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**NEW YORK STATE OFFICERS  
1981-1982**

Junior Past State President ..... Robert Woodruff  
Rochester 52

State President ..... Wayne Monroe  
Elmira 941

State Vice President ..... Laverne Graham  
Lockport 825

State Chaplain ..... Arthur Gonyea  
Glens Falls 2486

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

State Treasurer ..... Kenneth Decker  
Ithaca 1253

State Conductor ..... Donald Rettinger  
Toronto 2311

State Inside Guard ..... Ray Haggerty  
Tonawanda 1411

State Outside Guard ..... Rene Lessard

**STATE TRUSTEES**

Chr: Robert Woodruff ..... Rochester 52  
Al Hubbard ..... Binghamton 2119  
Duane Dennison ..... Hornell 2640  
Gordon Brenenstuhel ..... Hoosick Falls 2467  
Donald Smith ..... Watertown 782

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## 1981 STATE CONVENTION

The "Early Bird" delegates and visitors for the 75th Annual Convention of the New York State Aerie and 33rd Annual session of the New York State Auxiliary arrived in the convention city on Sunday and were greeted with open arms by the Glens Falls Convention Committee. The majority of the Eagle golfers were in town on Tuesday for the Annual Golf Contest scheduled for early Wednesday morning. The welcoming committee was overworked greeting brothers and sisters from all corners of the State jurisdiction at the Annual Get-Together Party on Wednesday evening. The Housing Committee planned for this event very well as few reservation complaints were received.

New York State's first Convention Prayer Breakfast, under the direction of the Glens Falls Ladies Auxiliary, held on Thursday morning, was a grand success, well attended by the delegates and visitors.

All of the business meetings of the State Auxiliary were held in the Queensbury Hotel, convention headquarters. The sessions of the State Aerie were held in the home of Glens Falls Aerie. The registration of delegates opened at 10 A.M. Thursday June 18, 1981.

The Joint Convention Banquet on Saturday June 20th was held in the Heritage Hall of the new Glens Falls Civic Center.

### OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE CONVENTION

Before an overflow audience of delegates and visitors, Past State President and Convention Chairman A. Raymond Lance, of Glens Falls Aerie officially called the convention to order at 2:05 P.M. Thursday, June 18th, 1981, in the Queens Ballroom of the Queensbury Hotel, with the presentation of the colors by the South Glens Falls Girl Scout Troop. State Inside Guard Donald Rettinger, of Toronto, Canada, led in singing the National Anthems of both Canada and the United States. The invocation was given by the Reverend Paul Cox of St. Marys Catholic Church. Fraternal greetings were extended by the Glens Falls President-Maurice Imrie, for the aerie and Frances Shanks, for the auxiliary. The Mayor of Glens Falls Edward Bartholomew, welcomed the delegates and visitors and commented on the outstanding record made by the fraternity throughout the years and closed expressing his best wishes for a fruitful convention. State Aerie President Robert Woodruff, State Auxiliary President Carole Shay, Grand Trustee Peter Scagnelli, Grand Inside Guard Laverne Weber and Past Madam Grand President Stella Morehouse, all spoke briefly and extended fraternal greetings to all present. Past Grand Worthy President and former Supreme Court Justice of the State of Wisconsin, Robert Hansen, gave the keynote address-an excellent word picture of the progress being made at large and particularly by the aeries and auxiliaries of the New York State jurisdiction. This brought the opening session to a close. 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 3:15 P.M. in the home of Glens Falls Aerie, by State President Robert Woodruff.

The State Officers exemplified the ritual for the opening ceremony after which the Roll Call of Officers was held. All of the State Officers were in attendance. The obligation along with the oath of allegiance was given by Past State President Kenneth Decker, of Ithaca Aerie No. 1253.

