	\$ 10.00		
52	Rochester			\$ 589.05
053	Syracuse		\$ 30.00	
88	Niagara Falls		100.00	
97	Utica		127.85	
482	Gloversville		5.00	

514	Schenectady	25.00	
544	Middletown	218.12	
616	Olean	100.00	
782	Watertown	10.00	200.00
825	Lockport	140.00	
941	Elmira	648.00	
1042	Tarrytown	10.00	
1253	Ithaca	76.10	
1260	Oneonta	12.50	
1411	Tonawanda		308.00
1545	Ossining	5.00	
2130	Montreal	25.00	
2145	Jamestown	50.00	
2191	Cortland	25.00	
2447	Dunkirk	2.00	
2467	Hoosick Falls	100.00	
2486	Glens Falls		640.00
2640	Hornell	25.00	
2692	Depew	150.00	
2695	Cobleskill	100.00	
3155	Fort Erie	25.00	
3176	St. Jerome	10.00	
		\$535.00	\$1674.57
			\$1737.05

TOTAL AERIES AND AUXILIARIES \$3,946.62

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AT THE CONVENTION

Flushing No. 583	\$ 50.00
Ithaca No. 1253	100.00
Corning No. 2299	119.00
Schenectady No. 514	200.00
Binghamton No. 2119	50.00
Watertown Aerie & Auxiliary No. 782	100.00
Fort Hamilton No. 2621	50.00
Elmira No. 941	65.00
Lockport No. 825	150.00
Olean No. 616	600.00
Oneonta No. 1260	165.00
Lockport C.B. Club	300.00
Middletown No. 544	100.00
Toronto Aerie & Auxiliary No. 2311	1400.00
Fort Erie No. 3155	20.00
St. Jerome No. 3176	10.00
Saratoga Springs No. 2586	50.00

Utica No. 97	500.00
Rochester No. 52 (Collection)	16.00
Endicott No. 2269	25.00
State Jimmy Fund Committee	415.00
	\$4485.66

Previous Contributions	\$3,946.62
State Convention Donations	4,485.66
Overall Total	\$8,432.28

Respectfully submitted,
Harold H. Fields, Chr. 52
Gordon Ireland, 2311
Patrick Lance, 2486

Brother Fields moved that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by James Cassidy, Elmira Aerie No. 941 and carried.

FINAL REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Read by William Carrick, Middletown Aerie No. 544

RESOLUTION NO. 2

WHEREAS, in recent times there has been several changes in the value of currency between the United States and the Dominion of Canada, and

WHEREAS, The New York State and Eastern Canada jurisdiction of the Fraternal Order of Eagles involves those two nations which have experienced changes in the monetary values, in recent years causing monetary and auditing problems,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer of this jurisdiction be authorized to open and sustain a bank account for Canadian funds in a Canadian bank, to handle Canadian currency and assist his office in handling possible differences in monetary values efficiently.

Respectfully submitted,
William Carrick, Chr. 544
Frank Crowley, 941
Glenn Amesbury, 1042
William Rae, 2311
Charles Lee, 825

A motion was made by Brother Carrick and seconded by William Rae, Toronto Aerie No. 2311, that the resolution be adopted as read. This was approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 3

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

Grand Aerie Representatives, State Officers
and Brother Delegates:

We would like to present this resolution on behalf of the New York State Aerie:

WHEREAS, we have all had a fabulous time in this great city of Schenectady, and,

WHEREAS, the business sessions have been successful and rewarding,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the New York State Aerie and all of its delegates express their appreciation for the extra fine job performed and the hospitality shown by the Schenectady Aerie and auxiliary.

Respectfully submitted,

William Carrick, Chr. 544

Frank Crowley, 941

Glenn Amesbury, 1042

William Rae, 2311

Charles Lee, 825

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

REPORT OF THE FIREFIGHTERS COMMITTEE

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

Brother Delegates:

At the last State Convention under a motion of a delegate from Jamestown Aerie an award for the Fireman of the Year would be recognized by a vote of the State Aerie. This idea was affirmed.

As chairman of this committee I indicated that I was willing to work with any aerie in recognition of the firefighter and his dedication to the needs of the community, citizens, neighbors, friends and relatives.

I also indicated that I was willing to travel to any aerie in the State to assist physically in whatever manner I could to assist their program. These trips, depending on my work schedule, would be made at my expense. I received invitations from Binghamton and Hoosick Falls.

In Binghamton they presented an award to the family of a firefighter who lost his life in the performance of his duty in December 1977.

In Hoosick Falls they honored, along with members of their Fire Dept., Past Worthy President Henry Lemon, who at all times assisted the Fire Companies and was instrumental in having a Firemens' Dinner to honor all the firemen of the community.

Lockport Aerie has committed themselves to underwrite the purchase of a fully equipped Emergency Resue Van for the local Fire Department. Ten thousand dollars has been donated to the city as a partial payment.

A communication was sent to all aeries by the State Secretary requesting submission of names to be considered for recognition as the State Fire Fighter of the year. Only one communication was received. Fire Fighters from your area that were deserving of recognition were not given the opportunity to be considered for the award.

