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**STATE OFFICERS 1979 - 1980**

Junior Past State President ..... **Arthur Cichon**  
Depew-Lancaster 2692

State President ..... **Ralph Pauly**  
Olean 616

State Vice-President ..... **Robert Woodruff**  
Rochester 52

State Chaplain ..... **Wayne Monroe**  
Elmira 941

State Secretary ..... **Alfred W. Lane**  
Tarrytown 1042

State Treasurer ..... **Kenneth Decker**  
Ithaca 1253

State Conductor ..... **Laverne Graham**  
Lockport 825

State Inside Guard ..... **Arthur Gonyea**  
Glens Falls 2486

State Outside Guard ..... **Donald Rettinger**  
Toronto 2311

**STATE TRUSTEES**

Chr: **Arthur Cichon** ..... Depew-Lancaster 2692  
**Jack Harter** ..... Corning 2299  
**Ray Haggerty** ..... Tonawanda 1411  
**Rene Lessard** ..... Montreal 2311  
**Al Hubbard** ..... Binghamton 2119

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## 1979 STATE CONVENTION

As early as Tuesday June 19th a smattering of delegates and visitors started arriving at convention headquarters in the Arena Holiday Inn. Early Wednesday morning the golfing brigade headed for the local links for 18 holes of exercise. The majority of the delegates started arriving right after noon. It is a pleasure to report that the confusion that accompanies the housing of the delegates was at a minimum because of the excellent manner in which the motel personnel handled this phase of the convention. Following the dinner hour there were a number of committee meetings with most of the delegates ending up at the Annual Get-Together party in the home of Binghamton Aerie.

All of the business meetings of both the State Aerie and the State Auxiliary were held in the Holiday Inn. Registration of delegates opened at 10 A.M. in the mezzanine of the Convention Headquarters.

The State Convention Banquet held on Saturday evening June 23rd also was held at the Convention headquarters in the Triple Cities Ballroom.

### OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE CONVENTION

The convention was officially called to order at 2 P.M. on Thursday June 21st, 1979 in the Triple Cities Ballroom of the Holiday Inn, by Al Hubbard, Past President of Binghamton Aerie and co-chairman of the Convention. Donald Rettinger, of Toronto, Canada, New York State Trustee, led all present in the singing of both the Canadian and United States National Anthems. The invocation was given by Rev. Daniel Watson, of the First Methodist Church. State Aerie President Arthur Cichon and State Auxiliary President Katherine Moshier, along with the local President Gordon Lindow and Auxiliary President Mary Sodan, extended greetings to the capacity audience present. The Honorable Alfred Libous, Mayor of Binghamton, Donald McManus, Broome County Executive and Harold Kammerer, Vice President of the Broome County Chamber of Commerce, made everybody feel right at home with their warm welcome and best wishes for a most successful convention. Grand Inside Guard Owen McNally and Grand Auxiliary Treasurer Catherine Rodney, both brought greetings from the Grand Aerie and Grand Auxiliary. Brother Michael Gaffney, Director of the Jimmy Durante Children's Fund, who was the Keynote speaker gave an excellent address on the accomplishments of the Fraternity as a whole. This brought to a close the official opening ceremony. A short recess was called to make the necessary arrangements for the first business session.

### FIRST SESSION

The first session was called to order at 3:10 P.M. by State President Arthur Cichon.

Following the opening ritual ceremonies the Roll Call of Officers was held. All of the State Officers were in attendance. 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.

State President Cichon announced the convention committee appointments. Each delegate received a copy of the appointments and they are as follows:

## STATE COMMITTEES

1978 - 1979

### BY-LAW

Owen McNally, Chr. 2621  
Harry Woodruff, 52  
Anthony Di Pio, 941

### LEGISLATIVE

Harold Fields, Chr. 52  
Richard Updike, 941  
Donald Smith, 782

### YOUTH GUIDANCE

Wayne Monroe, Chr. 941  
Joseph Boulton, 2644  
Joseph Barcomb, 3818

### CANCER RESEARCH

Ray Haggerty, Chr. 1411  
John Stage, 2299  
Arthur Toporek, 2692

### MAX BAER HEART FUND

Jack Harter, Chr. 2299  
Merle Canfield, 482  
James Hartnagle, 2486

### SOCIAL SECURITY

Arthur Gonyea, Chr. 2486  
Cecil Moshier, 88  
Purley Taylor, 2119

### STATE ATHLETIC

Robert Woodruff, Chr. 52  
Mark LaRue, 616  
Milton Evans, 941

### STATE SPEAKERS

Alfred Lane, Chr. 1042  
Ralph Pauly, 616  
Laverne Weber, 825

### MEMBER SECURITY [NET GAIN]

Gordon Brenenstuhl, Chr. 2467  
William Bell 3rd, 782  
William Schwabenbauer, 616

### SCOUTING

Robert Sharkey, Chr. 52  
Ronald Manry, 2640  
Larry Gardner, 1260

### JIMMY DURANTE FUND

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

### STATE BOWLING

A. Raymond Lance, Chr. 2486  
Jack Harter, 2299  
Calvin Morton, 2269

### HOME AND FAMILY

Gordon Ireland, Chr. 2311  
Gratien Viau, 2130  
Mike Lopez, 2486

### MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

William Carrick, Chr. 544  
Richard Pottorff, 1253  
Jack Kincaid, 616

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

William Carrick, Chr. 544  
Donald Gregory, 97  
Laverne Weber, 825  
Owen McNally, 2621  
Larry Roy, 2130

### PAST STATE PRESIDENTS

A. Raymond Lance, Chr. 2486  
Louis Dion, 2130  
Raymond Womble, 1253

### CREDENTIALS

Ronald Stickney, Chr. 825  
Carl Richardson, 616  
Calvin Morton, 2269  
Duane Dennison, 2640  
Paul Baird, 2467

### PUBLICITY

Laurence Campbell, Chr. 2119  
Gerald Hogan, 2299  
Richard Rose, 1253

### RESOLUTIONS

Frank Stokes, Chr. 2311  
Joseph Cangialosi, 52  
James Laskaris, 941  
Herbert Farrell Jr., 514  
Frank Morgan, 1253

## RITUALISTIC

Henry Becker, Chr. 3128  
Al Hubbard, 2119  
John Kunzog, 2145  
Glenn Amesbury, 1042  
Patrick Cooney, 1545  
John Lewis, 2640  
Gerald Rainbow, 2191

## IN MEMORIAM

Vincent Scharf, Chr. 46  
Walter Manry, 2640  
Warren Bean, 2191

## ELECTION

Chester Halliday, Chr. 46  
John Kenney, 1411  
Frank Beatty II, 52

## G.A. HOSPITALITY ROOM

Laverne Weber, Chr. 825  
Ralph Pauly, 616  
Owen McNally, 2621

## R.E.A.C.

Frank Crowley, Chr. 941  
Donald Stevens, 1253  
William Callahan, 52

## BETTER HOME TOWNS

Donald Gregory, Chr. 97  
Edward Falcheck, 52  
Georges Taillefer, 2130

## POLICE AND FIREMEN

D. James Shay, Chr. 941  
Frank Crowley, Co-Chr. 941  
Earle Willis, 2311

## FINANCE AND BUDGET

Laverne Weber, Chr. 825  
Robert Woodruff, 52  
Wayne Monroe, 941

## AUDITING

Carl Richardson, Chr. 616  
Mason Brunskill, 2640  
Nicholas Hoffman, 482

## GOLDEN EAGLE FUND

Laverne Graham, Chr. 825  
James Stewart, Co-Chr. 1411  
Robert Brenenstuhl, 2487

## JUDICIARY

Thomas Philpott, Chr. 2311  
Wilbur Button Sr., 616  
Francis LeVance, 2486

## BANQUET

Laverne Graham, Chr. 825  
Edward Griffin, 2640  
Larry Gardner, 1260

## STATE FUND RAISING

Kenneth Decker, Chr. 1253  
Gordon Lindow, 2119  
Marcel Tremblay, 2130

## STATE OF THE ORDER

Larry Roy, Chr. 2130  
Frank Stokes, 2311  
Kenneth Decker, 1253  
Owen McNally, 2621  
Donald Gregory, 97

## GRIEVANCE AND APPEALS

Salvatore Ventura, Chr. 2692  
Vincent Butkovich, 1042  
Richard Milack Sr., 3128

## NEW AERIES

Charles Straub, Chr. 2467  
John Kunzog, 2145  
David Shay, 941  
Paul Baird, 2467  
Albert O'Brien, 544  
Donald Rettinger, 2311  
Andre Caron, 3810

## PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES

Donald Rettinger, Chr. 2311  
Romeo Bertrand, 2130  
Harold Hammond Sr., 1260

## BLOOD DONORS

Ralph Pauly, Chr. 616  
Alfred Masker, 544  
John Kenney, 1411

## UNDER 35 CLUB

Rene Lessard, Chr. 2130  
Michael Caschera, 514  
James Galletly, 544

## REPORT OF THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

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

### RULES OF THE CONVENTION

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

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

A delegate desiring to be heard on any 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 23, 1979 from 9 A.M. to 11 A.M. Only official ballots to be received. The count shall begin promptly at the close of the polls and continue to the completion thereof.

Delegates must present their credentials and ballots, depositing the latter in the ballot box. First ascertaining the number of votes 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 on resolutions will, at the proper time, report all resolutions to the convention, with recommendations thereon.

Any part of the issue not covered by the convention rules or the rules of the 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, but in view of the fact there is no great change in the procedure, as regard 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,  
Thomas Philpott, Chr. 2311  
Wilbur Button Sr., 616  
Francis LeVance, 2486

**ORDER OF BUSINESS — THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 1979**

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

1. OPENING EXERCISES OF THE CONVENTION.
2. ROLL CALL OF THE STATE OFFICERS.
3. ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS AND OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.
4. STATE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.
5. REPORT OF THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.
6. APPROVAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE PREVIOUS CONVENTION.
7. READING OF COMMUNICATIONS.
8. FIRST REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE.
9. REPORT OF THE STATE PRESIDENT.
10. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS.
11. REPORT OF THE STATE SECRETARY.
12. FIRST REPORT OF THE BY-LAW COMMITTEE.
13. REPORT OF THE STATE TREASURER.
14. REPORT OF THE PUBLICITY COMMITTEE.
15. GOOD OF THE ORDER.
16. RECESS.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS — FRIDAY, JUNE 22, 1979**

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 23, 1979**

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 BAER 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.

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

The reading of the proceeding of the State Convention held in Schenectady during June 1978 was the next order of business. State Secretary Lane started to read the same. Brother Kenneth Decker, Ithaca Aerie No. 1253 moved that the reading be dispensed with as a copy of the proceedings had been given to every delegate and had been forwarded to every aerie in the State jurisdiction. This was seconded by James Baird, Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467. Included in the motion also that the proceedings be adopted as written. This was approved.

### READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

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

From Roger Grandchamp, who is a patient in the local hospital in Montreal, extending his thanks for the many get well cards and also extending his best wishes for a most successful convention. Filed.

From the Grand Aerie informing us that Anthony Angelo, Past Grand Worthy President, Michael Gaffney, Investment Counselor and Owen McNally, Grand Inside Guard will represent the Grand Aerie at the annual convention. Filed.

From the Jimmy Durante Fund, four \$1,000 checks for the following institutions: Sunshine 4-H Guys and Gals, Lockport, N.Y.; Cure Childhood Cancer Assoc., Rochester, N.Y.; Special Children's Center, Ithaca, N.Y.; and Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Toronto, Canada. Brother Lane announced the checks would be distributed at the Convention Banquet on Saturday evening.

From the Art Ehrmann Cancer Fund, a check for \$10,000 to go to Our Lady of Lourdes Memorial Hospital, Binghamton, N.Y. Brother Lane stated this also would be presented at the banquet on Saturday evening.

From the Grand Aerie Convention Headquarters a number of communications in reference to events to be held at the Grand Aerie Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, July 31st through August 3rd. Filed.

From the Grand Aerie Membership Department a notice that the special Re-Enrollment Campaign has been extended through May 31, 1980. Filed.

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

From Lewis Reed, Administrator of the Eagle Bond Fund, a communication giving detailed information concerning additional bond coverage. Filed.

From Charles Rowan, Editor of the Eagle Magazine, with the information that the New York State Reporter, the State Aerie Bulletin, was selected for honorable mention in the State Aerie Bulletin Contest. Brother Lane stated the award would be presented at the convention session on Friday.

From the Grand Worthy President's office -- Official Circular 119 and 120 in connection with both the Ritualistic contests and parade awards at the Grand Aerie Convention. Filed.

From Ken Amsbaugh, Chairman of the Boost Your Home Town Committee, a complete list of the winners in the 1979 Art Contest. Filed.

Brother Lane moved that all action taken during the reading of the communications be approved. This was seconded by William A. Rae, Toronto Aerie No. 2311 and carried.

### FIRST REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

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

Grand Aerie Representatives .....	2
State Officers .....	13
Past State Presidents .....	10
Delegates .....	74
Alternates .....	3
Past Worthy Presidents .....	98
Total Votes .....	220
Total Credentials Issued .....	129

A motion was made by Brother Stickney that this partial report be accepted as read. This was seconded by Charles Straub, Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467 and approved.

### STATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Read by State President Arthur Cichon.

Grand Aerie Officers, State Officers and Brothers:

As the old saying goes, all good things must come to an end, and this past year has certainly been one of the good things in my life. I know my predecessors will agree with me that it is a gratifying experience to be able to visit the many aeries and renew old friendships and meet new brothers. Dorothy and I were able to visit forty aeries this past year and I would like to express my gratitude for the warm hospitality and gifts which were given to us. It was a frigid winter but wherever we visited the hearts were warm and the red carpet was rolled out.

To Al Lane, a better right arm a State President couldn't have. He advised me well this past year and if I needed help he was always just a phone call away. My heartfelt thanks to him and to Ken Decker for their friendship and guidance through the years.