The convention committee appointments were announced by State President Robert Woodruff. Each delegate received a copy of the appointments and they were as follows:

## 1981 STATE CONVENTION COMMITTEES

### BY-LAW

Harry Woodruff, Chr. 52  
Kenneth Decker, 1253  
William Carrick, 544

### LEGISLATIVE

Robert G.T. Yager, Chr. 3846  
Samuel Hall, 2191  
Edwin Drake, 1253

### YOUTH GUIDANCE

Duane Dennison, Chr. 2640  
John Barnas, 52  
Dennis Gurnett, 825

### CANCER RESEARCH

Herbert Twiss, Chr. 2586  
Paul Reimert, 544  
James Stephenfingher, 2692

### MAX BAER HEART FUND

William Lydle, Chr. 1253  
Lawrence Erherts, 2119  
Edwin Carpenter, 941

### SOCIAL SECURITY

Laverne Graham, Chr. 825  
Harold Royer, 2586  
John Bartolotia, 52

### STATE SPEAKERS

Alfred Lane, Chr. 1042  
Laverne Weber, 825  
Wayne Monroe, 941

### MEMBER SECURITY (NET GAIN)

Paul Baird, Chr. 2467  
Michael Lassow, 2621  
Stanley Singer, 97

### SCOUTING

Robert Sharkey, Chr. 52  
Patrick Lance, 2486  
Milton Evans, 941

### JIMMY DURANTE FUND

Herbert Farrell, Chr. 514  
Harry Stewart, 2191  
Robert Thompson, 941

### STATE BOWLING

Richard Knapp, Chr. 941  
Richard Rose, 1253  
Rudy Correll, 2269

### HOME AND FAMILY

Gordon Brenenstuhl, Chr. 2467  
Ralph Shipman, 544  
Albert Thornton, 2311

### MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

Gordon Ireland, Chr. 2311  
John Sloan, 97  
Frank Morgan, 1253

### STATE ATHLETIC

William Carrick, Chr. 544  
Ralph Pauly, 616  
Vincent Leahy, 941

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Ralph Pauly, Chr. 616  
William Carrick, 544  
Laverne Weber, 825  
Larry Roy, 2130  
Owen McNally, 2621

### STATE ARTHRITIS FUND

Donald Rettinger, Chr. 2311  
Wilbur Button, 616  
Joseph Chalk, 941  
Francis LaVance, 2486  
Georges Taillefer, 2130

### PAST STATE PRESIDENTS

Thomas Philpott, Chr. 2311  
Louis Dion, 2130  
Frank Lewis, 544

### CREDENTIALS

Ronald Stickney, Chr. 825  
Douglas McDermott, 3904  
Carl Richardson, 616  
John Lewis, 2640  
Francis LaVance, 2486

### PUBLICITY

A. Raymond Lance, Chr. 2486  
Raymond Holzel, 1260  
Warren Bean, 2191

**RESOLUTIONS**

Harold Fields, Chr. 52  
 Frank Stokes, 2311  
 Gordon Brenenstuhel, 2467  
 Donald Smith, 782  
 Frank Crowley, 941

**IN MEMORIAM**

Vincent Scharf, Chr. 46  
 Chester Halliday, 46  
 Theodore Eldridge, 2640

**ELECTION**

Chester Halliday, Chr. 46  
 Claude Moreau, 2130  
 Terry Smith, 782  
 Salvatore Ventura, 2692  
 John Kenny, 1411

**G.A. HOSPITALITY ROOM**

William Carrick, Chr. 544  
 Raymond Haggerty, 1411  
 Donald Rettinger, 2311

**R.E.A.C.**

Frank Crowley, Chr. 941  
 Purley Taylor, 2119  
 Philip Daniel, 2311

**RITUALISTIC**

Roger Grandchamp, Chr. 3897  
 Al Hubbard, 2119  
 Patrick Cooney, 1545  
 John Lewis, 2640  
 Harmon Sawyer, 96

**BETTER HOME TOWNS**

Joseph Chalk, Chr. 941  
 Kenneth Clause, 88  
 Joseph Sullivan, 97

**FINANCE AND BUDGET**

Laverne Weber, Chr. 825  
 Wayne Monroe, 941  
 Arthur Gonyea, 2486

**AUDITING**

Carl Richardson, Chr. 616  
 Nicholas Hoffman, 482  
 Charles Poyfair, 825

**GOLDEN EAGLE FUND**

James Stewart, Chr. 1411  
 Harold Ballas, 2119  
 Cecil Moshier, 825

**JUDICIARY**

Ralph Pauly, Chr. 616  
 James Laskaris, 941  
 Raymond Sage, 52

**BANQUET**

Arthur Gonyea, Chr. 2486  
 Richard Knapp, 941  
 Wilbur Button, 616

**STATE FUND RAISING**

Kenneth Decker, Chr. 1253  
 David Wakin, 1260  
 Al Forkell, 52

**STATE OF THE ORDER**

Thomas Philpott, Chr. 2311  
 Arthur Cichon, 2692  
 Owen McNally, 2621  
 A. Raymond Lance, 2486  
 Donald Gregory, 97