Even with the poor participation, on the part of the local aeries, we believe that this program should be continued.

Just a few words to our Membership Chairmen: In the State of New York there are at this date 126,000 firemen, at all levels. One of the best selling points to this particular group is the increased benefits provided to their families, in case of death, in the line of duty, from the Memorial Foundation Fund.

The Fireman of the Year Award was presented to Captain Frank Banks, a member of the Elmira Fire Department for bravery well beyond the call of duty when he removed three persons from a burning building at 1020 Lake Avenue on November 19, 1977.

Respectfully submitted,

D. James Shay, Chr. 941

Jack Harter, 2299

Patrick Lance, 2486

Brother Shay moved that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Earle Willis, Toronto Aerie No. 2311 and carried.

REPORT OF THE POLICE OFFICERS COMMITTEE

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

Brother Delegates:

At the State Convention held in 1977 it was approved that the police in the State jurisdiction should have the same recognition as the Firefighters.

The State Secretary sent a communication to all aeries, requesting them to submit the name of a police officer that should be recognized as the Policeman of the Year. Only one communication was received from the local aeries.

Considering the poor participation, it would appear that the aeries didn't wish to become involved. This I am sure is not the case for I was told that many aeries have

Law Days, and recognize the police on the local level as does the aerie of Lockport.

Lockport Aerie has donated to the Lockport P.B.A. and the Niagara Sheriffs Association annually for quite a number of years.

Olean, Glens Falls and Corning also have programs that recognize the local police officers.

Again, I say to the membership Chairmen of the local aeries, you are missing a golden opportunity -- there are 70,000 police at all levels who would also be covered by the Memorial Foundation Fund.

Percy J. Specchio, of the Watkins Glen Police Dept. who risked his life to save a victim of a house fire, in his community was the recipient of the State Eagle Award for the Policeman of the Year.

Respectfully submitted,

D. James Shay, Chr. 941

Jack Harter, 2299

Patrick Lance, 2486

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

Following the adoption of the report State Secretary Lane spoke at length about both the Fireman and Policeman of the Year Awards. He stated that all concerned were very disappointed by the lack of interest shown by all local aeries with only one letter received in both categories. He suggested that this project be dropped for the moment - with the delegates bringing the issue home to the local aeries. If enough interest is shown by the local aeries the project can be reintroduced at the State Fall Conference in Depew. A number of other brothers spoke on the issue and it was brought to a close when Kenneth Decker, Ithaca Aerie No. 1253 moved that we continue the awards for another year in the hope that more interest and activity will be generated in this worthwhile project. This was seconded by Frank Crowley, Elmira Aerie No. 941 and carried.

REPORT OF THE HOME AND FAMILY COMMITTEE

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

Brother Delegates:

Honor Thy Parents Day -- the second Sunday in December to become a holiday the same stature as Mother's Day and Father's Day, is still the goal of Lockport Aerie.

Rochester Aerie is still having continued success with their family Sundays, which is a joint effort of the aerie and the auxiliary.

I have been told and I am sure that hundreds of children are entertained, in the jurisdiction, by a visit from jolly St. Nick, during the Christmas Season. A number of the aeries have taken advantage of the co-operation of the McDonald Food Chain in this activity. If your aerie is not availing itself of this service, it might be well for you to look into it.

Family picnics are also a part of many aerie activities. In Elmira the aerie distributes hundreds of tickets to children of aerie members for free rides at the Eldridge Park Amusement Center, hot dogs, hamburgers, and free soda. The family members each bring a dish to pass.

At the last Grand Aerie Convention held in Minneapolis, I attended the Home and Family Committee meeting. I explained to the committee members that it seemed we are always taking care of the less fortunate but were not taking care of our own. I explained that many Eagle families incorporate their annual vacation with the Grand Aerie Convention. If the husband and wife are both active in Eagle programs it is most difficult for both to have full participation in the convention meetings and programs as one or the other must take care of the children. The suggestion to have activities for children of Eagle members was well received by the committee and a recommendation was made that such a program be included as an activity at the next Grand Aerie Convention.

Family participation is now recommended at all levels of Eagledom. Also include your friends, such action may be the means of adding another new member to your aerie.

Respectfully submitted,

D. James Shay, Chr. 941

Thomas Lauterbach, 97

Paul Baird, 2467

Brother Shay moved that the report be adopted as read. John Gady, Middletown Aerie No. 544 seconded the motion. This was approved.

REPORT OF THE BANQUET COMMITTEE

Read by William Diamond, Ithaca Aerie No. 1253

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

Your Banquet Committee is very happy to report that all arrangements have been completed for the State Convention Banquet this evening.

A cocktail hour will be held in the Hall of Fame Ballroom, in the Ramada Inn, at 6 o'clock. Dinner will be served at 7.

At this time we would like to thank the Schenectady Aerie and especially Brother Dave Waldron, for taking care of most of the details, and particularly for the fine co-operation given to this committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Gonyea, Chr. 2486

William Diamond, 1253

Franklin Zibro, 3773

A motion was made by Brother Diamond and seconded by John Gady, Middletown Aerie No. 544, that the report be adopted as read. This was carried.