To Laverne Shorty Weber, State Membership Chairman, the Zone and District Directors and to all the aeries for their hard work in bringing in over 2500 new members and to Charles Straub and Dave Cook for instituting Canajoharie, thank you all. I did not achieve the goals I set last year but with their diligence and perseverance New York State again became a Bell Ringer Aerie.

To Depew-Lancaster and my friend Gazo Samok for their support during my years as a state officer, thank you. Gazo was instrumental in getting me started in the chairs and gave me good advice which I have tried to follow. I am very proud that my own aerie, Depew-Lancaster, topped the membership for the past year with a total of 250 members.

To all the chairmen, State and local, of our humanitarian projects, thank you for the many hours you put into raising money and I know when the final count is in, New York State will be up there with the leaders. My own project, the Max Baer Heart Fund, has not been totaled as yet but I am hoping we can reach the goal of \$10,000 at Kansas City. My special thanks to all who worked so hard to help me try and achieve it.

To my many friends throughout the state, my thanks for your continued support, your giving up of your time to be where we were and for the fond memories of a year that Dorothy and I will always look back on with pride and humility. Bless you all.

To my successor and neighbor, Ralph Pauly, you are off to a good start with a new aerie already instituted and a good jump on membership for the year. I hope the weather favors you as you do come from the snow belt and I wish you safe travelling. You can be sure I will help you all I can and I know you will set your goals high and reach them.

To close my report I would like to thank my wife, Dorothy, who travelled every mile of the way with me and made my long trips seem much shorter.

Respectfully submitted,  
Arthur J. Cichon  
State President

A motion was made by Brother Cichon that his report be adopted as read. This was seconded by John Kenney, Tonawanda Aerie No. 1411. This was approved.

### REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

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

Worthy State President, Grand Aerie Representatives, Delegates and Brothers:

Many questions have come up as to the limitations on Medical and Educational benefits payable to the children of Policemen and Firemen killed while on duty, in regards to the Memorial Foundation.

There are no limitations on medical expenses, dental expenses, optical expenses and the cost of prescription drugs except that total hospital, orthodontics and psychiatric treatment is limited to \$5,000 per person. Chiropractic bills are considered medical bills. These medical expenses are paid for eligible children until they reach the age of 18 years, unless they become married or self-supporting at an earlier age.

There is no restriction on the type of school that an eligible child must attend other than that it must be an accredited college or university school. These educational benefits are limited to a total of \$5000.00 payable at the rate of \$1,000.00 per year. No benefits are paid to permit eligible children to attend high school. Eligible children may receive educational benefits up to the age of 25 years, unless they become married at an earlier age when benefits discontinue.

We, the committee, hope that we have made the several questions put before us much easier to understand.

Respectfully submitted,  
William Carrick, Chr. 544  
Richard Pottoroff, 1253  
Jack Kincaid, 616

Following the reading of the report Brother Carrick spoke briefly about the Memorial Foundation. He stated that this was the first time in many years that an official State report was given and suggested that if any questions should arise the aerie secretary should write to the Grand Aerie for correct information. If the State Committee can be of any assistance it would be our pleasure to help in any way possible.

A motion was made by Brother Carrick that the report be adopted as read. This

was seconded by Francis Campagna, Tonawanda Aerie No. 1411. This was approved.

At this time State President Cichon introduced Michael T. Gaffney, Owen McNally and Harry Woodruff, all representatives of the Grand Aerie. Each spoke briefly extending their best wishes for a successful and harmonious convention.

### STATE SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

Brother Delegates:

It is my pleasure, I can assure you, to be present and to report that once again we have combined our best efforts to make possible another successful year for the New York State Eagle family. As in the past I will touch lightly on our accomplishments, leaving the details to the committee chairmen to elaborate on.

In new membership we didn't exceed the terrific year we had in 1977-1978 but we just missed the 2600 new member mark and we did add another new aerie to the family group. Your efforts in this category made it possible to attain State Bell Ringer status. We continue to have a small number of weak units but no charters were revoked, surrendered or transferred leaving us with a total of 54 local aeries in the State jurisdiction.

Our total number of members, according to the Grand Secretary's office figures is 14,837. Last year our total was 14,848. We just missed by 11 members becoming a Net Gain State Aerie. Again I must point out that the figures of the aeries reporting after the survey was taken were not counted.

Along with the rest of the country we are feeling the financial crunch. Our balance as of May 31, 1979 was \$4,239.16. This figure is \$1,232.09 below the balance of one year ago. The State Secretary's financial report is on the Secretary's desk for inspection and will be included in the Convention proceedings. As in the past we did manage to continue all of our services. Although our State Per Capita tax was increased for the past six months, keeping within the present boundaries was only made possible because so many of our State and local leaders gave their support to all of our programs and campaigns, in the majority of cases without any remuneration whatsoever.

A nice delegation from the local aeries and auxiliaries traveled to Spokane, Washington, for the Grand Aerie Convention. A majority took a part in the business sessions and practically all of the "New Yorkers" were in the Convention parade. Quite a few of our boys and girls were appointed as Eastern Regional Representatives for the various Humanitarian Funds. Highlighting the convention, as far as the New Yorkers were concerned was the appointment of Carmelita Pauly, of Olean Auxiliary, as Eastern Regional President and the nomination and election of Owen McNally, Fort Hamilton Aerie, as Grand Inside Guard.

Our Fall and Spring Conferences held during the past year in Depew and Middletown, respectively, more than lived up to expectations. Highlights included selecting Rochester as the site of the 1980 State Convention. Selecting Captain Allen Leidy and Fireman Frank Pingotti, both from Middletown, N.Y. for the Firemen of the Year Award. Laverne "Shorty" Weber was reappointed as State Membership Director for 1979-1980. The 1979 State Mr. and Mrs. Bowling Tournament went to Tonawanda Aerie and Endicott was selected as the site for the State Fall Conference in September.

Bowling is our only sport as far as Statewide activity is concerned. The Mr. and Mrs. Bowling Tournament held in Hornell, last Fall, was another Eagle success. Excellent alleys and high scores made most of the bowlers very happy at the Annual State Bowling Tournament, held this year in Glens Falls, N.Y. We know that Delmar "Kit" Carson, of Hornell, will never forget it as he rolled the only 300 game in the 32 year history of the tournament. We still have hopes of having a Statewide Golf Tournament and perhaps a Softball tournament, as well, in the near future.

Our aeries and auxiliaries continue to donate generously to all of our Humanitarian Funds. A parade of checks for each fund will be held later in the convention schedule. Again, this year New York State has been given 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 to follow.

As we look back on another wonderful year, we again see demonstrated that personal efforts and our ability to work as a team made it all possible. It is impossible to point out all of the unsung heroes and heroines that played such a big part in making this all happen but special thanks should go to the State Officers, the State Membership Group, State President Art Cichon and my long time buddy State Treasurer Ken Decker. To all of the local aerie secretaries my sincere thanks for your co-operation.

Looking ahead to 1979-1980, all signs point to a banner year. We already have one new aerie, just recently instituted in Mechanicville and many more potential sites, whose surveys have been approved and whose organizers are hard at work to turn them into progressive aeries. State Membership Director "Shorty" Weber has a number of ideas that he would like to put into operation. All we need is your continued support to keep New York as one of the better State Aeries in the Eagle jurisdiction.

This little get together has all the earmarks of being one of our better conventions. It is the wish of all concerned that your journey back home will be without incident. Again, my sincere thanks to each and everyone of you.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alfred W. Lane  
State Secretary

### STATE SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL REPORT

JUNE 1, 1978 to MAY 31, 1979

RECEIPTS:	NOV.	MAY	TOTAL
State Per Capita Tax from the aeries	\$ 3,739.21	\$ 5,007.27	\$ 8,746.46
State Membership Fund	3,439.00	3,864.00	7,303.00
State Convention Advance		800.00	800.00
State Fund Raising	497.00	300.00	797.00
State Convention Credential Committee	2,040.00		2,040.00
State Auxiliary Ad in the G.A. Journal		100.00	100.00
Grand Aerie Hospitality Room	380.00	75.00	455.00
State Auxiliary Convention Badges (1979)		65.00	65.00
Overpayment (Bond Fund)	22.50		22.50
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$10,117.71</b>	<b>\$10,211.25</b>	<b>\$20,328.96</b>

### EXPENDITURES:

State Secretary's Salary	\$ 469.75	\$ 469.55	\$ 939.30
State Treasurer's Allowance	50.00	50.00	100.00
State President's Visits (Gregory)	189.00		189.00
State President's Visits (Cichon)	572.40	1,159.60	1,732.00
Various Assignments	929.52	708.16	1,637.68
State Postage	412.50	274.90	687.40
Mimeographing State Bulletin	150.44	233.46	383.90
State Printing and Mimeographing	506.49	87.07	593.56
Membership Meetings	840.68	884.88	1,725.56
State Telephone	420.79	355.55	776.34
Social Security Tax	60.50	60.90	121.40
State Officers Convention Assignments	1,925.23		1,925.23
State Convention Misc. Expenses	2,380.35		2,380.35
Secretary's Office Supplies	87.41	12.40	99.81
State Officers' Bond	48.75		48.75
Ad in the G.A. Convention Journal	160.00		160.00
State Fall Conference Assignments (Depew)	1,463.44		1,463.44
State Membership Awards	729.74	364.24	1,093.98
State Treasurer's Office Expense	34.20	44.29	78.49
G.A. Hospitality Room (Spokane)	255.64		255.64
Canadian Debit	81.41	138.94	220.35
Printing 1978 St. Conv. Proceedings		1,296.00	1,296.00
Floral Sprays	25.00		25.00
State Auxiliary Convention Advance		400.00	400.00
State Spring Conference (Middletown, N.Y.)		1,729.76	1,729.76
Eastern Regional Conference (Newark, N.J.)	983.68		983.68
State Membership Office Expense	191.79	164.46	356.25
State Convention Expense (1979)		132.15	132.15
Grand Aerie Supplies	26.03		26.03
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$12,994.74</b>	<b>\$8,566.31</b>	<b>\$21,561.05</b>

### RECAPITULATION

Balance as of June 1, 1978	\$ 5,471.25
Total Receipts	20,328.96
	\$25,800.21
Total Expenditures	21,561.05
Balance as of May 31, 1979	\$ 4,239.16

Respectfully submitted,  
Alfred W. Lane  
State Secretary

It was moved by Brother Lane that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Raymond Lance, Glens Falls Aerie No. 2486 and approved with a round of applause.



## FIRST REPORT OF THE BY-LAW COMMITTEE

Read by Anthony Di Pio, Elmira Aerie No. 941:

Brother Delegates:

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Owen McNally, Chr. 2621  
Harry Woodruff, 52  
Anthony Di Pio, 941

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

## STATE TREASURER'S REPORT

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

To the Officers and members of New York State Aerie assembled at our Seventy Third Annual Convention in Binghamton, N.Y., I submit the following report as a true balance of the New York State account as of May 31, 1979. This account is verified by the auditors of the Tompkins County Trust Company of Ithaca, N.Y.

Balance - June 1, 1978 .....	\$ 5471.25
Receipts .....	20328.96
Total .....	\$25800.21

Disbursements	
Checks #2962 thru 3142 .....	\$21372.61
Canadian Debit .....	188.44
	\$21561.05

Receipts .....	\$25800.21
Disbursements .....	21561.05
Balance - June 1, 1979 .....	\$ 4239.16

Respectfully submitted,  
K.B. Decker  
State Treasurer

A motion was made by Brother Decker that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Duane Dennison, Hornell Aerie No. 2640 and approved.

## REPORT OF THE PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Read by Laurence Campbell, Chr. Binghamton Aerie No. 2119

Brother Delegates:

For the New York State Aerie Convention being held in Binghamton, N.Y. June 21, 22, and 23rd, 1979 we received the following coverage: Binghamton Press and Binghamton Sun, our two local newspapers gave several fine reports. We received nice coverage from WENE our radio station and WICZ, channel 40 on the T.V. There will be several taped interviews throughout the convention to be used on the local newscasts. Plans have been made for good coverage at the banquet especially for the presentations of both the Jimmy Durante Children's Fund and Art Ehrmann Cancer Fund grants.

Respectfully submitted,  
Larry Campbell, Chr. 2119  
Gerald Hogan, 2299  
Richard Rose, 1253

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

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

## STATE OFFICER'S BANQUET

The Annual State Officer's Banquet was held in a private dining room in the Holiday Inn on Thursday evening June 21st beginning at 6:30 o'clock. All of the State officers were in attendance with the exception of Junior Past President Gregory. Also among those present were Past State Presidents Dion, Lance, Philpott, Carrick and Weber, along with Grand Aerie Representatives Michael Gaffney, Harry Woodruff, Owen McNally and Zone Directors Brennstuhl, Crowley and Fields. Following the serving of the banquet a State Officers meeting was held.

## SECOND SESSIONS

The second session of the 73rd Annual Convention of the New York State Aerie was convened by State President Arthur Cichon at 10:10 A.M. on Thursday June 22, 1979.

Following the opening exercises Past State President Kenneth Decker, Ithaca Aerie No. 1253 gave the obligation and oath of allegiance to the new delegates.

## REPORT OF THE GRAND AERIE HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

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

Brother Delegates:

As you know all donations received by the committee are used for the New York State Hospitality Room and for parade expenses at the Grand Aerie Convention. This committee feels that it is important that the New York State Eagles let the rest of the convention know that we are present and many times in large numbers. Any and all donations will be appreciated. Following is the financial report:

Balance as of September 1, 1978 .....	\$596.28
Donations:	
Glens Falls Aerie No. 2486 .....	\$ 50.00
Corning Aerie No. 2299 .....	25.00
Olean Aerie No. 616 .....	50.00
Tonawanda Aerie No. 1411 .....	25.00
Fort Hamilton Aerie No. 2621 .....	25.00
Hospitality Room Comm. ....	75.00
Arthur Cichon (Personal) .....	6.00
	\$256.00
Balance as of June 22, 1979 .....	\$852.28

Respectfully submitted,  
Laverne Weber, Chr. 825  
Ralph Pauly, 616  
Owen McNally, 2621

A motion was made by Angelo Ricci, Tonawanda Aerie No. 1411 that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by William Callahan, Rochester Aerie No. 52 and carried.