**GRIEVANCE AND APPEALS**

Rene Lessard, Chr. 2130  
 Michael Repko, 3846  
 Kenneth Morrissey, 2486

**NEW AERIES**

Richard Updike, Chr. 941  
 Roger Grandchamp, 3897  
 Claude Moreau, 2130  
 Douglas McDermott, 3904

**PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES**

Wayne Monroe, Chr. 941  
 Patrick Gray, 2311  
 James Russell, 52

**BLOOD DONORS**

Ray Haggerty, Chr. 1411  
 Michael Imrie, 2486  
 Wesley Barnes, 616

**UNDER 35 CLUB**

Al Hubbard, Chr. 2119  
 James Galletly, 544  
 George Stewart, 2621

**FIRE AND POLICE AWARDS**

David Shay, Co-Chr. 3818  
 Earl Willis, Co-Chr. 2311  
 Richard Pottorff, 1253

**REPORT OF THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

*Read By Ralph Pauly, Chr. Olean Aerie No. 616*

**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 Worthy President he may proceed.

A question indefinitely postponed shall not again be considered except by action of two thirds of the delegate 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 by aye and nay vote. Any thirty persons may demand a roll call on any question, but it 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 20, 1981 from 8 A.M. to 10 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 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, as regard to previous sessions and also that 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  
 Ralph Pauly, Chr., 616  
 James Laskaris, 941  
 Raymond Sage, 52

**ORDER OF BUSINESS - THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 1981**

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 19, 1981**

1. OPENING EXERCISES.
2. REPORT OF THE G. A. HOSPITALITY ROOM COMMITTEE.
3. REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION COMMITTEE.
4. REPORT OF BLOOD DONOR COMMITTEE.
5. REPORT OF SCOUTING COMMITTEE.
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 STATE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.
10. REPORT OF THE IN MEMORIAM COMMITTEE.
11. REPORT OF THE STATE ATHLETIC COMMITTEE.
12. REPORT OF FIREMAN AND POLICEMEN COMMITTEE.
13. SECOND REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE.
14. REPORT OF THE STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR.
15. REPORT OF THE NEW AERIE COMMITTEE.

16. REPORT OF THE STATE ARTHRITIS FUND COMMITTEE.
17. REPORT OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY COMMITTEE.
18. REPORT OF THE UNDER 35 CLUB.
19. REPORT OF THE STATE FUND RAISING.
20. HOME AND FAMILY COMMITTEE.
21. NOMINATION OF OFFICERS.
22. RECESS.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS — SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 1981**

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. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS.
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 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 COMMITTEE.
25. ADJOURNMENT.

A motion was made by Brother Pauly and seconded by John Lewis, Hornell Aerie No. 2640, that the report be adopted as read. This was approved.

The reading of the proceedings of the State Convention held in Rochester N.Y., June 19, 20, and 21st, 1980 was the next order of business. It was moved by Chester Halliday, Buffalo Aerie No. 46 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 Al Hubbard, Binghamton Aerie No. 2119. Also included in the motion-that the proceedings be adopted as written. This was carried.

### READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

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

From the Grand Aerie informing us that Past Grand Worthy President Judge Robert Hansen and Thomas Liotta, Chairman of the Pension Board of Trustees will represent the Grand Aerie at the convention. Filed.

From the Grand Aerie a request to support the Terry Fitzpatrick Memorial Firehouse Fund. Filed.

From the Grand Aerie Convention Headquarters-a number of communications in relation to the program and schedule of events to be held at the Grand Aerie Convention in Chicago during July. Filed.