REPORT OF THE NET GAIN COMMITTEE

Read by State Secretary Lane in the absence of Gordon Brenenstuhl, Chr. 2467.

Brother Delegates:

It is very difficult to give a report when there is so little information sent to us on which to base the report. So, using the May Membership Report in the State Bulletin and some guess work we have to conclude that a number of aeries in the State jurisdiction are net gain aeries.

Also, to carry this further, without a successful Membership Security Program, it would be most difficult to attain a Net Gain Status. Difficult, because without keeping the older members, their know how and experience you are losing an important part of your club. Important because these older members are what you are building upon. Use them as a base and surround them with your new members. This committee feels such a program is the best way to build a healthy and prosperous aerie.

Brother Lane explained briefly the workings of the State Net Gain Contest, which extends from June 1st to May 31st. He further stated to be eligible for the trophy the aerie's June Semi-annual report must be in the hands of the State Secretary at the start of the State Convention. This year's winner was Elmira Aerie with a net gain of 19. Runner up was Ithaca Aerie with a net gain of 10. The State Net Gain Trophy was presented to Zone Director Frank Crowley, Elmira Aerie No. 941.

Respectfully submitted,
Gordon Brenenstuhl, Chr. 2467
Richard Updike, 941
Stanley Singer, 97

Brother Lane moved the adoption of the report. This was seconded by Wayne Monroe, Elmira Aerie No. 941 and carried.

REPORT OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE COMMITTEE

Read by Robert Rogers, Corning Aerie No. 2299

State President and Brother Delegates:

The Golden Eagle Fund Committee met and was very disappointed that only one report was submitted to the committee. As we all know this is a very important fund which helps support our Senior Citizens in many different ways. A great many of our aeries and auxiliaries have put in many hours to raise money for this fund. A nice report was received from Lockport Aerie No. 825 showing a donation of \$150.00.

We wish to thank all the aeries, in advance, for their generosity in supporting this important project.

Following the procedure of past conventions, we will now have the State Convention Parade of Checks, after which a complete financial report will be given.

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE AERIES AND AUXILIARIES OF NEW YORK AND EASTERN CANADA

August 2, 1977 - May 31, 1978

NO.	LOCATION	AMOUNT
52	Rochester	\$ 300.00
88	Niagara Falls	100.00
97	Utica	56.25
482	Gloversville	5.00
514	Schenectady	25.00
544	Middletown	187.00
616	Olean	100.00
825	Lockport	200.00
941	Elmira	100.00
1042	Tarrytown	10.00
1043	Norwich	10.00
1253	Ithaca	50.00
1260	Oneonta	12.50
1411	Tonawanda	500.00
1545	Ossining	5.00
2130	Montreal	25.00
2145	Jamestown	25.00
2191	Cortland	15.00
2467	Hoosick Falls	65.00
2692	Depew	75.00
3128	Elmont	40.00
3155	Fort Erie	25.00
3176	St. Jerome	10.00
		<u>\$1940.75</u>

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AT THE CONVENTION

Glens Falls No. 2486	\$ 615.43
Utica No. 97	500.00
Middletown No. 544	187.00
Lockport No. 825	150.00
Olean No. 616	150.00
Oneonta No. 1260	54.00

Binghamton No. 2119	50.00
Fort Hamilton No. 2621	50.00
Endicott No. 2269	25.00
	<u>\$1781.43</u>

Previous Contributions	\$1940.75
State Convention Donations	<u>1781.43</u>
Overall Total	<u>\$3722.18</u>

Respectfully submitted,
James Stewart, Chr. 1411
Robert Rogers, 2299
Mark LaRue, 616

Brother Rogers moved that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Mark LaRue, Olean Aerie No. 616 and carried.

REPORT OF THE MAX BAER HEART FUND

Read by Wayne Monroe, Chr. Elmira Aerie No. 941.

Brother Delegates:

The Heart Fund is a vital part of every local aerie program. We are all familiar with the number of grants that have been presented and the fine results that have been obtained from the same. Terrific progress has been made with open heart, bypass and unclogging arteries, all part of the research program. We feel sure with the amount of monies raised each year for this project that perhaps someday we will attain the goal where heart attacks will be reduced tremendously -- such as polio was in days gone by.