## REPORT OF THE STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Read by Laverne Weber, State Membership Director, Lockport Aerie No. 825

BROTHER EAGLES:

Although we had hoped for a banner year in new members we fell short of the total reported last year and short of our goal set last June. We did however add 2580 new members and instituted a new Aerie in Canajoharie. I am happy to report the baby is healthy and growing stronger each day. The happy note came when we learned New York State Aerie did become a Bell Ringer.

We started off with a steady pace during June, July and August adding 443 to our rolls by the end of August. The September Kick Off Campaign added another 252. The Hunters Campaign in November was a little disappointing but added another 188.

The Hunters Trophy went to Elmira #941 for reporting 30 new members. The State Membership Trophy to Mississauga #3806 with a percentage gain of 15% by

reporting 15. December exceeded expectations when a whopping 237 were reported. A disappointing January brought in 201 members and the State President's Trophy was captured by our brothers from St. Jerome when they came through with 20 new members. Flushing Aerie with a percentage gain of 8% became the recipient of the State Membership Trophy. The under Thirty Five Campaign during March was by far our best when 351 were reported. Depew-Lancaster Aerie #2692 took the State Membership Trophy by reporting 53 new members and Shawinigan #3810, one of the new members of our Eagle family, reported 39 and captured the Percentage Gain Trophy with a 48% gain. Shawinigan again took the honors in April in the Old Timers Campaign by reporting 17 for a percentage gain of 20% and took home the "AL LANE TRAVELING LOVING CUP" held by Endicott Aerie for the past year. Again this year every effort was made to have all Aeries report at least one new member each month. Although we did not achieve this, forty nine out of fifty four Aeries did report new members during the year and 38 Aeries joined the quota group with many of them making their quota several times over. Following is a list of this year's quota Aeries:

Rotterdam 3610	Times	7	Tonawanda 1411
Endicott 2269	"	7	Toronto 2311
Mississauga 3806	"	6	Elmira 941
Depew-Lancaster 2692	"	5	Hornell 2640
Horseheads 3818	"	5	Auburn 96
Shawinigan 3810	"	4	Cortland 2191
Saratoga Springs 2586	"	3	Gloversville 482
Corning 2299	"	3	Troy 3773
Watertown 782	"	3	Hoosick Falls 2467
Utica 97	"	2	Glens Falls 2486
Schenectady 514	"	2	Granville 3504
Cobleskill 2695	"	2	Montreal 2130
Ithica 1253	"	2	St. Jerome 3176
Rochester 52	"	2	Norwich 1043
Batavia 2348	"	2	Oneonta 1260
Binghamton 2119	"	2	Middletown 544
Lockport 825	"		Tarrytown 1042
Olean 616			Elmont 3128
Jamestown 2145			Fort Hamilton 2621

Last year when I accepted the job as State Membership Director I said it would be the local Aeries and the individual producers that would make our year. As a token of our appreciation we again had an award program. To the membership chairman of the local Aerie for making quota a handsome wallet was presented, for a total of 38 wallets. John Dickinson and Ed Barrett of Elmira #941 and Romeo Bertrand of Montreal #2130 each received a \$25.00 cash award for producing at least 25 new members during the year. Twenty eight travel alarm clocks were presented to the brothers signing up ten new members during the year. One hundred twenty eight eagle cups were given to the brothers producing at least three new members in one month. The top producer award of \$50.00 goes to Romeo Bertrand from Montreal Aerie for securing 46 new members. Romeo has now been top producer for the past three years. In the runner-up position this year is Ed Barrett from Elmira #941. For producing 34 new members Ed received a \$25.00 award. A complete list of the exclusive 25 Club and the New York Big Ten Association is attached and will be made a part of this report.

At the State Officers Conference in Middletown it was decided to present the Net Gain Trophy at the fall conference to give ample time for State Secretary Lane to receive the Semi Annual Reports. The State Membership Trophy awarded to the Aerie reporting the greatest number of new members for the year goes to Depew Lancaster for reporting a total of 250. Completing the list of top five producing Aeries are 2 - Rochester 211; 3 - Elmira 190; 4 - Montreal 143 and 5 - St. Jerome 100.

Many thanks go to the Zone and District Directors for doing an outstanding job, spending many hours of their time and money out of their pocket making visitations to promote membership. Special congratulations to the leaders of Zone one for the publication of an outstanding Zone Bulletin and for a Zone family picnic, which has tripled in attendance over the past three years, as their summer meeting. Gordon Brennstuhl again receives the honor for being top Zone Director with a total of 918 new members and Richard "Caker" Updike became top District Director for the year with 445 new members.

Our friendly 3 to 1 membership contest with the Auxillary turned out disastrous with the gals easily walking all over us. State President Cichon predicted from the beginning the odds were too high. Nevertheless he and I will take our medicine and give the ladies their well deserved day.

My sincere thanks to all of you for making my first year as your State Membership Director an enjoyable and productive experience. As time marches on experience is gained and plans again are underway for a bigger and better year ahead. We all learn from our mistakes. At our membership meeting at 4:00 o'clock this afternoon all interested brothers are invited to take part in discussing plans and ideas for our yearly membership campaign. As the old saying goes "We did it before and we can do it again."

Once again my sincere thanks to all. Without your efforts and contributions our fraternal family could not have added 2580 new members. May God bless you all and with his help, may you all have a safe journey home at the close of this Convention.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laverne "Shorty" Weber  
State Membership Director

Leading Producers 1978 - 1979 members of the exclusive 25 Club and the New York Big Ten Association

Name	Aerie	Members Reported
Romeo Bertrand	Montreal 2130	46
Ed Barrett	Elmira 941	34
John Dickinson	Elmira 941	31
Richard Vanderlip	Depew-Lancaster 2692	23
Harold Royer Sr.	Saratoga Springs 2586	21
Virgil Stimpson	Oneonta 1260	20
Edward H. Brotz	Depew-Lancaster 2692	20
Mason Brunskill	Hornell 2640	17
Richard Magill	Rochester 52	17
Al Leopold	Mississauga 3806	15
Alvin Rettinger	Toronto 2311	15
Leo Vanderhoff	Olean 616	14
Amedeo Palmieri	Endicott 2269	14

Wayne Sherlock	Olean 616	13
James Whittenhall	Horseheads 3818	12
Ralph Gaudio	Rotterdam 3610	12
Kenneth Decker	Ithica 1253	12
Clarence Burg	Depew-Lancaster 2692	12
Florent Simon	Montreal 2130	12
Edward Falcheck	Rochester 52	11
Warren Bean	Cortland 2191	11
Glen Harper	Hornell 2640	11
Carl Roehner	Depew-Lancaster 2692	11
D. James Shay	Horseheads 3818	11
Al Piercy	Mississauga 3806	10
Nelson Miller Sr.	Depew-Lancaster 2692	10
Calvin Morton	Endicott 2269	10
Kenneth Morrissey	Glens Falls 2486	10

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

Following the adoption of the report Brother Weber and a few of the State Membership Committee men presented a number of awards for outstanding accomplishments in the Membership Field. State Secretary Lane spoke briefly concerning the excellent manner in which Brother Weber handled the office of State Membership Director during his first year as such, and asked the delegates to join with him in giving Brother Weber a standing vote of thanks. The response was unanimous.

## REPORT OF THE STATE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

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

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 year just past.

Respectfully submitted,  
Harold H. Fields, Chr. 52  
Richard Updike, 941  
Donald Smith, 782

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

Brother Lane spoke briefly about a campaign being conducted by the Grand Aerie known as the Government Relations Program. He stated a number of communications with relation to this project have been forwarded to all of the local aeries. A special effort is to be made in the coming year to have each Eagle unit take an active part in this legislative program.

## REPORT OF THE BLOOD DONORS COMMITTEE

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

Brother Delegates:

With no communications turned in to the Blood Donors Committee it is difficult to give a final report. We, the committee, feel that this program is not only vital to our aeries but to our community and to our Country, as well. With the demand for blood so high in this country today, we, as Eagles, should be more concerned that we are. We ask you "HAVE YOU GIVEN BLOOD THIS YEAR?" The only requirements are that you be between the ages of 17 and 65 and in fairly good physical condition. Do have your aerie set up a Blood Donors Program. Make it a community project. Contact your local radio station and newspaper; they are very receptive to programs such as this, and their publicity will assure your success in this project with very little effort on your part. With a little push we can get the Blood Donors Program going in every aerie and continue to be known as "People Helping People". In closing I would like to report that in January during the Olean Aerie 616 program 100 pints of blood were donated. If any other aerie has a Blood Donors Program please inform this committee so that it can be included in this report.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ralph E. Pauly, Chr. 616  
Alfred Masker, 544  
John Kenney, 1411

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

## SECOND REPORT OF THE BY-LAW COMMITTEE

Read by Anthony Di Pio, Elmira Aerie No. 941

Brother Delegates:

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Owen McNally, Chr. 2621  
Harry Woodruff, 52  
Anthony Di Pio, 941

A motion was made by James Harris, Olean Aerie No. 616 and seconded by Ray Haggerty, Tonawanda Aerie No. 1411 that the report be adopted as read. This was approved.

## REPORT OF THE IN MEMORIAM COMMITTEE

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

My Brothers:

We pause again - in our hurried fraternal life - to remember our brothers whom we knew and loved and who have now passed into the Grand Aerie beyond.

In the inspired words of Helen Steiner Rice, noted author, we are aptly reminded:

*"Death is just the gateway  
Our loved ones pass through  
On their way to the land  
Where we're all born anew  
And, while you can't see  
What's on the other side,  
We know that our Father  
Will richly provide  
All that he promised  
To those who believe—  
And his kingdom is waiting  
For us to receive."*

Time doesn't permit a lengthy intonement of all our departed brothers as all aeries have their share. So, at the sound of the gavel, I ask that everyone rise and stand in silent meditation, as I call upon Past State Trustee Chester P. Halliday, of Buffalo Aerie No. 46, to offer prayer for all of our beloved dead.

Let us pray. *Our Heavenly Father, in this hour of trial and affliction we turn to thee in thy providence. Thou has called our brothers hence, and we bow in humble submission to thy will. They were dear to us and we loved them as brothers. May they now realize the love of a heavenly Father, which passeth all understanding. They bore the trials of this earthly life, and weary of it all they turn to thee for rest. We commit them to thy tender care, comfort the living and those near and dear to them by ties of relationship and brotherly affection. Help us to realize that the parting is only for a short season and that we shall meet again in the Grand Aerie Beyond, where the faults and frailties of this earthly life are forgotten and all become perfect in the love of an infinite God.*

We, your committee, propose that the State Convention of 1979 be closed in memory of Past State Presidents Leslie Mc Dermott and Keene Brown and that suitable recognition be made in our State proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,  
Vincent M. Scharf, Chr. 46  
Walter Manry, 2640  
Warren Bean, 2191

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

After the reading of the report Brother Scharf announced there would be a Joint Memorial Service with the State Auxiliary at 7 P.M. in the Johnson City Room of the Holiday Inn.

## REPORT OF THE STATE ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

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

### Brother Delegates:

Having received only three reports -- those coming from Rochester Aerie 52, Olean Aerie No. 616 and Elmira Aerie No. 941 -- we can only report to you at this time there seems to be great activity in the Softball field, as well as bowling, both for the men, women and mixed activity. There are probably many other activities, athleticwise, here in New York State, but with no reports from the aeries, we, at this time, cannot report to you.

We trust that next year a number of more reports will come from the local aeries for a more comprehensive report at convention time.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert Woodruff, Chr. 52  
Mark La Rue, 616  
Milton Evans, 941

A motion was made by Brother Woodruff that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Joseph Chalk, Elmira Aerie No. 941 and carried.

Under a special order of business State President Arthur Cichon presented Grand Aerie Representative Michael T. Gaffney. Speaking for the Eagle Publications Brother Gaffney congratulated State Secretary Lane, as Editor of the State Aerie Bulletin, on receiving honorable mention in the Annual Bulletin Contest and presented to him a small plaque which stated that fact. Brother Lane accepted the award and asked permission to speak following Brother Gaffney's address. Following a few congratulatory remarks in relation to the fine record being made by the New York State Aeries Brother Gaffney elaborated on the importance of abiding by the rules and regulations, centering his remarks on the duties of the local aerie officers particularly on those relating to the aerie trustees. It was a constructive and inspiring talk which brought a standing ovation from the delegates.

Brother Lane spoke briefly, expressing his thanks and appreciation on receiving the Eagle Publication award. He stated he was delighted that Brother Gaffney was selected to make the presentation, as both he and Mike have been closely related to Eagle Programs since 1942. He gave a short resume of the fine membership record made by Brother Gaffney, in the State of New York, in years gone by, and gave full credit to him for the splendid State Organization that we all enjoy today.

## FIRST REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

### RESOLUTION NO. 1

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

WHEREAS: The Fraternal Order of Eagles has designated itself as an International Organization, having established units in the United States of America, Canada, Mexico, Phillipine Islands and in the United Kingdom of Great Britain, and

WHEREAS: Certain parts of the ritual of the Order, more specifically the exemplification of Liberty, in the initiatory ceremony, is preponderantly flavoured

with American history and American patriots only, and

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that a copy of this resolution be referred to the Grand Aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles for consideration at its forthcoming annual Convention in Kansas City, Missouri.

Adopted by the members of Maple Leaf Aerie No. 2311, Toronto, Canada, at its regular meeting held on June 11, 1979.

ATTEST:  
John Jones, Worthy President

Frank Stokes, Secretary

Before any action was taken Brother Stokes informed the delegates that a similar resolution was prepared and forwarded to the Grand Aerie in 1976 and it became lost. That is our reason for submitting this same resolution in 1979. Brother Stokes than read the following which is in relation to the initiatory ceremony of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

The initiatory ceremony of the Fraternal Order of Eagles is written to reflect the basic principles of the Order - Liberty, Truth, Justice and Equality. It was written when the Eagles had established aeries in communities in the United States and Canada.