From a number of the Grand Aerie Officers-Best wishes for a most successful convention and a successful year ahead. Filed.

From Judge Hansen with the information that 1982 is the Bicentennial year in which the American Bald Eagle was selected as our national emblem. He requested that a resolution be forwarded to the members of the Congress of the United States urging that June 20, 1982 be proclaimed Bicentennial Emblem Day. Referred to the Resolution Committee.

From the office of the Grand Secretary notification that the charters of Metro Aerie No. 3805, Albany, N.Y. and Mettowie Aerie No. 3504, Middle Granville, N.Y. had been revoked as of May 31, 1981. Filed.

From the Art Ehrmann Cancer Fund-a \$10,000 grant to go to the W. Alton Jones Cell Science Center, Lake Placid, N.Y. To be presented at the State Banquet.

From the Golden Eagle Fund-A \$1,000.00 grant to go to the Visiting Nurse Service of Rochester and Monroe County Inc. Presentation at the banquet.

From the Eagle Kidney Fund-a \$1000.00 grant to go to the Kidney Foundation of Western New York. Also to be presented at the State Banquet.

From the Eagle Publications, an award to go to the New York State Reporter. It is for honorable mention in the Annual State Bullentin Contest. The award to be presented later in the convention by Judge Hansen.

From the Grand Secretary's office that the communication recommending Laverne Weber for Grand Aerie office had been forwarded to the Nominating Committee for consideration. Filed.

From the Jimmy Durante Children's Fund stating the following institutions were approved for \$1,000.00 grants: Upstate Medical Center Foundation, Syracuse, N.Y., School of the Holy Childhood, Rochester, N.Y., The Randolph Children's Home, Randolph, N.Y., Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Toronto, Canada, The Crippled Children's Guild of Buffalo, N.Y. and the A R C Otsego County Chapter of the N.Y.S. Associa-

tion for Crippled and Retarded Children of Oneonta, N.Y. When the checks are received the State Secretary to distribute the same.

Brother Lane moved that all action taken during the reading of the communications be approved. This was seconded by Duane Dennison, Hornell Aerie No. 2640 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	12
Delegates	48
Alternates	3
Past Worthy Presidents	72
Total votes	164
Total Credentials Issued	91

A motion was made by Brother Stickney and seconded by Rene Lessard, Montreal Aerie No. 2130, that the partial report be adopted as read. Carried.

### STATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*Read by State President Robert Woodruff, Rochester Aerie No. 52*

My Fellow Delegates and Brothers:

How do you measure a man's feelings toward his fellowman at a time like this? Twelve short months ago you honored me with the leadership of our great State Aerie, and now the end is here as I have to turn our great State Aerie over to our good buddy and loyal friend Wayne. We didn't reach the 2999 plus 1 or the 3 plus 1 new aeries, but we are happy--2808 in new membership and 2 new aeries. Bell or no bell we kicked the tar off the Eagle paths and we are damn proud of our totals, I'm sure. We won't look back, we don't have to.

To all of our State Officers who served along the way with me, I say thanks for the friendship and good wisdom, it will never rub off this fellow. Also to all the Past State Presidents on the nominating committees during the years along my way as a State Officer, for your knowledge and your faith in Harry Woodruff's little boy. To not thank this next fellow would be a large mistake--our genial State Secretary Al Lane. He makes the machine go smooth, always on the telephone or by letter, advising and laying out the programs for your State leaders, to make sure that the New York State Aerie keeps rolling along. I'm very happy to say to Al Lane you made this State President's job a cakewalk. And I say to you again, as I have many times over during the past year "Thank you and God bless you". To the keeper of the money, good old Ken Decker, I say thanks for keeping those vouchers on the move and your kindly greetings with each check.

To all the Membership Department boys, and especially 4 to 1 "Shorty" Weber, our director, for the hard work in all of the five zones. My thanks to you all and all the aeries in your Zones. Without you fellows leading the way the membership would not have moved along. It takes time and effort on us all, but all of you didn't mind during the past year.