To date we have raised the sum of \$4,325.70. We will now have the parade of checks after which a complete total will be given:

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE AERIES AND AUXILIARIES OF NEW YORK AND EASTERN CANADA

August 2, 1977 - May 31, 1978

NO.	LOCATION	AMOUNT
52	Rochester	\$1135.58
53	Syracuse	20.00
88	Niagara Falls	101.25
97	Utica	105.00
482	Gloversville	5.00
514	Schenectady	25.00
544	Middletown	218.12
616	Olean	105.00

782	Watertown	200.00
825	Lockport	345.00
941	Elmira	100.00
1042	Tarrytown	30.00
1043	Norwich	10.00
1253	Ithaca	165.00
1260	Oneonta	177.50
1544	Rockaway Beach	5.00
1545	Ossining	5.00
1575	Johnstown	12.00
2130	Montreal	25.00
2145	Jamestown	50.00
2191	Cortland	25.00
2269	Endicott	111.25
2299	Corning	15.00
2311	Toronto	300.00
2447	Dunkirk	35.00
2467	Hoosick Falls	10.00
2486	Glens Falls	665.00
2640	Hornell	25.00
2692	Depew	225.00
3128	Elmont	40.00
3155	Fort Erie	25.00
3176	St. Jerome	10.00
		<u>\$4325.70</u>

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AT THE CONVENTION

Elmira No. 941	\$ 860.68
Toronto No. 2311	750.00
Olean No. 616	600.00
Utica No. 97	565.00
Schenectady No. 514	200.00
Oneonta 1260	165.00
Lockport No. 825	150.00
Hoosick Falls No. 2467	100.00
Middletown No. 544	100.00
Watertown No. 782	100.00
Corning No. 2299	55.00
Fort Hamilton No. 2621	50.00
Binghamton No. 2119	50.00
Saratoga Springs No. 2586	50.00
Endicott No. 2269	25.00
Fort Erie No. 3155	20.00

Niagara Falls No. 88	10.00
Elmira Comm. Collection	201.29
The S.Y.N. Card Club	15.01
	\$4066.98

Previous Contributions	\$4325.70
State Convention Donations	4066.98
Overall Total	\$8392.68

I wish to personally thank Vince Indivino and Roger Dillon for their support during the past year and the committee, in turn, wishes to express its appreciation and thanks to all who made this possible.

Respectfully submitted,
 Wayne Monroe, Chr. 941
 Roger Dillon, 97
 Vincent Indovina, 52

Brother Monroe moved that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by James Cassidy, Elmira Aerie No. 941 and approved.

REPORT OF THE PAST STATE PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE

Given by Frank Stokes, Chr. Toronto Aerie No. 2311

Brother Stokes gave an extemporaneous report. He stated that the annual Past State Presidents Luncheon was held yesterday afternoon and was followed by the annual meeting. He reported that financially there was no money left in the treasury of the Past State President's Club. He further stated they were fortunate in not losing any of the members during the past year and were happy to add one at this particular time in the person of Donald Gregory, the retiring State President. Highlight of the meeting was the election of Past State President A. Raymond Lance, of Glen Falls Aerie No. 2486 as the club's new president for 1978-1979.

A motion was made by Brother Stokes, that the report be adopted as given. This was seconded by Earle Willis, Toronto Aerie No. 2311 and carried.

REPORT OF THE STATE OF THE ORDER COMMITTEE

Read by Thomas Philpott, Chr. Toronto Aerie No. 2311

Brother Delegates:

We, as delegates should be proud of the leadership that the State officers have shown this year, especially in the Membership Department. Al Lane and his committee have done an outstanding job with 2728 new members and five new aeries.

This committee would like to express its thanks to Don Gregory and his officers and all of the committeemen for a great year.

Laverne Weber, the new State Membership Chairman, has a tough act to follow but we hope that the members will support him and his committee.

It is our hope that 12 months from now our membership will have grown and that at least one new aerie will have been added to the roll. All that we need is the support of every delegate so that when he returns to his home aerie he make every effort to have 1978-1979 a 3,000 new member one for New York State and Eastern Canada.

Respectfully submitted
 Thomas Philpott, Chr. 2311
 Robert Schick, 52
 A. Raymond Lance, 2486
 Louis Dion, 2130
 Owen McNally, 2621

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

REPORT OF THE SPEAKERS COMMITTEE

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

Brother Delegates:

Although the Speakers Committee is a year around job the most important period is the week of the State Convention. This year we are delighted with the results; not only were we honored by having a number of the city and county officials to extend a welcome and wish us well but the keynote address delivered by M. Daniel Splain, Assistant Grand Aerie Membership Director was certainly a masterpiece. Past Grand Worthy President Lewis Reed, at the present time Director of the Art Ehrmann Cancer Fund, was also an interesting speaker, whose remarks gave us a clearer insight to the workings of the Grand Aerie projects and programs. Eastern Regional President Owen McNally, our own fraternal leader, expressed his appreciation for the fine record that was made during the past year. As in the past we had an opportunity to listen to some of the New York speakers demonstrate their oratorical ability.

We, the committee wish to extend our thanks to the Schenectady brothers and all others who helped in making our part of the program possible.

Respectfully submitted,
 Alfred W. Lane, Chr. 1042
 Harry Woodruff, 52
 A. Raymond Lance, 2486

A motion was made by Brother Lane and seconded by John Gady, Middletown Aerie No. 544, that the report be adopted as read. This was approved.

Under a special order of business Brother Gregory vacated the State President's chair which was taken over by Past State President Kenneth Decker. He then introduced Eastern Regional President Owen McNally to make a number of presentations to our outgoing State President Donald Gregory. Brother Gregory was presented with his Past State President's Certificate, his Past State President's Diamond Pin, a Past State President's plaque and a small cash purse as a tribute to him and in appreciation for the efforts expended during his term as State President.