In the course of time, the Order established a unit in the city of Manila in the Phillipine Islands and then more recently in Mexico and the United Kingdom of Great Britain. As the Order expanded beyond the continental borders of the United States it has become recognized as an "International" organization.

Presumably, it is the policy or intent of the leaders of the Fraternal Order of Eagles to further expand the Eagles' wings to additional communities in those countries in which units have recently been established and possible in other countries as well.

With the foregoing in mind, it is believed by many that consideration should be given by our leaders for a review of the Order's Initiatory ceremony, more particularly to the Station of the Junior Past Worthy President from which the principle of Liberty is exemplified.

It must be admitted that both the transparency and the wording of the charge itself is "American" oriented, rather than "international". The picture depicting Liberty is draped with the American Flag while there are references in the charge to American heroes and patriots who were prominent in the struggle for liberty and freedom in the early years of American history. Furthermore, it is believed that

other references in the charge do not clearly interpret the meaning of the word "liberty" to the average layman joining the Order or his concepts of "liberty" as is presently understood in this day and age.

While the "Stars and Stripes" is truly the symbol of liberty to the patriotic citizens of the United States, the flag of Canada is also the symbol of Liberty to Canadians, as is the flag of the Philippine Islands to the Filipinos, the flag of Mexico to the Mexicans and the Union Jack to Britons. It would be more in keeping with the international nature of the organization were the "Stars and Stripes" replaced by a common symbol to portray the theme of liberty.

It has actually been a fact that some members in joining the Order and taking the initiatory ceremony are surprised (and sometimes resentful) in seeing and hearing an American dominated theme at the Station of Liberty to portray that principle, when they were given to understand in signing the application for membership that they were becoming associated with an "international" organization. It is believed that there has been no criticism in the charges exemplifying the concepts of Truth, Justice and Equality.

While the author of the present rituals of the Order was a brilliant and highly respected leader and a master of rhetoric, there comes a time in history when changes in thinking occur in the minds of men. An outstanding example is the Holy Bible itself which has been re-worded or re-written by several scholars to convey a fuller and clearer meaning to its teachings.

While the author of this paper is not sufficiently gifted to update the wording of the Junior Past Worthy President's charge, perhaps the following may convey a basis for consideration.

"Liberty". The history of mankind is written around this word. To its sacred cause the master minds of ages have dedicated the loftiest gems of oratory and in its service, men have reached the summit of human greatness. The battlefields where vast armies fell seeking to extend some tyrant's power, may, in the fullness of time, be unmarked, unheeded and unknown; but man's love of freedom has been nurtured from time immemorial and will be unending. And, filled with the desire to live in freedom, even the humblest man will lay down his life for his country.

But the liberty of the nation is only the sum of our individual liberties and the liberty of the individual is only a bit less sacred than is the liberty of the state. It is man's right to enjoy those liberties endowed to him by his nation but it is not his right to abuse those liberties for personal and selfish fulfillment. You have no right to ask from me what you would not give to me, and I have no right to impose ideas and conditions on you, which, were I in the minority, I would not accept from you.

The courage to die in defense of one's country is no whit more praiseworthy than the courage to live worthily for one's country. And as you consecrate the fullness of the best that lies in you to our common land, give gladly, because you value your liberty, the same right to every other man to think his thoughts, to live his life, to love his country and to worship his God as you ask for yourself.

A motion was made by Brother Stokes and seconded by Dave Shay, Elmira Aerie No. 941 that the resolution be adopted as read and forwarded to the Grand Aerie Convention in Kansas City, Mo. This was approved.

## REPORT OF THE STATE BOWLING COMMITTEE

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

### Brother Delegates:

Glens Falls Aerie No. 2486 was proud to host the 32nd Annual New York State Aerie Bowling Tournament this year.

One of the highlights of the tournament was the 300 game rolled by Delmar "Kit" Carson, of Hornell Aerie. We considered this a very special achievement as this was the first 300 game ever rolled in the tournament's history.

The Bowling Committee from Glens Falls Aerie along with the entire membership, as well, enjoyed, very much, meeting all of the visitors and are sure they all had a pleasant time too.

Following is the financial report of the tournament:

### FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE 1979 N.Y. STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT

#### RECEIPTS:

Balance as of January 1, 1979 .....	\$ 577.61
Total Receipts from Entry Fees .....	10,279.50
Total	\$10,857.11

#### EXPENDITURES:

Pine Lanes Inc. 5353 Games at 75 cents per game .....	\$ 4,014.75
A. Ray Lance, Tour. Sec'y, 5550 Scheduled Games @ 7.5¢ .....	416.25
A. Ray Lance, Scorekeepers 5353 Games @ 10¢ .....	535.30
Total Prize Money .....	4,326.50
Betty Lance, Writing Prize Money Checks .....	15.00
Bowling Directors' Meeting in Glens Falls, N.Y. ....	652.00
Edward Pakkala, Director, February Tournament Meeting .....	50.00
George Tagg, Bowling Association Secretary's Salary .....	50.00
George Tagg, Association Postage and Supplies .....	15.00
Joy La Vante, Tournament Supplies .....	25.00
Limers Pro Shop, 300 Game Trophy .....	31.15
Entry Overpayments Returned (Watertown) .....	63.20
Entry Checks Returned (Insufficient Funds) .....	164.00
Prize Payments from 1978 Tournament .....	86.00
Bank Charge .....	13.46
Total	\$10,457.61

#### RECAPITULATION

Balance as of January 1, 1979 .....	\$ 577.61
Total Receipts .....	10,279.50
Total Expenditures .....	\$10,857.11
Balance as of June 21, 1979 .....	\$ 399.50

Respectfully submitted,  
A. Raymond Lance, Chr. 2486  
Jack Harter, 2299  
Calvin Morton, 2269

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

Under a special order of business Arthur Toporek, Depew-Lancaster Aerie No. 2692 brought up the subject of the Mr. and Mrs. Bowling Tournament and the manner in which it was being conducted. A lengthy discussion was held concerning this project. It was stated by Brother Lane that the State Executive Committee approved permitting the host aerie to conduct the tournament as it saw fit and in accordance with all the rules of the American Bowling Congress. Brother Toporek questioned the handicap system. The discussion was brought to a close on the suggestion of Ray Haggerty, this year's chairman of the tournament, the subject again be brought up at the State Executive Board meeting in September.

A recess was called to permit the State Auxiliary delegates and the general public to attend a special fun ceremony in connection with a membership contest held between the local aeries and auxiliaries. Madam State President Katherine Moshier and the State Auxiliary Membership Director Ethel Mac Vittie came dressed in shorts and tee shirts on which were printed "We Did It Art" and "We Did It Shorty." They then presented shorts and tee shirts to Brothers Cichon and Weber and took time out while they put on the same. Arthur's shirt read "I Didn't Do It Kay" and "Shorty" Weber's stated "Don't Blame Me." Both groups paraded around the hall and at the completion of the march Arthur and Shorty were presented with official crying towles. The little skit was enjoyed by all.

#### REPORT OF THE POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS COMMITTEE

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

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

This is a report of the Police and Fire Committee, the members are Brother Earl Willis of 2311 Maple Leaf Aerie, Toronto Canada, and Brother Frank Crowley of 941, Elmira.

This committee was first established by the State Aerie to give statewide recognition to Heroic Acts of the dedicated individuals of the Fire Service.

The responsibilities of the Committee were later extended by motion of the State Aerie to include members of the Police.

For this committee to function properly it was necessary to have input from the local aeries.

The committee set guidelines for the local aeries to follow:

1. To be considered for the award the individual or individuals would have to perform an act which was over and above the normal service of which the individual selected performs on a routine basis. Some members, dedicated members of the Fire Service perform the daily chores of Fire Prevention and Fire Extinguishment without ever having the opportunity of performing an heroic act.
2. After the Act was performed, the individual or individuals should remain among the living.
3. That documented proof be furnished to substantiate the act. The proof could be in the form of Newspaper clippings, filmed or audio portions of news programs.
4. The recommendations of the local aerie, with the documented proof forwarded to

the State Secretary no later than one month prior to the Spring Officers Meeting.

5. Membership in The Fraternal Order of Eagles was not necessary to receive consideration of this award.
6. The local Aerie would make the presentation to the selected winners of the award at a function of the local Aerie.

The idea behind this award was to recognize the local hero, to give him or her statewide, national and international exposure and to provide the local aerie with an opportunity to present to the men in blue the benefits available to their families from the Eagles Memorial Fund. There are close to 800,000 firefighters and close to 75,000 police officers in New York State and Eastern Canada. I do hope that the membership committee takes note of this statistical information.

At the State Convention in 1978, I offered to come to any function that the local Aerie was having in behalf of firefighters or police at my own expense. I received one invitation and this was from President Gordon Lindow of Binghamton Aerie 2119 to attend a County Firemens Award Night in Greene, New York. I do not know whether my visit was beneficial but Brother Lindow has asked New Aeries Committee for survey information for an Aerie to be located in the Greene area.

I extend the same invitation to you my brothers, for me to attend any function in behalf of your local Police or Fire Departments at my own expense, and gas availability.

Everyone reads the newspaper, watches TV and listens to the radio. This is the source information for your selection of individuals to be considered for the State-wide Police and Fire Award. The Province of Ontario I am told is bigger than the State of Texas, extending from the eastern end of Lake Ontario to the western end of Lake Superior. The only Eagles Aeries are in the eastern portion so presentation would be difficult but if an individual was selected in the far reaches of the province, "where there is a will there is a way". I am aware that a firefighter from one of the Metropolitan Toronto Brigades had received a Provincial Citation for Bravery. I read this in the New York News and a National Magazine.

It would be possible for more than one Aerie to select the same individual to be considered for the award.

I should like to commend the selection of the two recipients of the 1978 - 1979 Eagles State Award, Captain Leidy and Firefighter Pingotti of the Middletown Fire Department. Their names were submitted by Empire Aerie 544 of Middletown, N.Y. The Aerie complied with the six (6) guidelines.

I would like to thank the members of the committee who put so much time in behalf of the activity.

I would especially like to thank my co-chairman Brother Frank Crowley who made the presentation for the Committee at the State Officers Spring Meeting.

It is the concensus of the members of the committee that his award program should continue.

Respectfully submitted,

D. James Shay, 941 - Chairman  
Frank Crowley, 941 - Co-Chairman  
Earl Willis, 2311

A motion was made by Brother Shay and seconded by Chester Halliday, Buffalo Aerie No. 46, the report be adopted as read: This was approved.

## SECOND REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

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

Grand Aerie Representatives	2
State Officers	13
Past State Presidents	11
Delegates	88
Alternates	4
Past Worthy Presidents	117
Total Votes	260
Total Credentials Issued	154

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

## REPORT OF THE SCOUTING COMMITTEE

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

Brother Delegates:

Rochester Aerie No. 52 has sponsored Boy Scout Troop No. 452 for the past four years. They meet in the aerie home and will be starting their fifth year in September, with a new Scoutmaster. Michael Hight, who was Scoutmaster for four years has been promoted to District Commissioner.

The Troop had three Eagle Scouts this year, for a total of four, since they were instituted.

A Boy Scout Troop for Handicapped and Retarded people is sponsored by Chautauqua Aerie No. 2145, located in Jamestown, N.Y. Any male from 12 to 50 years is accepted. All Boy Scout codes are used and adopted. Their purpose is for rehabilitation and letting them enjoy the experience of scouting. This troop was sponsored by one of the aerie members and he has now received National recognition and numerous write-ups.

This year the National Theme is "The Wonderful World of Scouting". The first weekend of June, five boys and two leaders from Rochester Troop 452 went to Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, to celebrate International Week-end with our Canadian friends.

Besides scouting projects, the boys also find time to do many projects for the aerie, such as serving breakfasts and dinners on special occasions.

It would be really great if more aeries would participate in supporting the Scouting Program. These young men are the future leaders of our communities and our Country.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert Sharkey, Chr. 52  
Ronald Manry, 2640  
Larry Gardner, 1260

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

Under an order of special business a brief talk was given by Brother Lane in relation to State Committee appointments and the manner in which the committee business should be conducted along with the obligations of the Chairman and all of the committee members.

## REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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

State President, Grand Aerie Officers and Delegates:

The Nominating Committee received 19 letters recommending certain brothers for State Office. We are proud and pleased that there is so much interest shown with relation to leadership in the State Aerie. However, as you know, only one chair and sometimes two have to be filled or recommended by this committee. We are happy to present our selection of State Officers for 1979-1980:

State President	Ralph Pauly, Olean Aerie No. 616
State Vice President	Robert Woodruff, Rochester Aerie No. 52
State Chaplain	Wayne Monroe, Elmira Aerie No. 941
State Secretary	Alfred Lane, Tarrytown Aerie No. 1042
State Treasurer	Kenneth Decker, Ithaca Aerie No. 1253
State Conductor	Laverne Graham, Lockport Aerie No. 825
State Inside Guard	Arthur Gonyea, Glens Falls Aerie No. 2486
State Outside Guard	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
State Trustee	Al Hubbard, Binghamton Aerie No. 2119

Respectfully submitted  
William Carrick, Chr. 544  
Laverne Weber, 825  
Owen McNally, 2621  
Donald Gregory, 97

A motion was made by Brother Carrick and seconded by Brother Weber that the report be accepted as read. This was approved.

Following the acceptance of the report State President Cichon called for further nominations from the floor. The only contest was for the office of State Trustee. Following were the additional nominations: Duane Dennison, Hornell Aerie No. 2640 was nominated by John Lewis, Hornell Aerie. Robert Brennstuhl, Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467 nominated Gordon Brennstuhl, Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467. Herbert Farrell, Schenectady Aerie No. 514 was nominated by Michael Caschera, Schenectady Aerie No. 514. Charles Straub, Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467 was nominated by Gerald Mooney, Mechanicville Aerie No. 3869. Brother Straub declined. Donald Smith, Watertown Aerie No. 782 was nominated by William Bell, Watertown Aerie No. 782. There being no further nomination the Nomination of Officers was closed.