My special thanks deep down goes to that Province of Quebec who produced two new aeries, which I had the privilege to watch join the New York State Eagle Family. To Claude Moreau and Gilles Alaire plus all the Zone 5 boys, we thank each of you for

your tireless efforts in Lasalle and Terrbonne, Quebec. You are dedicated Eagles.

Shirley and I visited many of the aeries throughout the State jurisdiction and the hospitality shown was the utmost in all cases. We put many miles together during those visitations and we both say "Thanks for the lovely memories."

To my advisor and confidant, my dad Harry, thanks father for giving me the encouragement and confidence to pursue my goal of being State Aerie President. I did it to the best of my ability and hope that you are satisfied with my performance and ability to live up to your expectations.

Last, but not at all least, to those guys and gals of our great aerie, Rochester 52, who gave me the opportunity to be their State Aerie Officer for the past nine years who encouraged and helped me along the way because without their support and friendship I could not have done it alone. To everyone of you---You were great. You have my sincere thanks.

With the final curtain about to come down on another outstanding convention and my last mile as your State President about over I must say to my lovely wife Shirley, who packed the bags, did the laundry, drove those many miles with me to keep me company and awake; for her little kindnesses during the year I say thank you from the bottom of my heart and I'm so glad to have such a wife as you to depend on--You were tops.

To all of you in the State Aerie I won't say goodbye--just so long for now. I hope to be around for many more years to come, the good Lord willing, to share with those behind me their joy and happiness when their time comes to stand here as I have and let you know how it feels from their hearts as well. God bless you all and keep you safe going home. Finally, to my close friend and confidant State President-Elect Wayne, we hand over this great State Aerie to you and your fellow officers. It is in excellent shape, healthy, and Hale and Hardy. We will all work hard for you, as the good brothers have for me. We know with your leadership New York State will move forward. God bless all your endeavors in 1981-1982. It is a foregone conclusion that New York will "Go with Monroe".

Respectfully submitted

Robert W. Woodruff  
New York State President

Following the reading of the report Brother Woodruff was given a standing ovation. A motion was made by Al Hubbard, Binghamton Aerie No. 2119 and seconded by Ralph Pauly, Olean Aerie No. 616 that the report be adopted as read. This was approved.

At this time State President Woodruff introduced Grand Outside Guard John Rowland, who was replacing Brother Thomas Liotta, as the Grand Aerie representative at this convention. He extended his greetings and stated he would be back later in the convention for further remarks. Grand Inside Guard Laverne Weber, New York's State Membership Director was introduced and extended his best wishes for a successful convention. Peter "Pio" Scagnelli, Grand Aerie Trustee, From the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the delegates. He spoke briefly on the many programs of the Grand Aerie and the work that was being done to solve the Budget problems now being experienced by the Grand Aerie. He concluded his remarks by challenging New York State to a Membership Contest with the State of Massachusetts.

## REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE - RESOLUTION NO. 1

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

WHEREAS, the delegates at the National Convention in Salt Lake City directed the Grand Board of Trustees to cut back on expenses and to try to stay within the budget, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Grand Trustees followed the instructions of the Grand Aerie Convention delegates and have cut back on unnecessary expenditures, and,

WHEREAS, they had to make difficult decisions and spent many personal hours to achieve their goals,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, the delegates at this State Convention go on record in support of the decisions and actions of the Board of Grand Trustees and urge that they continue with their efforts and the delegates and members here assembled do express a sincere thanks for a job well done, and it is.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Grand Secretary, to be presented at the Grand Aerie Convention in Chicago.

Respectfully submitted

Harold Fields, Chr. 52  
John Jones, 2311  
Gordon Brennstuhl, 2467  
Donald Smith, 782  
Frank Crowley, 941

A motion was made by Brother Fields and seconded by David Shay, Horseheads Aerie No. 3818, that the resolution be adopted as read. Carried.

## STATE SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

Brother Delegates:

Each year the reading of this report not only becomes an added pleasure but also a thankful privilege as well. One more time we can point with pride to the accomplishment of the past 12 months. As I have been doing for a long, long time, I will try to give you a brief resume of the overall picture, leaving the details to the Chairman of the various State Committees.