Brother Gregory expressed his thanks for the wonderful support received during his year as State President and the manner in which he and his wife were received at all times. He was especially grateful to those brothers whose efforts made possible the addition of five new aeries to our Eagle family.

FINAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

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

Grand Aerie Representatives	4
State Officers	13
Past State Presidents	9
Delegates	128
Alternates	8
Past Worthy Presidents	114
Total Votes	281
Total Credentials Issued	170

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald A. Stickney, Chr. 825
 Calvin Morton, 2269
 Al Hubbard, 2119
 Carl Richardson, 616
 Duane Dennison, 2640

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

COMPLETE LIST OF REGISTERED DELEGATES

1 Al Hubbard	2119	9 Jack E. Kincaid	616
2 Ronald A. Stickney	825	10 Albert Thurber	3773
3 Calvin E. Morton	2269	11 Paul Sampson	2486
4 Carl Richardson	616	12 Robert Brenenstuhl	2467
5 Alfred W. Lane	1042	13 Cecil Moshier	88
6 David P. Waldron	514	14 Laverne Weber	825
7 William J. Diemond	1253	15 Duane Bruning	825
8 Douglas McDermott	2299	16 Laverne Graham	825

DELEGATE	AERIE	DELEGATE	AERIE
17 Charles F. Eifert Sr.	825	64 Franklin J. Zibro	3773
18 Bennie Szatkowski	825	65 Joseph L. Dillman Jr.	514
19 Vincent Scharf	46	66 Jacques Desroches	2130
20 John E. Lewis Sr.	2640	67 Georges Taillefer	2130
21 James H. Buckmaster	2640	68 William Burger	52
22 Ralph C. Harris	2640	69 Robert Cummings	52
23 Frank Crowley	941	70 Gus Myhrberg	2486
24 Gordon Brenenstuhl	2467	71 Patrick Lance	2486
25 Ralph S. Matarazzo Jr.	514	72 Raymond Lance	2486
26 Glenn A. Amesbury	1042	73 Francis LaVance	2486
27 Vincent Butkovich	1042	74 James W. Reeves	2486
28 Henry Becker	3128	75 Walter Rouse	2486
29 Carl Hichman	2486	76 Kenneth Decker	1253
30 George Dingman	514	77 Raymond Roggenkamp	2621
31 Owen McNally	2621	78 Robert Winji	2621
32 Robert Woodruff	52	79 James Russell	52
33 Harry Woodruff	52	80 Fred Romano	52
34 William C. Carrick	544	81 Harold Hammon Sr.	1260
35 Albert O'Brien	544	82 Paul Baird	2467
36 John Gady Jr.	544	83 Frank Stokes	2311
37 Ralph Shipman	544	84 Arthur Cichon	2692
38 Donald Gregory	97	85 Gordon Grzyb	2692
39 Joseph A. Stettner	514	86 Earl F. Kenny	2467
40 Harmon Sawyer	96	87 Charles Straub	2467
41 Edward S. Seeley Sr.	514	88 Rene Lessard	2130
42 James Cassidy	941	89 Romeo Bertrand	2130
43 Edward Falcheck	52	90 Thomas Philpott	2311
44 Joseph E. Cangialosi	52	91 Fred LaBelle	2311
45 Paul Leckinger	52	92 Albert Thornton	2311
46 John J. Kunzog	2145	93 Herbert S. Twiss	2586
47 Ray Haggerty	1411	94 Dominic McKenzie	2586
48 Jack Harter	2299	95 Robert F. Thompson	941
49 Robert Rogers	2299	96 Roland Smith	2586
50 Richard Baire	616	97 Richard Updike	941
51 James Harris	616	98 Harold R. Royer Sr.	2586
52 Donald A. Derox	616	99 Vincent N. Leahy	941
53 Larry L. Roy	2130	100 Wesley W. Barnes	616
54 Roger Grandchamp	2130	101 Harold Fields	52
55 Ralph E. Pauly	616	102 Milton T. Evans	941
56 Gordon P. Lindow	2119	103 Robert J. Sharkey	52
57 Wilber Button	616	104 Earle Willis	2311
58 Paul Barber	2119	105 E. Philip Daniel	2311
59 Andrew Caron	3810	106 Donald Rettinger	2311
60 Anthony DiPio	941	107 Roger Satter	52
61 D. James Shay	941	108 Nicholas J. Hoffman	482
62 Chester P. Halliday	46	109 Leon Hillman	482
63 Wayne Monroe	941	110 Mark LaRue	616