State President Cichon instructed the delegates with reference to voting for State Trustees. He informed them they must vote for four or their ballot would be voided.



A motion was made by Owen McNally, Fort Hamilton Aerie No. 2621 and seconded by Charles Straub, Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467, that the secretary cast one ballot for the slate of officers having no opposition. This was approved. State Secretary Lane cast one ballot for all the uncontested officers and State President Cichon declared them elected.

Chester Halliday, Buffalo Aerie No. 46, Chairman of the Election Committee announced that the election would be held on Saturday morning from 9 A.M. to 11 A.M. on the mezzanine of the Holiday Inn.

Several announcements were made with reference to committee meetings, and hospitality room parties. There being no further business the session was recessed at 12:15 P.M. to meet again at 9 A.M. on Saturday.

### THIRD SESSION

The third session of the 73rd Annual Convention of the New York State Aerie was called to order at 9:15 A.M. on Saturday June 23, 1978 by State President Arthur Cichon.

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

### REPORT OF THE NEW AERIE COMMITTEE

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

Brother Straub gave an extemporaneous report. During his remarks he told of organizing a new aerie in Canajoharie, with the help of David Cook, of Fort Johnson Aerie No. 1575. He also spoke of a survey to be made in Amsterdam, N.Y. He explained in detail the formation of the committee, members coming from all four zones so that it may be possible to get input from the whole jurisdiction. He asked for continued momentum so that we will again attain "Bell Ringer" status this coming year. The growth of the organization depends on new aeries and the life blood is in new members. The report was brought to a close with a promise from Brother Straub to organize another new aerie during 1979-1980.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charles Straub, Chr. 2467  
John Kunzog, 2145  
David Shay, 941  
Paul Baird, 2467  
Albert O'Brien 544  
Donald Rettinger, 2311  
Andre Caron, 3810

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

### REPORT OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY COMMITTEE

Read by Arthur Gonyea, Chr. 2486

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

Social Security and Supplemental Security Income Payments will increase automatically by 9.9% beginning with the check Social Security beneficiaries will receive on July 3 and Social Security recipients on June 29th.

Social Security has a built-in cost of living increase each year. As prices increase, so do Social Security benefits. Last year (1978) the increase was 6.5%. This year, as stated above, the benefits will increase 9.5% in July, 1979. It is difficult to keep up, however, as the prices rise so fast.

Elderly people still have a difficult time making ends meet. Social Security continues to pay disability benefits to totally and permanently disabled workers and their families. This is a very important program, as benefits are paid to eligible disabled workers at any age. The main purpose is to provide income to those disabled workers and to promote their rehabilitation and return to work.

Calculation of the increase in benefits was based on the revised CPI for urban wage earners and clerical workers for the first quarter of 1979. By 1980 costs to the trust funds of the Social Security increase will be 10.2 billion. By 1980 cost to general revenues of the Social Security increase will be \$415,000,000.

Examples of monthly payments before and after the increase are at levels ranging from \$284.10 to \$312.30, which is the increase for a couple to a high of a maximum benefit for a worker retiring at age 65 in 1979 being raised from \$503.40 to \$553.30 per month.

With the ever increasing raise in our cost of living, we of your committee, are conscious of the fact that the Social Security benefits are of the utmost importance to all concerned, and we hope that there will be a solution to the many problems concerning Social Security so we will all be able to benefit by it when we reach retirement age.

Fraternally and respectfully submitted,  
Arthur L. Gonyea, Chr. Glens Falls #2486  
Cecil Moshier, Niagara Falls #88  
Purley Taylor, Binghamton #2119

A motion was made by Brother Gonyea that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Purley Taylor, Binghamton Aerie No. 2119 and carried.

### REPORT OF THE UNDER 35 COMMITTEE

Read by Rene Lessard, Chr. Montreal Aerie No. 2130

Brother Delegates:

What have you done for the "Under 35"?

What are we doing for the "Under 35"?

What do we offer to the "Under 35"?

What is our aim for the "Under 35"?

If youth guidance is a major international concern of The Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Under 35 is our future as officers, administrators and also are the members which will follow what you did for your community to make life more desirable.

The Under 35 may be the persons in the new generation to help us to capture or develop the dominant idea of our wonderful organization. This is an age of wading - and into everything up to the neck. Some persons are on a hurry up schedule. They want promotions and prestige without spending the hundreds of hours of labour, needed to learn how to do the job.

Seek a place where Under 35 members could be used in the Aerie, find a place where their special qualities can be used to the greatest advantages of your Aerie and keep in mind that some years ago, you also had 35 years or less. What did the people do for you? If the answer is "Nothing", in this case, don't make the same error. Encourage the Under 35. They are the future of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

We ask that each and every Aerie committ itself to provide some kind of program for their young people of 35. With wise guidance and counsel from Aerie members, they will become the best members and best eagle leaders of tomorrow.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Rene Lessard, Chr. 2130  
 Paul Riemert, 544  
 Michael Caschera, 514

A motion was made by Brother Lessard that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Charles Straub, Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467 and Charles Trask, Rochester Aerie No. 52 and carried.

### REPORT OF THE STATE FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

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

Brother Delegates:

Our State Fund Raising donations are forwarded on a strictly voluntary basis and we wish to thank those who participated.

The following contributions were received from June 25, 1978 through June 23, 1979:

Flushing 583 .....	\$ 50.00
Depew-Lancaster 2692 .....	25.00
Glens Falls 2486 .....	100.00
Montreal 2130 .....	100.00
Corning 2299 .....	25.00
St. Jerome 3176 .....	100.00
Tonawanda 1411 .....	50.00
Rochester 52 .....	50.00
Fort Hamilton 2621 .....	25.00
Olean 616 .....	250.00
Total	\$775.00

Our sincere thanks for your participation.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Kenneth Decker, Chr. 1253  
 Gordon Lindow, 2119  
 Marcel Tremblay, 2130

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

### REPORT OF THE HOME AND FAMILY COMMITTEE

Read by Gordon Ireland, Chr. Toronto Aerie No. 2311

Brother Delegates:

An excellent report was received from Joseph Cangislosi, Worthy President of Rochester Aerie, in which he stated the "Bottom line to any good organization (F.O.E. not excluded) is a strong tie to home and family." He further stated his aerie promotes such events as Sunday breakfasts, Friday Fish Fries, Family Picnics and Clambakes, just to mention a few, which brings the family members together. It is his contention that such programs cement that feeling of Brotherhood throughout the State and hopefully the World.

As chairman I would like to see more aeries submitting reports on their programs and activities involving the family.

A few suggestions would be: A banquet for Father-Son-Grandfather and invite local police or fire departments or a sport personality to give a short talk and perhaps show a film relating to their work or topic.

The same idea could also be used for the auxiliary: Dinner for Mother-Daughter-Grandmother with a eye to the women's view on fashion, sports, etc.

Toronto has found in their aerie and auxiliary that Annual Picnics, Christmas and Easter Parties (which included movies, games, ballons, etc.) were enjoyed by all the members of the family.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Gordon Ireland, Chr. 2311  
 Gratien Viau, 2130  
 Mike Lopez, 2486

It was moved by Brother Ireland that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Earle Willis, Toronto Aerie No. 2311 and Robert Sharkey, Rochester Aerie No. 52 and carried.

### REPORT OF THE CANCER RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Read by Ray Haggerty, Chr. Tonawanda Aerie No. 1411

Brother Delegates:

At this time I want to thank our Worthy State President for the opportunity of serving as Chairman of the Art Ehrman Cancer Fund for the 1978-79 year.

I want to thank all the Aeries in the state who supported my bumper sticker project and all Aeries who had projects of their own, and I feel that soon a cure for cancer will be found with the help of the Eagles and others in supporting the research programs.

During the year from August 6, 1978 to May 31, 1979 total donations have been received in the amount of \$7,579.26. This amount includes funds ear-marked for kidney and M.D. also. A complete report will be in the Convention Proceedings.

The Committee and I would like to give special thanks to the Rochester Aerie and Auxiliary for their joint efforts of \$1483.96, and to Tonawanda Aerie and Auxiliary for a contribution of \$1000.16.

We are please to announce that a Grant for \$10,000.00 will be given to "Our Lady of Lourdes" Hospital in Binghamton, N.Y. from the Art Ehrman Cancer Fund.

At this time a parade of checks will follow, and we thank you in advance for your contributions to this most worthy cause.

**NEW YORK & E. CANADA CONTRIBUTIONS  
EAGLES ART EHRMANN CANCER FUND**

August 6, 1978 thru May 31, 1979

No.	Location	Aerie Amt.	Aux. Amt.	Joint
46	Buffalo	—	5.00	—
52	Rochester	232.00	50.00	1,483.96
88	Niagara Falls	—	100.00	—
97	Utica	—	100.00	—
482	Gloversville	—	5.00	—
544	Middletown	—	111.50	—
616	Olean	—	156.12	—
782	Watertown	—	—	200.00
825	Lockport	—	611.00	—
941	Elmira	—	100.00	—
1042	North Tarrytown	—	10.00	—
1253	Ithaca	50.00	40.00	—
1260	Oneonta	150.00	110.80	—
1411	Tonawanda	—	—	1,000.16
1544	Rockaway Beach	—	5.00	—
1545	Ossining	—	5.00	—
1575	Johnstown	—	—	264.00
2119	Binghamton	—	50.00	—
2145	Jamestown	—	50.00	—
2191	Cortland	—	25.00	—
2269	Endicott	—	92.00	—
2299	Corning	54.00	—	—
2467	Hoosick Falls	25.00	—	—
2486	So. Glenn Falls	—	—	806.00
2586	Saratoga Springs	—	50.00	—
2621	Brooklyn	—	25.00	—
2692	Depew	100.00	25.00	—
3155	Fort Erie, Ontario	—	25.00	—
3818	Horseheads	—	31.00	—
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>611.00</b>	<b>1,782.42</b>	<b>3,754.12</b>

**Total Aeries, Auxiliaries & Joint \$6,147.54**

**CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AT THE CONVENTION**

Niagara Falls No. 88	\$ 10.00
Schenectady No. 514	465.05
Middletown No. 544	50.00
Olean No. 616	600.00
Watertown Aerie & Aux. 782	200.00
Lockport No. 825	150.00
Oneonta No. 1260	51.65
Binghamton No. 2119	200.00
Endicott No. 2269	200.00
Toronto Aerie & Aux. 2311	2,013.14
Fort Hamilton No. 2621	50.00
Horseheads No. 3818	30.00
Rene Lessard (Personal)	10.00
State Cancer Research Comm.	167.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,196.84</b>

Previous Contributions	\$ 6,147.54
State Convention Donations	4,196.84
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>\$10,344.38</b>

The above total along with the \$1,226.72 received for Muscular Dystrophy and \$205.00 for the Kidney Fund gives us a grand total of \$11,776.10 donated during this past year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ray Haggerty, Chr. 1411  
John Stage, 2299  
Arthur Toporek, 2692

It was moved by Brother Haggerty that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by John Dickinson, Elmira Aerie No. 941 and carried.

Following the acceptance of the report Rene Lessard, Montreal Aerie No. 2130 reported that Montreal Aerie had donated \$6,500 to Ville Marie Cancer Fund in Montreal.

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

Read by Frank Crowley, Chr. Elmira Aerie No. 941

Grand Aerie Officers, State Officers and Delegates:

The number of R.E.A.C. Clubs is growing and although we do not have a complete report on how many clubs have been organized recently we do know that Rochester Aerie No. 52 organized on January 17, 1979 with 38 members. They meet on the first and third Mondays at 11 A.M. The program consists of a luncheon and craft clubs with a local teacher to help them. This has proved very successful and future plans include picnics during the months of June, July and August. Their target is for 100 members by the end of the year. Ithaca Aerie No. 1253 has a regular meeting on the first Sunday of each month. They also have a party with a live band once a month. In the past they have taken bus trips to different locations. A Social Membership plan is

available to all members for \$1.00 per year dues. However social members are without voting privileges if they are not senior citizens. This unit has a membership of more than 200.

Although Elmira Aerie No. 941 had a Senior Citizens Club prior to the institution of R.E.A.C. they have recently joined the R.E.A.C. organization. The principal reason was to become a legal part of the F.O.E. Program.

We strongly recommend that all aeries seriously consider taking part in this program and taking advantage of the benefits that can be theirs if the senior members of the aerie meet regularly with a good program of activities and entertainment, especially daytime programs when many of our aeries do not have much activity.

We have not touched very deeply on the benefits and activities of the R.E.A.C. Program but have tried to enumerate some of the many ways R.E.A.C. might be helpful to our senior citizens of both the aeries and auxiliaries and we hope you will all take advantage of the program real soon.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frank Crowley, Chr. 941  
William Callahan, 52  
Donald Stevens, 1253

A motion was made by Brother Crowley and seconded by Kenneth Decker, Ithaca Aerie No. 1253 that the report be adopted as read. This was carried.

### REPORT OF THE YOUTH GUIDANCE COMMITTEE

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

Brother Delegates:

Up until the present time this committee has not received any input for this report.

However, we feel there has been many local programs throughout New York State and Eastern Canada with relation to this important field.

Youth Guidance ties in with the Home and Family Program. Guidance starts in the home. With the proper attention at home the children will certainly uphold and maintain the laws and rules of our two great countries.

We cannot stress enough the fact that it is you and you alone that can make our Youth Guidance Program a success. Do your best and we are sure that our Towns and Cities will be much better places to live in.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wayne Monroe, Chr. 941  
Joseph Boulton, 2644  
Joseph Barcomb, 3818

It was moved by Brother Monroe that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Frank Stokes, Toronto Aerie No. 2311 and carried.

### REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

Read by Mason Brunskill, Hornell Aerie No. 2640

Brother Delegates:

Audit of the New York State Books from June 1978 to May 31, 1979.