Not only the Membership Group, but all of the State Leaders were delighted with the successful Membership Campaign, especially the whirlwind finish that produced two new aeries and made possible a total of 2808 new members during the 1980-1981 fiscal year. Just a little cloud to take away some of the glow was the news that the charters of Mettowee Aerie No. 3504, Granville, N.Y. and Metro Aerie No. 3805, Colonie, N.Y. were revoked by the Grand Worthy President, for lack of interest on May 31, 1981, leaving us with a total of 56 aeries in the New York State Eagle Family.

The Grand Secretary's Annual Report shows that we have a total of 15,034 members on the New York State Roll, which is 100 less than recorded a year ago. Of course, again I must point out that the aeries reporting after the survey was taken were not included in the count.

Inflation still holds the center stage whenever the financial problem is introduced; not only travel and housing accommodations have almost doubled but supplies and operating expenses have increased at an alarming rate. During the year just passed your State Officers and the members of the State Membership Group did their best to operate within



the State Budget and the results show they did an outstanding job. As of May 31, 1981 our balance stands at \$7,310.69. The State Secretary's complete financial report is on his desk for inspection and will be included in the State Convention Proceedings. Each year I make the same observations--that is our success in the so called "Money Market" is only made possible because so many of our leaders give so generously of their time, efforts and support without any remuneration whatsoever.

At the Grand Aerie Convention, held in Salt Lake City, last August, the New York State Hospitality Room was a real social success with delegates from numerous States joining in the festivities. It is quite possible that our little marching club could be considered on the small side but we did come home with a cash prize of \$125.00. The election of Laverne (Shorty) Weber as Grand Inside Guard, and the appointment of Camilla Comtois, as Eastern Regional President were the highlights for the New York State boys and girls.

The State Fall Conference in Hornell and the Spring Conference in Lockport were both business and social successes. Highlights included the selections of Elmira, N.Y. as the site of the 1982 State Convention; the continuation of Brother Weber, as State Membership Director for another year; Endicott Aerie was picked to host the 1981 Mr. and Mrs. State Bowling Tournament; this year's State Softball Tourney goes to Middletown and Olean will host the first State Horseshoe Pitching Contest. This year's State Fall Conference will be held in Watertown, N.Y.

You will note the aeries are becoming more athletic minded--our-State's Sport Program includes the Annual Bowling Tournament, the Convention Golf Party, Softball Competition, Horseshoe pitching and the Annual Mr. and Mrs. State Bowling get-together.

Because of your generosity we have been given the opportunity of presenting many grants from the Grand Aerie Humanitarian Funds--not forgetting to mention our own State Arthritis Fund. As in the past, during this convention we will have our annual parade of checks.

It was a most satisfying feeling to witness the continued interest in all our programs and projects. The untiring support and enthusiastic cooperation of the State Leaders and the local aerie membership have made possible another Eagle Year that we can point to with pride and satisfaction. Under the leadership of a much traveled and you must agree--forceful State President Brother Robert Woodruff and the ever planning State Membership Director "Shorty" Weber, all of our State Officers and memberships directors did themselves proud.

Of course, I must repeat what I have said so many times in the past--without the unsung heroes, the brothers who make things happen--all of our planning would go for naught. To them a great big Thank You. Special recognition must go to my working partner State Treasurer Ken Decker and also the secretaries of the local aeries whose valued help make my job that much easier. Last, but certainly not least, a great big bouquet to the boys from the province of Quebec who played a major part in making all this possible.

The year ahead looks like another great one with Wayne Monroe and the old standby "Shorty" Weber leading the parade. All it will take to make it so is your continued support.

Extending my best wishes for an outstanding convention and most of all, a safe pleasant trip back home.