DELEGATE	AERIE	DELEGATE	AERIE
111 Thomas Lauterbach	97	141 John Millward	2145
112 Richard Rose	1253	142 Maurice Helmer Sr.	782
113 George M. Mould Sr.	97	143 Gordon Ireland	2311
114 Charles Eber	1411	144 Harold Britton	88
115 William Kane	3610	145 Raymond Womble	1253
116 Manuel Consalvo	514	146 Steve Ricci	514
117 Michael Caschera	514	147 Anthony Villari	46
118 Mason L. Parker	514	148 Ross L. Bears	2311
119 Richard A. Kosin	1411	149 Laurence Campbell	2119
120 Arthur Gonyea	2486	150 Jean P. Gaythier	3176
121 John Kenney	1411	151 George Blakeslee	1575
122 Richard H. Alois	3610	152 David S. Cook	1575
123 Ralph Gaudio	3610	153 James A. Hartnagle	2486
124 Duane A. Dennison	2640	154 Gilles Alarie	3176
125 Edwin C. Carpenter	941	155 Paul Bournival	3176
126 Joseph Mercun	1260	156 Leo Beaudry	2130
127 Donald Smith	782	157 Jacques Fix	3176
128 Edwin Hirst	782	158 Raoul Barbeau	2130
129 Marcel Tremblay	2130	159 John J. Fitzgerald	825
130 Joseph S. Capozzella	97	160 Harold Long Jr.	616
131 Carl Hamblin	782	161 Duane B. Kugler	825
132 Stanley Bartlett	782	162 Lloyd A. Goff Sr.	825
133 Viau Gratien	2130	163 Desmond White	1042
134 Harold I. Walter	2269	164 Larry LaChapelle	3176
135 Hugh W. Myers	2269	165 Gerald Bornt	2467
136 Stanley E. Singer	97	166 Roy E. Mapes	2692
137 Kenneth Nydam	1260	167 John A. Dickerson	941
138 Robert Byron	2191	168 Edward Barrett	941
139 William a. Rae	2311	169 J. Murray Burt	2311
140 Frank N. Beatty II	52	170 Henry Reinders	3806

REPORT OF THE GRIEVANCE AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

State Secretary Lane reported that no committee report had been received. He further stated that no grievance had been reported to the State President or left on the desk of the State Secretary. A motion was made by Brother Lane that if there was no objection from the delegates this impromptu report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Harold Long, Olean Aerie No. 616 and carried.

Under a special order of business a number of reports and announcements were made which included a short talk on the State Fall Conference to be held in the New Home of Depew-Lancaster Aerie.

At 12:10 P.M. a short recess was called by State President Gregory in order to give the Election Committee time to complete tabulating the ballots.

The meeting was called to order again at 12:50 P.M. by State President Gregory who announced that the Installation of officers would be open to the public.

At this time a motion was made by Earle Willis, Toronto Aerie No. 2311 that a standing vote of thanks be given to Hilda Mercun, who served as recording secretary of the State Convention for the past 15 years. This was seconded by Kenneth Decker, Ithaca Aerie No. 1253 and carried. The convention body then rose and applauded.

REPORT OF THE ELECTION COMMITTEE

Read by Joseph Cangialosi, Chr. Rochester Aerie No. 52

Brother Delegates:

Following is the report of the election for the office of State Trustee:

156 brothers voted for a total of 1070 votes. Six ballots were voided with a total of 52 votes leaving a balance of 1018 votes. They were distributed as follows:

Jack Harter, Corning Aerie No. 2299	245
Donald Rettinger, Toronto Aerie No. 2311	240
Ray Haggerty, Tonawanda Aerie No. 1411	226
Rene Lessard, Montreal Aerie No. 2130	149
Duane Dennison, Hornell Aerie No. 2640	63
Charles Straub, Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467	62
Roger Grandchamp, Montreal Aerie No. 2130	33
Grand Total	1018

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Cangialosi, Chr. 52

Chester Halliday, 46

Douglas McDermott, 2299

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

State President Gregory declared that the following brothers were elected as State Trustees for the coming year: Jack Harter, Donald Rettinger, Ray Haggerty and Rene Lessard.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The meeting was opened to the general public and the following brothers were installed into office by Past State President William Carrick, who acted as Grand Worthy President, Eastern Regional President Owen McNally, who acted as Grand Conductor and Past Eastern Regional President Harry Woodruff, who acted as the Grand Secretary:

Past State President Donald Gregory, Utica Aerie No. 97
 State President Arthur Cichon, Depew-Lancaster Aerie No. 2692

State Vice President Ralph Pauly, Olean Aerie No. 616
 State Chaplain Robert Woodruff, Rochester Aerie No. 52
 State Secretary Alfred W. Lane, Tarrytown Aerie No. 1042
 State Treasurer Kenneth Decker, Ithaca Aerie No. 1253
 State Conductor Wayne Monroe, Elmira Aerie No. 941
 State Inside Guard Laverne Graham, Lockport Aerie No. 825
 State Outside Guard Arthur Gonyea, Glens Falls Aerie No. 2486
 State Trustee Jack Harter, Steuben Aerie No. 2299
 State Trustee Donald Rettinger, Maple Leaf Aerie No. 2311
 State Trustee Ray Haggerty, Tonawanda Aerie No. 1411
 State Trustee Rene Lessard, Montreal Aerie No. 2130

Following the Installation Ceremony a short speaking program was held. State President Cichon, thanked all for the support received in the past and pledged to do his very best during the coming year to equal or better the record made during 1977-1978. He announced that a State Officers meeting will be held on Sunday Morning at 11 o'clock in the aerie home.