We, the undersigned, members of the 1979 New York State Auditing Committee have audited the books of both the State Secretary and the State Treasurer. We have found the books of both the secretary and the treasurer properly maintained and in balance with the bank statement which was in evidence. Verified balances as of May 31, 1979 was \$4,239.16.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Carl Richardson, Chr. 616  
Mason Brunskill, 2640

A motion was made by Brother Brunskill and seconded by Brother Robert Sharkey, Rochester Aerie No. 52 and Brother Harold Walter, Endicott Aerie No. 2269 that the report be adopted as read. This was approved.

### REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

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

Brother Delegates:

As previously 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 of the State Financial Officers, this has, once again, been accomplished. All are to be congratulated for a job well done.

After careful and considerable study of the State Aerie's financial activities scheduled for the coming year, this committee presents the following budget for the fiscal year 1979 - 1980.

Balance June 1, 1979 .....	\$ 4,239.16
State Per Capita Tax .....	9,000.00
State Membership Fund .....	7,000.00
State Convention Advance .....	800.00
State Fund Raising .....	700.00
Grand Aerie Hospitality Room .....	250.00
State Convention Committee .....	2,000.00
Total Estimated Receipts .....	\$23,989.16

### ESTIMATED EXPENSES

State Secretary's Salary .....	\$ 1,000.00
State Treasurer's Allowance .....	100.00
State President's Visitations .....	2,000.00
Various Assignments .....	1,800.00

State Postage .....	750.00
State Printing and Mimeographing .....	1,000.00
Membership Meetings .....	2,000.00
Social Security Tax .....	130.00
State Telephone and Telegrams .....	1,000.00
State Officers Convention Assignments .....	2,500.00
State Convention Misc. Expenses .....	2,500.00
Delegates to the Grand Aerie Convention .....	700.00
State Secretary's Office Supplies .....	150.00
State Membership Office Expense .....	500.00
Ads in G.A. and State Aerie Convention Journal .....	300.00
State Conference - Spring and Fall .....	2,500.00
Grand Aerie Supplies .....	50.00
State Membership Awards .....	1,000.00
State Treasure's Office Expense .....	100.00
Printing State Convention Proceedings .....	1,500.00
State Auxiliary Convention Advance .....	800.00
Regional Conference Assignments .....	1,000.00
State Officers Bond .....	50.00
Contingency Fund .....	959.16
<b>Total Estimated Expenses</b>	<b>\$23,989.16</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
Laverne Weber, Chr. 825  
Wayne Monroe, 941  
Robert Woodruff, 52

It was moved by Brother Weber that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Vincent Scharf, Buffalo Aerie No. 46 and carried.

#### REPORT OF THE JIMMY DURANTE FUND

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

Brother Delegates:

It has been my pleasure to serve as Chairman of the Jimmy Durante Children's Fund for the past three years. It is very gratifying to know how much effort is put forth by the Aeries and Auxiliaries to raise the funds necessary to help combat all the crippling childhood diseases.

I would like to thank my two Co-Chairmen, Gordon Ireland and Patrick Lance who have served for the past two years dedicating their time and talents to this worthwhile cause.

This year as a state project we sold colorful book marks which are still available if you wish to contribute.

Since this fund began in 1968 there have been 84 \$1000.00 grants returned to New York Institutions. During the current year we have received eight grants going to the following organizations:

- CEREBRAL PALSY ASSOCIATION OF NIAGARA COUNTY, INC.  
Niagara Falls, New York
- ORLEANS NIAGARA BOCES-SPECIAL HANDICAP CLASS  
North Tonawanda, New York

#### CHEMUNG COUNTY CHAPTER, NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED CHILDREN, INC. Elmira, New York

DR. RAYMOND G. ROMANCZYK CHILDRENS UNITS  
Binghamton, New York

SUNSHINE 4-H GUYS AND GALS  
Lockport, New York

CURE CHILDHOOD CANCER ASSOCIATION  
Rochester, New York

SPECIAL CHILDREN'S CENTER  
Ithaca, New York

QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

A complete list of donations is attached to this report. It is worth recognizing that there were only three joint donations. They were Tonawanda Aerie and Auxiliary \$547.90, Glens Falls Aerie and Auxiliary, \$1,395.42 and Rochester Aerie and Auxiliary \$1,996.96.

Additional contributions amounting to \$235.00 were designated to the Eagles newest project, Bob Hope School in Port Arthur, Texas.

Total contributions to date are \$6997.77. This proves that our goal of \$10,000 is not out of sight. I wish to thank all for supporting the Jimmy Durante Fund and at this time we will have our Parade of Checks.

#### CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE JIMMY DURANTE CHILDREN'S FUND August 6, 1978 to June 1, 1979

##### NEW YORK

Schenectady, New York	Aerie No. 514	\$ 100.00
Watertown, New York	Aerie No. 782	200.00
Tarrytown, New York	Aerie No. 1042	10.00
Ithaca, New York	Aerie No. 1253	50.00
Oneonta, New York	Aerie No. 1260	150.00
Corning, New York	Aerie No. 2299	44.50
Hoosick Falls, New York	Aerie No. 2467	50.00
Hornell, New York	Aerie No. 2640	100.00
Depew, New York	Aerie No. 2692	100.00
Fort Erie, Ontario, Canada	Aerie No. 3155	100.00
St. Jerome, Quebec, Canada	Aerie No. 3176	10.00

Niagara Falls, New York	Auxiliary No. 88	100.00
Utica, New York	Auxiliary No. 97	30.00
Gloversville, New York	Auxiliary No. 482	5.00
Schenectady, New York	Auxiliary No. 514	221.00
Middletown, New York	Auxiliary No. 544	113.50
Olean, New York	Auxiliary No. 616	100.00
Lockport, New York	Auxiliary No. 825	195.00
Elmira, New York	Auxiliary No. 941	100.00
Tarrytown, New York	Auxiliary No. 1042	10.00
Norwich, New York	Auxiliary No. 1043	5.00
Ithaca, New York	Auxiliary No. 1253	105.35

Oneonta, New York	Auxiliary No. 1260	83.50
Ossining, New York	Auxiliary No. 1545	5.00
Binghamton, New York	Auxiliary No. 2119	50.00
Montreal, Quebec, Canada	Auxiliary No. 2130	25.00
Jamestown, New York	Auxiliary No. 2145	50.00
Cortland, New York	Auxiliary No. 2191	25.00
Endicott, New York	Auxiliary No. 2269	88.00
Corning, New York	Auxiliary No. 2299	200.00
Dunkirk, New York	Auxiliary No. 2447	20.00
Saratoga Springs, New York	Auxiliary No. 2586	100.00
Brooklyn, New York	Auxiliary No. 2621	25.00
Hornell, New York	Auxiliary No. 2640	100.00
Depew, New York	Auxiliary No. 2692	39.39
Fort Erie, Ontario, Canada	Auxiliary No. 3155	25.00
Troy, New York	Auxiliary No. 3773	15.00
Horseheads, New York	Auxiliary No. 3818	72.25

Rochester, New York	Aerie & Auxiliary No. 52	1,996.96
Tonawanda, New York	Aerie & Auxiliary No. 1411	547.90
Glens Falls, New York	Aerie & Auxiliary No. 2486	1,395.42
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$6,762.77</b>

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BOB HOPE HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT**

Buffalo, New York	Aerie No. 46	5.00
Middletown, New York	Auxiliary No. 544	15.00
Elmira, New York	Auxiliary No. 941	100.00
Depew, New York	Auxiliary No. 2692	15.00
Rochester, New York	Aerie & Auxiliary No. 52	100.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$235.00</b>

**CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AT THE CONVENTION**

Niagara Falls No. 98	\$ 10.00	
Schenectady No. 514	506.00	
Middletown No. 544	25.00	
Olean No. 616	600.00	
Watertown Aerie & Aux. 782	200.00	
Lockport No. 825	150.00	
Elmira No. 941	798.38	
Tarrytown No. 1042	322.66	
Oneonta No. 1260	51.65	
Binghamton No. 2119	100.00	
Endicott No. 2269	200.00	
Toronto Aerie & Aux. 2311	1,047.75	
Fort Hamilton No. 2621	50.00	
Fred Abbott (Tarrytown, Personal)	10.00	
State Committee	204.66	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$4,276.10</b>

Previous Contributions	\$6,997.77
State Convention Donations	4,276.10
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>\$11,273.87</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
 Harold Fields, Chr. 52  
 Patrick Lance, 2467  
 Gordon Ireland, 2311

Brother Fields moved that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by William Callahan, Rochester Aerie No. 52 and carried.

Following the reading of the report Brother Fields presented Past Grand Worthy President Anthony Angelo, with a Jimmy Durante Fund Ribbon, stating that Brother Angelo had given his previous ribbon to one of our senior citizens.

**FINAL REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEES**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2**

Read by Joseph Cangialosi, Rochester Aerie No. 52

WHEREAS: child abuse cases have increased from 67,000 cases in 1964 to close to two million cases each year in this country, and

WHEREAS: each year over two thousand children are killed by their parents or parent, or people closely associated with said parents or parent, and

WHEREAS: each year tens of thousands of children are permanently crippled and emotionally and mentally damaged by child abuse, and

WHEREAS: most of our towns, cities, counties and States are making no concerted effort to control child abuse, and

WHEREAS: the constitution of the United States grants equal protection, under its laws, to all people, regardless of race, color, creed or origin, and

WHEREAS: the constitution of the United States protects against all cruel and unusual punishments, and

WHEREAS: these abused children are being denied their constitutional rights and are not capable of defending themselves, we, members of the Fraternal Order of Eagles urge congress, in session, to adopt laws as follows:

- 1 - Imprisonment for all persons abusing children.
- 2 - Imprisonment for all persons knowingly allowing children to be abused and not reporting the same.
- 3 - Permanent removal of abused children of parents, parent or guardians.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that this be presented at the New York State Convention in Binghamton, N.Y. for the approval of the delegates assembled, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: a copy be forwarded to the Grand Aerie for further consideration at the Grand Aerie Convention to be held in Kansas City, Missouri.

Adopted by the members of Lockport Aerie No. 825, Lockport, N.Y.

ATTEST:  
Charles Eifert  
Worthy President

Walter Goldberg  
Secretary

Immediately following the reading of the resolution Brother Cangialosi, introduced Sandor Nagy, Past President of Lockport Aerie No. 825, who spoke at length about the increase of child abuse cases throughout the Country and asked the delegates for their support on this resolution.

Brother Cangialosi moved that the resolution be adopted and forwarded to the Grand Aerie for consideration at the Kansas City Convention. This was seconded by Herbert Farrell, Schenectady Aerie No. 514 and carried.

### RESOLUTION NO. 3

Read by Herbert Farrell, Schenectady Aerie No. 514

Grand Aerie Representatives, State Officers and Delegates:

We, your Resolutions Committee, desire to present the following resolution in your behalf:

WHEREAS, all of us have enjoyed immensely the hospitality of this fine city of Binghamton and of the Binghamton Aerie and Auxiliary, and,

WHEREAS, the business sessions of this State Aerie have been well conducted and rewarding.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we extend our deep appreciation to the Binghamton Aerie and Auxiliary and all others concerned for the very fine job performed at this convention.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frank Stokes, Chr. 2311  
Joseph Cangialosi, 52  
James Laskaris, 941  
Herbert Farrell Jr., 514  
Frank Morgan, 1253

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

### RESOLUTION NO. 4

Read by James Laskaris, Elmira Aerie No. 941

WHEREAS, New York State Aerie go on record unanimously approving an action in favor of the passage of Senate Bill 4068, proposed by Senator John D.

Caemmerer on March 19, 1979, which is an act to amend the Real Property Law, in relation to providing tax exemptions for fraternal Organizations and,

WHEREAS, a letter be written in the name of this fraternity on behalf of our members, to both Sentate and Assembly Chairmen of the Committee on Local Government, in support of this bill, and,

WHEREAS, The State Secretary, through the New York State Reporter, notify all local aeries to take similar action, and,

WHEREAS, all local aeries urge their members to write personal letters to the Senator and Assemblyman in their particular district, also to Governor Hugh Carey, asking for their support of this bill, and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The New York State Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles contribute its fill support of this bill.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frank Stokes, Chr. 2311  
Joseph Cangialosi, 52  
James Laskaris, 941  
Herbert Farrell Jr., 514  
Frank Morgan, 1253

A motion was made by Brother Laskaris that the resolution be adopted as read. This was seconded by John Dickenson, Elmira Aerie No. 941 and carried.

Following the acceptance of the resolution a lengthy discussion was held in connection with notifying the membership about this important bill. Brother Dickenson distributed information that he had printed to a number of the delegates. State Secretary Lane announced that he would send a special letter along with copies of the resolution to every local aerie in the State jurisdiction asking for their personal support.

Under a special order of business State Membership Director Laverne Weber spoke briefly on next year's Membership Campagin and then presented the Al Lane Traveling Trophy which annually goes to the aerie making the best percentage gain during the April Old Timers Campagin, to Shawinigan Aerie No. 3810. In the absence of Andre Caron, the trophy was accepted with thanks by State Trustee Rene Lessard, of Montreal Aerie.

### REPORT OF THE BANQUET COMMITTEE

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

State President, Grand Aerie Representatives  
State Officers and Delegates:

The State Committee wishes to report that final arrangements for the State Convention to be held in the Triple Cities Ballroom in the Holiday Inn have been completed.

A roast beef dinner will be served to the delegates and guests starting promptly at 6:30 P.M. We ask that all make a real effort to be seated at that time.

Additional tickets can be purchased from Laurence Campbell, co-chairman or any member of his committee.

At this time we would like to thank Binghamton Aerie for taking care of most of the details and particularly for the wonderful co-operation we received from that same group.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laverne Graham, Chr. 825  
Edward Griffin, 2640  
Larry Gardner, 1260

It was moved by Brother Graham and seconded by Ray Haggerty, Tonawanda Aerie No. 1411 that the report be adopted as read. This was approved.