With all of the convention business completed up to this point, Past State President Gregory announced that the report of the State Ritualistic committee would be given at the State Convention Banquet. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 P.M.

STATE CONVENTION BANQUET

The joint State Convention Banquet was held in the main dining room of the Ramada Inn, on Saturday evening, June 24, 1978. Approximately 600 persons were in attendance. Past State President Larry Roy, of Montreal Aerie, served as the Toastmaster. All of the newly installed officers were introduced. Brief talks were given by the outgoing State Presidents Donald Gregory and Carmelita Pauly, the newly installed State Presidents Arthur Cichon and Katherine Moshier, Eastern Regional President Owen McNally, Past Grand Madam President Adaline Navarra, United States Congressman Samuel S. Stratton. The principal speaker was Judge Robert Cannon, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Gifts were presented to a number of the outgoing State Officers. Past State President Donald Gregory presented four \$1,000.00 grants from the Jimmy Durante Children's Fund for the following institutions: Prospect School, Glens Falls, N.Y.; Rochester School for the Deaf, Rochester, N.Y.; Achievement Center Scout Troop No. 171, Falconer, N.Y.; United Cerebral Palsy and Handicapped Children's Association of Syracuse, N.Y. Past Madam State President Ethel Clarke, of Glens Falls, N.Y. presented a check for \$5,000.00 from the Art Ehrmann Cancer Fund to the Walton Jones Cell Science Center of Lake Placid, N.Y. The grant was accepted by Dr. James Smith a representative of that institution who spoke briefly on the work being done in connection with Cancer Research and extended the thanks of all concerned.

REPORT OF THE STATE RITUALISTIC COMMITTEE

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

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

The State Ritualistic Committee is proud to present the following report: This year four aeries competed and following are the results:

Lockport Aerie No. 825	93%
Elmira Aerie No. 941	90.1%
Glens Falls Aerie No. 2486	84.4%
Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2487	71.1%

Respectfully submitted,
 Henry Becker, Chr. 3128
 Carl Hichman, 2486
 Al Hubbard, 2119
 John Kunzog, 2145
 Roger Grandchamp, 2130
 Wilbur Button, 616
 John Lewis, 2640

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

With no further business on the agenda the Seventy-Second Annual Convention of the New York State Aerie was brought to a close.

Respectfully submitted,
 Alfred W. Lane
 State Secretary

NEW YORK STATE AERIE CONVENTIONS**YEAR and CITY**

1907	—	Rochester (Institution)	1943	—	Auburn
1908	—	Saratoga Springs	1944	—	Batavia
1909	—	Little Falls	1945	—	Rochester
1910	—	Rockaway Beach	1946	—	Middletown
1911	—	Rochester	1947	—	Utica
1912	—	Cohoes	1948	—	Saratoga Springs
1913	—	Carthage	1949	—	Saratoga Springs
1914	—	Olean	1950	—	Rochester
1915	—	Auburn	1951	—	Rochester
1916	—	Rochester	1952	—	Binghamton
1917	—	Buffalo	1953	—	Schenectady
1918	—	Geneva	1954	—	Oneonta
1919	—	Syracuse	1955	—	Elmira
1920	—	Niagara Falls	1956	—	Montreal
1921	—	Saratoga Springs	1957	—	Saratoga Springs
1922	—	Binghamtom	1958	—	Buffalo
1923	—	Mount Vernon	1959	—	Elmira
1924	—	Rockaway Beach	1960	—	Rochester
1925	—	Niagara Falls	1961	—	Toronto
1926	—	Watertown	1962	—	Utica
1927	—	Binghamton	1963	—	Oneonta
1928	—	Syracuse	1964	—	Watertown
1929	—	Schenectady	1965	—	Rochester
1930	—	Elmira	1966	—	Syracuse
1931	—	Oswego	1967	—	Glens Falls
1932	—	Rochester	1968	—	Olean
1933	—	Lockport	1969	—	Rochester
1943	—	Johnstown	1970	—	Montreal
1935	—	Ithaca	1971	—	Oneonta
1936	—	Olean	1972	—	Utica
1937	—	Auburn	1973	—	Glens Falls
1938	—	Watertown	1974	—	Olean
1939	—	Gloversville	1975	—	Rochester
1940	—	Lockport	1976	—	Elmira
1941	—	Rochester	1977	—	St. Jerome
1942	—	New York City	1978	—	Schenectady

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

1 *	JOHN J. HARRINGTON, Brooklyn 393	1907 - 08
2 *	JOHN J. HARRINGTON, Brooklyn 393	1908 - 09
3 *	FREDERICK HUGHES, Yonkers 473	1909 - 10
4 *	FREDERICK HUGHES, Yonkers 473	1910 - 11
5 *	JAMES CONLAN, Buffalo 46	1911 - 12
6 *	JAMES CONLAN, Buffalo 46	1912 - 13
7 *	GEORGE B. BEDFORD, Syracuse 53	1913 - 14
8 *	GEORGE B. BEDFORD, Syracuse 53	1914 - 15
9 *	JOHN F. MALONEY, Watertown 782	1916 - 16
10 *	JOHN F. COLE, Binghamton 1118	1916 - 17
11 *	GEORGE E. MORGAN, Buffalo 46	1917 - 18
12 *	WILLIAM KENEALY, Rochester 52	1918 - 19
13 *	JOSEPH M. SCHERER, Long Island City 1509	1919 - 20.
14 *	THOMAS G. WELSH, Elmira 941	1920 - 21
15 *	FRANK X. BERNHARDT, Buffalo 46	1921 - 22
16 *	THOMAS J. HICKEY, Syracuse 53	1922 - 23
17 *	JOSEPH STREICHER, Buffalo 46	1923 - 24
18 *	JOHN F. McGRATH, New York 40	1924 - 25
19 *	MICHAEL H. SWEENEY, Binghamton 1118	1925 - 26
20 *	WILLIAM B. HUTCHINSON, Buffalo 46	1926 - 27
21 *	MICHAEL H. SWEENEY, Binghamton 1118	1927 - 28
22 *	WILLIAM S. DODSON, Olean 616	1928 - 29
23 *	WILLIAM MENTZINGER, Rockaway Beach 1544	1929 - 30
24 *	CHARLES J. MENGLER, Elmira 941	1930 - 31
25 *	WILLIAM ALF, Buffalo 46	1931 - 32
26 *	WALTER E. McGRATH, New York 40	1932 - 33
27 *	ALBERT LEONARD, Geneva 95	1933 - 34
28 *	ERNEST J. MAHONEY, Rochester 52	1934 - 35
29 *	JOHN P. SAXER, Buffalo 46	1935 - 36
30 *	JOHN T. SHORTELL, Olean 616	1936 - 37
31 *	CHARLES G. MARALDO, Staten Island 543	1937 - 38
32 *	RAYMOND R. BARBER, Ithaca 1253	1938 - 39
33 *	WILLIAM H. MOSTYN, Rochester 52	1939 - 40
34 *	WILLIAM H. MOSTYN, Rochester 52	1940 - 41
35 -	R. LESLIE McDERMOTT, Lockport 825	1941 - 42
36 *	CHARLES J. DOLZEN, Schenectady 514	1942 - 43
37 -	KENNETH DECKER, Ithaca 1253	1943 - 44
38 *	HENRY KOHAUT, Yonkers 0473	1944 - 45
39 *	JOHN R. TAGGERT, Buffalo 46	1945 - 46
40 -	GEORGE GREEN, Gloversville 482	1946 - 47
41 *	FRANCIS H. BRECHUE, Auburn 96	1947 - 48
42 *	EDWARD M. KAMAS, Elmira 941	1948 - 49
43 -	PAUL M. AYERS, Lockport 825	1949 - 50
44 -	DONALD MANZER, Utica 97	1950 - 51
45 *	CHARLES F. BOYLE, Buffalo 46	1951 - 52
46 *	JOSEPH L. WURZER, Rochester 25	1952 - 53
47 *	LOUIS ASIFAN, Watertown 782	1953 - 54
48 *	HAROLD CRAWFORD, Fort Hamilton 2621	1954 - 55
49 -	KEENE M. BROWN, Ithaca 1253	1955 - 56
50 -	FRANK H. LEWIS, Empire 544	1956 - 57
51 *	CHARLES P. EDWARDS, Schenectady 514	1957 - 58
52 *	ROBERT MAGNAN, Montreal 2130	1958 - 59
53 -	GEORGE SATTLER, Elmira 91	1959 - 60
54 -	GAZO SAMOK, Depew-Lancaster 2692	1960 - 61
55 -	THOMAS PHILPOTT, Maple Leaf 2311	1961 - 62
56 *	ROBERT WATTS, Lockport 825	1962 - 63
57 -	HERBERT OLD, Nassau 3128	1963 - 64
58 -	THEODORE HURWITZ, Oneonta 1260	1964 - 65
59 -	ROBERT HOOD, Elmira 941	1965 - 66
60 -	LOUIS DION, Montreal 2130	1966 - 67
61 *	FRED RICHIE, Fort Hamilton 2621	1967 - 68
62 -	ROBERT SCHICK, Rochester 52	1968 - 69
63 -	RAYMOND WOMBLE, Ithaca 1253	1969 - 70
64 -	LAVERNE WEBER, Lockport 825	1970 - 71
65 -	FRANK STOKES, Maple Leaf 2311	1971 - 72
66 *	EDGAR IRELAND, Gloversville 482	1972 - 73
67 -	A. RAYMOND LANCE, Glens Falls 2486	1973 - 74
68 -	WILLIAM CARRICK, Empire 544	1974 - 75
69 -	LARRY ROY, Montreal 2130	1975 - 76
70 -	OWEN McNALLY, Fort Hamilton 2621	1976 - 77
71 -	DONALD GREGORY, Utica 97	1977 - 78

*Deceased