Under a special order of business Grand Inside Guard Owen McNally was introduced to the delegates by State President Cichon. Brother McNally gave a brief resume of the fine progress made by the aeries in the State jurisdiction. He then presented the Legion of Honor Awards for organizing a new aerie in Canajoharie, N.Y. to Charles Straub and David Cook. Brother Straub accepted the awards for both brothers and reaffirmed that he would organize another new aerie during 1979 - 1980.

Past Grand Worthy President Anthony Angelo was then presented to the delegates. In his opening remarks he informed the delegates that because of the death of his father-in-law his trip to the convention was almost cancelled but because of his wife and the understanding she has for the F.O.E., regardless of what she had to face she insisted I go to New York and do my work. He further stated that whatever he could do at the convention he wanted to dedicate to his wife Margie.

He spoke about the fine record made by the New York Eagle Family. He elaborated on the efforts being made by Daniel Splain in connection with organizing all fraternal clubs in an effort to overcome the many tax problems and laws pertaining to the same. He asked the delegates for their support with relation to this program.

State President Arthur Cichon was called to the rostrum, at which time Brother Angelo presented him with the Bell Ringer Award. Brother Cichon expressed his thanks and stated this would not have been made possible without the hard work that had been done by the members of the local aeries.

#### REPORT OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE FUND

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

Brother Delegates:

The request for contributions for the Golden Eagle Fund has been met with an overwhelming response by the State of New York and Eastern Canada.

In our estimation the senior citizens of today do not want to be cared for, they just want to be cared about. They want to make use of their capabilities, which they still possess.

We wish to thank the Golden Eagle Fund Grand Aerie Committee for the \$1,000 grants received to date. To the bonified Senior Citizen Units that were the recipients have had their lives changed from boredom to one of fun and enjoyment.

The majority of our aeries and auxiliaries have put in many hours to entertain our

senior citizens and raise money for this project. To date we have received \$3450.46.

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

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

August 5, 1978 - May 31, 1979

NO.	LOCATION	AMOUNT
46	Buffalo	\$ 5.00
52	Rochester	924.31
88	Niagara Falls	100.00
97	Utica	87.25
482	Gloversville	5.00
514	Schenectady	25.00
544	Middletown	98.00
616	Olean	100.00
782	Watertown	100.00
825	Lockport	100.00
941	Elmira	100.00
1042	Tarrytown	10.00
1043	Norwich	20.00
1253	Ithaca	100.00
1260	Oneonta	170.00
1411	Tonawanda	462.00
1545	Ossining	5.00
2119	Binghamton	50.00
2130	Montreal	25.00
2145	Jamestown	10.00
2191	Cortland	15.00
2269	Endicott	10.00
2486	Glens Falls	753.90
2640	Hornell	100.00
2692	Depew-Lancaster	50.00
3155	Fort Erie	25.00
3818	Horseheads	10.00
		\$3,450.46

#### CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AT THE CONVENTION

Schenectady No. 514	\$100.00
Middletown No. 544	25.00
Olean No. 616	150.00
Watertown Aerie and Aux. 782	100.00
Lockport No. 825	150.00
Binghamton No. 2119	100.00
Endicott No. 2269	100.00
Fort Hamilton No. 2621	50.
Total	\$775.00



Previous contributions .....	\$3,450.46
State Convention Donations .....	775.00
Overall Total	\$4,225.46

Brother Graham moved that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Arthur Toperek, Depew Aerie No. 2692 and carried.

### REPORT OF THE BETTER HOME TOWN COMMITTEE

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

Brother Delegates:

The Better Home Town Committee, as one of our newer programs in the Fraternal Order of Eagles, is starting to make real progress throughout the entire jurisdiction.

A report from Schenectady Aerie with reference to competition in the Annual Art Contest sponsored by the Grand Aerie stated that they had a second prize winner and also an honorable mention in the 1979 competition.

We suggest, to all, that saluting an individual or an organization for outstanding contributions from your Town or City is a wonderful manner in which to make friends and influence people.

In the past all of our Eagle Programs have grown and proved successful because of the co-operation of our members and friends. We believe each aerie sponsoring a Better Home Town Committee would certainly be playing a more active part in our "People Helping People" Projects.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Donald Gregory, Chr. 97  
 Edward Falcheck, 52  
 George Taillefer, 2130

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

### REPORT OF THE PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

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

Brother Delegates:

As we all know programs and activities are the backbone of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and they are the foundation of our Order.

Again, as in the past, New York State and Eastern Canada are among the leaders in taking advantage of the programs offered by the Grand Aerie and in raising monies for our various humanitarian projects.

Besides being involved in sports and youth activities we have given aid to the aged and been active in paying tribute to our police and firemen, along with making our towns a better place to live.

Your committee is proud to announce that New York State and Eastern Canada have raised close to \$40,000 for the various Humanitarian Funds of the Order. We wish to thank and congratulate every aerie for the outstanding work done on those

programs.

The figures just quoted are only a portion of monies raised as almost every local aerie has taken part in giving financial and moral support for projects in their own towns and the committee would be remiss if we did not mention St. Jerome Aerie raised over \$24,000 for its particular community.

In checking the figures we find that New York State and Eastern Canada are in the top ten in every humanitarian project that the Fraternal Order of Eagles is involved in and we can be proud of our efforts for the past year.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Donald Rettinger, Chr. 2311  
 Romeo Bertrand, 2130  
 Harold Hammond Sr. 1260

A motion was made by Brother Rettinger that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Wayne Monroe, Elmira Aerie No. 941 and carried.

Following the adoption of the report Brother Rettinger spoke at length about the institution of a New York State Project to be known as the New York State Arthritis Fund, F.O.E. In his remarks he described in detail the manner in which the fund would be operated. He asked that each aerie to head up a local drive for this fund to assist people who suffer from this disease. He concluded his remarks by asking each president to take a copy of the letter of introduction back home to their members so they may begin a drive to help those who suffer from this crippling sickness.

### REPORT OF THE MAX BAER HEART FUND

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

Brother Delegates:

The Heart Fund, as everyone knows is one of the major funds promoted by the Fraternal Order of Eagles. The Diabetes Fund has recently been affiliated with it. There are many grants given out each year for research to help defeat this dreaded disease.

It is only the help of the many aeries and auxiliaries that make possible the raising of these much needed funds. Every Eagle should be proud they are part of a great project that may someday eliminate this dreaded illness.

This committee wishes to extend its heartfelt thanks to the aeries and auxiliaries for their many contributions.

To date we have raised the sum of \$6,980.67. 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 5, 1978 - May 31, 1979

NO.	LOCATION	AMOUNT
52	Rochester	\$1,454.41
88	Niagara Falls	100.00
97	Utica	50.00
514	Schenectady	25.00

544	Middletown	111.50
616	Olean	231.56
782	Watertown	100.00
825	Lockport	2,025.00
941	Elmira	100.00
1042	Tarrytown	10.00
1043	Norwich	25.00
1253	Ithaca	200.00
1260	Oneonta	175.00
1411	Tonawanda	430.00
1544	Rockaway Beach	25.00
1545	Ossining	5.00
2145	Jamestown	50.00
2191	Cortland	25.00
2269	Endicott	105.55
2299	Corning	214.00
2311	Toronto	60.00
2447	Dunkirk	20.00
2467	Hoosick Falls	50.00
2486	Glens Falls	815.00
2621	Fort Hamilton	25.00
2692	Depew-Lancaster	141.60
3128	Elmont	50.00
3155	Fort Erie	125.00
3176	St. Jerome	10.00
3818	Horseheads	72.05
	Contributions to Diabetic Fund	150.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,980.67</b>

#### CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AT THE CONVENTION

Schenectady No. 514	\$ 351.00
Middletown No. 544	25.00
Olean No. 616	600.00
Watertown Aerie & Aux. 782	200.00
Lockport No. 825	150.00
Elmira No. 941	1,241.03
Oneonta No. 1260	51.65
Binghamton No. 2119	100.00
Endicott No. 2269	200.00
Toronto No. 2311	1,084.88
Fort Hamilton No. 2621	50.00
Horseheads No. 3818	30.00
Past Presidents, Elmira 941	15.00
Rene Lessard (Personal)	10.00
Zone 1 Family Picnic	8.25
The S.Y.N. Card Club	58.95
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,175.76</b>
Previous Contributions	\$6,980.67
State Convention Donations	4,175.76
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>\$11,156.43</b>

A motion was made to adopt the report as read by Brother Harter. This was seconded by John Lewis Sr., Hornell Aerie No. 2640 and carried.

#### REPORT OF THE PAST STATE PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE

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

Brother Delegates:

The annual Luncheon of the New York State Past Presidents Association was held on Friday June 22nd, 1979 in the Left Bank Restaurant.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Past State Presidents Leslie McDermott and Keene Brown who left our ranks during the past year.

After a rather lengthy discussion retiring State President Arthur Cichon was admitted to membership in the Association.

Past State President William Carrick of Middletown Aerie No. 544 was elected President for 1979 - 1980.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Raymond Lance, Chr. 2486

Louis Dion, 2130

Raymond Womble, 1253

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

Under a special order of business State President Arthur Cichon vacated his chair which was taken over by Past State President Decker. He then introduced Past State President Gregory and State Secretary Lane to make a number of presentations to our outgoing State President Arthur Cichon. Brother Cichon 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 Cichon spoke briefly about his many visits around the State and the manner in which he and his wife were received and the hospitality that was displayed at all times. He, also, expressed his sincere thanks for the splendid support he received throughout his term of office.

#### REPORT OF THE STATE OF THE ORDER COMMITTEE

Given by Frank Stokes, Toronto Aerie No. 2311:

Brother Stokes gave an extemporaneous report. He stated that Larry Roy, Montreal Aerie No. 2311 was the chairman of the committee and was to have a report ready for this session but unfortunately was unable to attend at the very last minute. He stated he had no definite statistics but from all reports received at this convention the New York jurisdiction enjoyed another banner year. Brother Decker, Ithaca Aerie No. 1253, concurred with the remarks made and from all appearances our successes should continue into the following year.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Roy, Chr. 2130

Frank Stokes, 2311

Kenneth Decker, 1253

Owen McNally, 2621

Donald Gregory, 97

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

Following the acceptance of the report Secretary Lane informed the delegates that the New York State Family is one of the best organized throughout the entire Eagle jurisdiction. He further stated we can be very proud of the manner in which we operate. We have the best programs, unlimited enthusiasm and we certainly do not have to hang our heads for the work that we do in the humanitarian field. It was his opinion that our State of the Order was excellent.

At this point Andre Caron, co-organizer of Shawinigan, entered the Convention Hall, Rene Lessard, Montreal Aerie No. 2130 introduced him to the delegates and presented him with the Al Lane Traveling Trophy. He expressed his thanks and announced that every effort would be made to keep the trophy up in the Canadian Country.

### FINAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

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

Grand Aerie Representatives	3
State Officers	13
Past State Presidents	11
Delegates	95
Alternates	4
Past Worthy Presidents	125
Total Votes	279
Total Credentials Issued	166

Respectfully submitted,  
 Ronald Stickney, Chr. 825  
 Calvin Morton, 2269  
 Duane Dennison, 2640  
 Carl Richardson, 616  
 Paul Baird, 2467

A motion was made by Brother Stickney that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Earle Willis, Toronto Aerie No. 2311 with the suggestion that the committee be given a standing ovation for the fine work it did during the convention. This was approved.

### COMPLETE LIST OF THE REGISTERED DELEGATES

1 Arthur Cichon	2692	11 Andrew Charma	2269
2 Laverne Weber	825	12 Kenneth Decker	1253
3 James Russell	52	13 Mason L. Parker	514
4 Charles Eifert	825	14 Claude Moreau	2130
5 William Callahan	52	14 Arthur Gonyea	2468
6 Laverne Graham	825	16 Louis Dion	2130
7 Donald Stevens	1253	17 Ralph Pauly	616
8 Charles Straub	2467	18 Herbert Farrell Jr.	514
9 Henry Becker	3128	19 Marcel Tremblay	2130
10 Viau Gratien	2130	20 Duane Bruning	825

21 Cecil Moshier	88	74 Ronald Stickney	825
22 Owen McNally	2621	75 James P. Baird	2467
23 Joseph Boulton	2644	76 James Hartnagle	2486
24 William Bell	782	77 Albert Thornton	2311
25 Paul Sampson	2486	78 Donald Gregory	97
26 Mike Lopez	2486	79 Herbert Twiss	2586
27 Donald Barner	2695	80 Michael Caschera	514
28 Francis La Vance	2486	81 William Burger	52
29 John Lewis Sr.	2640	82 Walter Manry	2640
30 Douglas McDermott	2299	83 Vincent Scharf	46
31 William A. Rae	2311	84 Ronald Manry	2640
32 Gerald Hogan	2299	85 Vincent Leahy	941
33 John Stage	2299	86 James Laskaris	941
34 Walter Rouse	2486	87 Chester Halliday	46
35 Rene Lessard	2130	88 John Jones	2311
36 Raymond J. Sage	52	89 Robert Brenenstuhl	2467
37 Harry Woodruff	52	90 Donald Rettinger	2311
38 William Carrick	544	91 Romeo Bertrand	2130
39 Georges Taillefer	2130	92 Milton Evans	941
40 Francis Campagna	1411	93 Gordon Brenenstuhl	2467
41 Angelo Ricci	1411	94 John Fitzgerald	825
42 Louis Beausoleil	2130	95 Joseph Chalk	941
43 Earle Willis	2311	96 Wayne Monroe	941
44 Ray Haggerty	1411	97 Robert Sharkey	52
45 Jack Harter	2299	98 Richard Knapp	941
46 Jack Kincaid	616	99 Anthony Di Pio	941
47 Richard Pottorff	1253	100 George O'Dell Jr.	97
48 Alfred Lane	1042	101 Salvatore Ventura	2692
49 Al Hubbard	2119	102 Richard Henderson	1253
50 Pat Romanelli	52	103 John Kenney	1411
51 Edwin Carpenter	941	104 Charles Poyfair	825
52 Wesley Barnes	616	105 Arthur Toporek	2692
53 Lawrence Kennedy	2621	106 Purley Taylor	2119
54 Harold Fields	52	107 Mark LaRue	616
55 Patrick Cooney	1545	108 Charles Trask	52
56 Donald Smith	782	109 Joseph Cangialosi	52
57 Edwin Hirst	782	110 Peter Cangialosi	52
58 Robert Rogers	2299	111 Edward Griffin	2640
59 Robert Woodruff	52	112 Robert Thompson	941
60 Philip Daniels	2311	113 William Fox	1253
61 John Bartolotta	52	114 Wilbur Button	616
62 Edward Falcheck	52	115 David Shay	941
63 Thomas Philpott	2311	116 Richard Updike	941
64 Andre Caron	3810	117 Frank Stokes	2311
65 Gordon Lindow	2119	118 Lawrence Campbell	2119
66 E. LeRoy Miller	1253	119 Joseph Mercun	1260
67 A. Raymond Lance	2486	120 Richard Baire	616
68 Patrick Lance	2486	121 Donald Derx	616
69 Maurice Helmer Sr.	782	122 Nicholas Hoffman Jr.	482
70 John Kunzog	2145	123 Stephen Brittain	3773
71 Calvin Morton	2269	124 Mason Brunskill	2640
72 Duane Dennison	2640	125 Harold Royer Sr.	2586
73 Carl Richardson	616	126 Rolland Smith	2586

127 James Harris	616	147 Robert Byron	2191
128 Harold Long	616	148 Raymond Wright	2191
129 Stanley Singer	97	149 Frank Beatty II	52
130 Frank Crowley	941	150 William Schwabenbauer	616
131 Paul Riemert	544	151 Gerald Mooney	3869
132 Raymond Womble	1253	152 Kenneth Nydam	1260
133 George Hollister	1253	153 George Mould Sr.	97
134 Stuart Gardner	1260	154 Joseph De Nigro	97
135 Larry Gardner	1260	155 Roderick Elston	1253
136 John Dickinson	941	156 Franklin Zibro	3773
137 Harold Walter	2269	157 Alfred Masker III	544
138 Glenn Amesbury	1042	158 Peter Heim	2119
139 Vincent Butkovich	1042	159 Myron Williams	2119
140 Sandor Nagy	825	160 Jean P. Gautier	3176
141 Richard Rose	1253	161 Jean Binette	3176
142 Gordon Ireland	2311	162 Henry Reinders	2311
143 Harmon Sawyer	96	163 Joseph Barcomb	3818
144 Merle Canfield	482	164 Giles Alarie	3176
145 Herbert Glen	2644	165 Bruce Lundquist	1575
146 Frank Morgan	1253	166 George Jeffers	1575

#### REPORT OF THE GRIEVANCE AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

Given by Salvatore Ventura, Chr. Depew-Lancaster Aerie No. 2692

Brother Ventura gave an extemporaneous report in which he stated that no grievance had been reported.

Respectfully submitted,  
Salvatore Ventura, Chr. 2692  
Vincent Butkovich, 1042  
Richard Milack Sr. 3128

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

#### REPORT OF THE SPEAKERS COMMITTEE

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

Brother Lane gave an extemporaneous report in which he described in detail the procedure used in requesting for a State Aerie speaker. He asked that requests be made only on special occasions such as anniversaries, large class initiations and the like. He expressed the thanks of the committee to Binghamton for its co-operation in securing the Binghamton Mayor and the other officials for the official opening. He extended special thanks to the Grand Aerie for having our own Brother McNally, Grand Inside Guard, Michael T. Gaffney, who gave an excellent Keynote Address and Past Grand Worthy President "Tony" Angelo, who is to be the principal speaker at the State Convention Banquet. He extended his personal thanks to all who assisted him throughout the past fiscal year.

A motion was made by Brother Lane that the report be adopted as given. This was seconded by Wayne Monroe, Elmira Aerie No. 941 and carried.

#### REPORT OF THE NET GAIN COMMITTEE

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

Brother Delegates:

Becoming a Net Gain Aerie is among the most important things that any aerie can accomplish. Because this assures each and every aerie that it will grow. Without this program as an important part of an aerie's function, that aerie's membership will flounder and fail becoming erratic from one year to the next.

We, The Fraternal Order of Eagles, exist on our membership. We exist on keeping the members we already have; we exist by adding new members to our rolls continuously. Net Gain is to accomplish this; to keep us aware that this is necessary; that is a must for each and every aerie.

Therefore, we must rely on the old companion of any successful Net Gain Program; We must put into effect an energetic Membership Security Program. No matter how many new members your aerie can get, you will never have a net gain if your old members continue to drop out. It's the same as trying to carry water in a bucket with a big hole in it. Pretty soon you will have an empty bucket.

So, when you go home from these meetings; if you do not have a program such as I have spoke about, take it upon yourself to get one started.

We need to keep our old members just as sure as we need to get new ones. Having them both will keep our aeries healthy and prosperous.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gordon Brenenstuhl, Chr. 2467  
William Bell, 782  
William Schwabenbauer, 616

Brother Brenenstuhl moved that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Lawrence Campbell, Binghamton Aerie No. 2119 and carried.

At this time Brother Mason Parker, Schenectady Aerie presented a check for \$100.00 for the Memorial Foundation Fund. The check was accepted by William Carrick, Chairman of that committee. Brother Carrick expressed his thanks and informed the delegates this was the first donation to that particular fund in quite a long time, as donations had been stopped for quite a while as far as the local aeries in the State were concerned.

State President Cichon invited Grand Aerie Representative Michael Gaffney to speak about this particular fund. He spoke about the benefits derived from the Memorial Fund. He stated for a number of years no funds had been collected for this fund. For several reasons it is necessary to activate this fund again -- one being inflation. Monies from this fund were originally invested and the interest used to operate with. This was sufficient during the years when there was plenty of money around. However during the times of tight money additional money is needed. This Foundation is governed by the Government Disclosures Act and where there is no active campaign to collect funds, where the funds are not used but invested and just interest used we have to lose our tax exempt status. Because of the scope of the benefits from these funds, we need to protect them by making additional collections from both the aeries and auxiliaries. He concluded his remarks by saying "I am sure we do not want this Eagle Village and the Memorial Fund disbanded."

While awaiting the report of the Election Committee a special Order of business was called during which many topics were introduced and many of the delegates took

part in the discussions. Some of the principal topics were our legislative program, both the State Bowling Tournament and Mr. and Mrs. Bowling Tournament as well, along with our failure to generate interest in a State Golf Tournament. Although many suggestions were offered no definite action was taken.

A motion was made by Earle Willis, Montreal Aerie No. 2130 that a standing ovation and a sincere vote of thanks be given to Hilda Mercun, who continues to do such a splendid job as secretary of our State Conventions. This was seconded by Kenneth Decker, Ithaca Aerie No. 1253. The delegates unanimously approved along with a great round of applause.

Brother Lane suggested because of the delay with reference to the report of the Election Committee some thought should be given to a change in the voting laws at the convention. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Earle Willis, Montreal Aerie No. 2130 that the rules of the Convention be changed next year to make the voting hours from 8 A.M. to 10 A.M. This was seconded by Paul Baird, Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467 and carried.

### REPORT OF THE ELECTION COMMITTEE

Read by Chester Halliday, Chr. Buffalo Aerie No. 46

Brother Delegates:

Following is the report for the election of the Office of State Trustee. 159 delegates voted. Six ballots were voided for a total of eight votes. Following are the official results:

Ray Haggerty, Tonawanda Aerie No. 1411	235
Jack Harter, Corning Aerie No. 2299	213
Rene Lessard, Montreal Aerie No. 2130	206
Al Hubbard, Binghamton Aerie No. 2119	139
Duane Dennison, Hornell Aerie No. 2640	96
Gordon Brenenstuh, Hoosick Falls 2467	82
Herbert Farrell, Schenectady Aerie 514	52
Donald Smith, Watertown Aerie No. 728	28

A motion was made by Brother Halliday and seconded by Donald Stevens, Ithaca Aerie No. 1253 that the report be adopted as read. This was approved.

State President Cichon declared the following brothers elected as State Trustees: Ray Haggerty, Jack Harter, Rene Lessard and Al Hubbard.

### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

This portion of the meeting was opened to the general public. The following brothers were installed into office by Grand Aerie Representative Michael T. Gaffney, who acted as Grand Worthy President and Past Grand Worthy President Anthony Angelo, who acted as Grand Aerie Conductor. They were assisted by Grand Inside Guard Owen McNally and Past Eastern Regional President Harry Woodruff:

Past State President	Arthur Cichon, Depew-Lancaster Aerie No. 2692
State President	Ralph Pauly, Olean Aerie No. 616
State Vice President	Robert Woodruff, Rochester Aerie No. 52
State Chaplain	Wayne Monroe, Elmira Aerie No. 941
State Secretary	Alfred Lane, Tarrytown Aerie No. 1042

State Treasurer	Kenneth Decker, Ithaca Aerie No. 1253
State Conductor	Laverne Graham, Lockport Aerie No. 825
State Inside Guard	Arthur Gonyea, Glens Falls Aerie No. 2486
State Outside Guard	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
State Trustee	Al Hubbard, Binghamton Aerie No. 2119

Following the ceremony Brother Pauly spoke briefly about his plans for the future, thanked the brothers for their support, introduced all of his family that were present and promised to do his best during the coming year. He announced that his first State Officers' meeting will be held on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

With all of the convention business completed to this point, Past State President Cichon announced that the report of the State Ritualistic Committee would be given at the State Convention Banquet. The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 P.M.

### STATE CONVENTION BANQUET

The Joint State Convention Banquet was held in the Triple Cities Ballroom of the Holiday Inn, on Saturday evening June 23, 1979. Approximately 500 persons were in attendance. Past State President William Carrick, of Middletown Aerie No. 544, served as the Toastmaster. The newly installed officers of the State Aerie and State Auxiliary were introduced. Brief talks were given by the outgoing Past State Presidents Arthur Cichon and Katherine Moshier and the newly installed State Presidents Ralph Pauly and Camilla Comtois, Eastern Regional President Carmelita Pauly, Grand Inside Guard Owen McNally, Grand Auxiliary Treasurer Katherine Rodney. Four \$1,000 grants were presented by Michael T. Gaffney, Director of the Jimmy Durante Children's Fund to the following institutions: Sunshine 4-H Guys and Gals, Lockport, N.Y.; Cure Childhood Cancer Association, Rochester, N.Y.; Special Children's Center, Ithaca, N.Y.; Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Toronto, Ont. Canada. A \$10,000 grant from the Art Ehrmann's Eagle Cancer Fund to the Our Lady of Lourdes Memorial Hospital, Binghamton, N.Y. was presented by Madam Past State President Alice Barkdoll of Ithaca, N.Y., Eastern Sectional Chairman for the Cancer Fund. The grant was accepted by Sister Mary Walters, President of Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, who spoke on the Cancer REsearch work being done and expressed her sincere thanks. Past Grand Worthy President Anthony Angelo was presented as the principal speaker and gave an excellent address on the programs of the F.O.E.

### 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 five aeries competed and following are the results:

Lockport Aerie No. 825	99.5%
Toronto Aerie No. 2311	99.2%
Ithaca Aerie No. 1253	97.8%
Elmira Aerie No. 941	97.6%
Glens Falls Aerie No. 2486	97.0%

Respectfully submitted,  
Henry Becker, Chr. 3128  
Al Hubbard, 2119  
John Kunzog, 2145  
Glenn Amesbury, 1042  
patrick Cooney, 1545  
John Lewis, 2640  
Gerald Rainbow, 2191

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 Pauly, that the committee report was approved.

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

## **In Loving Memory of**

**R. LESLIE McDERMOTT**

**Lockport Aerie #825**

**Past State President**

**1941 - 1942**

**KEENE M. BROWN**

**Ithaca Aerie #1253**

**Past State President**

**1955 - 1956**

Respectfully submitted,  
Alfred W. lane  
State Secretary

NEW YORK STATE AERIE CONVENTIONS

YEAR and CITY

1907	—	Rochester (Institution)	1944	—	Batavia
1908	—	Saratoga Springs	1945	—	Rochester
1909	—	Little Falls	1946	—	Middletown
1910	—	Rockaway Beach	1947	—	Utica
1911	—	Rochester	1948	—	Saratoga Springs
1912	—	Cohoes	1949	—	Saratoga Springs
1913	—	Carthage	1950	—	Rochester
1914	—	Olean	1951	—	Rochester
1915	—	Auburn	1952	—	Binghamton
1916	—	Rochester	1953	—	Schenectady
1917	—	Buffalo	1954	—	Oneonta
1918	—	Geneva	1955	—	Elmira
1919	—	Syracuse	1956	—	Montreal
1920	—	Niagara Falls	1957	—	Saratoga Springs
1921	—	Saratoga Springs	1958	—	Buffalo
1922	—	Binghamton	1959	—	Elmira
1923	—	Mount Vernon	1960	—	Rochester
1924	—	Rockaway Beach	1961	—	Toronto
1925	—	Niagara Falls	1962	—	Utica
1926	—	Watertown	1963	—	Oneonta
1927	—	Binghamton	1964	—	Watertown
1928	—	Syracuse	1965	—	Rochester
1929	—	Schenectady	1966	—	Syracuse
1930	—	Elmira	1967	—	Glens Falls
1931	—	Oswego	1968	—	Olean
1932	—	Rochester	1969	—	Rochester
1933	—	Lockport	1970	—	Montreal
1943	—	Johnstown	1971	—	Oneonta
1935	—	Ithaca	1972	—	Utica
1936	—	Olean	1973	—	Glens Falls
1937	—	Auburn	1974	—	Olean
1938	—	Watertown	1975	—	Rochester
1939	—	Gloversville	1976	—	Elmira
1940	—	Lockport	1977	—	St. Jerome
1941	—	Rochester	1978	—	Schenectady
1942	—	New York City	1979	—	Binghamton
1943	—	Auburn			