**STATE SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**JUNE 1, 1980 - MAY 31, 1981**

<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>NOV.</b>	<b>MAY</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
State Per Capita tax, Local Aeries . . . . .	\$ 5,167.40	\$ 5,112.65	\$10,280.05
State Membership Fund . . . . .	3,272.00	3,991.00	7,263.00
State Fund Raising . . . . .	305.00	250.00	555.00
State Arthritis Fund . . . . .	6,825.63	794.00	7,619.63
State Legislative Fund . . . . .	500.00	416.00	916.00
State Convention Credential Committee . . . . .	1,824.00		1,824.00
State Emblem Pins . . . . .	1,225.00	364.00	1,589.00
G.A. Hospitality Room Committee . . . . .	542.54	357.00	899.54
State Convention Advance . . . . .	1,000.00		1,000.00
Grand Aerie Parade Award . . . . .	125.00		125.00
Stop Payment on Checks (2) . . . . .	52.00	51.28	103.28
Bank Interest . . . . .		220.94	220.94
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$20,838.57</b>	<b>\$11,556.87</b>	<b>\$32,395.44</b>

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
State Secretary's Salary . . . . .	469.35	469.35	938.70
State Treasurer's Allowance . . . . .	50.00	50.00	100.00
State President's Visits (Pauly) . . . . .	68.80		68.80
State President's Visits (Woodruff) . . . . .	367.04	1,905.59	2,272.63
Various Assignments . . . . .	445.64	958.75	1,404.39
Mimeographing State Bulletin . . . . .	165.36	275.34	440.70
State Telephone . . . . .	288.53	296.31	584.84
State Treasurer's Office Expenses . . . . .	32.20	36.20	68.40
State Membership Awards . . . . .	513.95	474.51	988.46
State Officer's Convention Assignments . . . . .	1,946.40		1,946.40
State Convention Miscellaneous Expenses . . . . .	2,049.02		2,049.02
State Officer's Bonds . . . . .	26.25		26.25
Checks voided (2) . . . . .	68.00		68.00
Ad in the Grand Aerie Convention Journal . . . . .	200.00		200.00
Ad in the State Convention Journal . . . . .	120.00		120.00
State Secretary's Office Supplies . . . . .	128.09	315.93	444.02
State Emblem Pins . . . . .	1,161.90		1,161.90
Fireman and Policeman Award Plaques . . . . .	72.71		72.71
State Postage . . . . .	483.00	145.25	628.25
Social Security Tax . . . . .	61.30	63.90	125.20
Delegate to the Grand Aerie Convention . . . . .	350.00		350.00
Canadian Debit . . . . .	130.88	101.79	232.67
State Arthritis Fund Grants (2) . . . . .	7,927.16	1,000.00	8,927.16
State Legislative Committee Expenses . . . . .	498.97	418.14	917.11
Grand Aerie Hospitality Room (Salt Lake City) . . . . .	624.73		624.73
Hyde Park Ceremony . . . . .	148.90		148.90
Floral Sprays . . . . .	54.57	56.05	110.62
State Printing . . . . .	221.86	85.01	306.87
State Membership Meetings . . . . .	453.34	603.22	1,056.56
State Membership Office Expenses . . . . .	176.21	150.21	326.42
State Auxiliary Convention Advance . . . . .	500.00		500.00



State Softball Award .....	50.00		50.00
State Auxiliary Parade Award .....	60.00		60.00
State Fall Conference (Hornell) .....	1,363.46		1,363.46
Eastern Regional Conference (Clarion) .....	807.60		807.60
Bank Charge .....	2.00	2.00	4.00
Grand Aerie Supplies .....		31.18	31.18
State Spring Conference (Lockport) .....		1,507.08	1,507.08
Printing 1980 State Convention Proceedings ..		1,372.80	1,372.80
1981 State Convention Expenses .....		180.95	180.95

**TOTALS** **\$22,087.22 \$10,499.56 \$32,586.78**

**RECAPITULATION**

Balance as of June 1, 1980	\$7,502.03
Total Receipts	32,395.44
	<b>\$39,987.47</b>
Total Expenditures	32,586.78
Balance as of May 31, 1981	\$7,310.69

Respectfully submitted  
 Alfred W. Lane  
 State Secretary

A motion was made by John Kenney, Tonawanda Aerie No. 1411, the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Wayne Monroe, Elmira Aerie No. 941. And approved.

**FIRST REPORT OF THE BY-LAW COMMITTEE**

*Read by Harry Woodruff, Chr. Rochester Aerie No. 52:*

Brother Delegates:

This is our first reading and your committee suggests the following amendments to the State By-Laws be considered and approved: Change Section 4.1, which is in reference to the State Per Capita Tax, to read not in excess of 80 cents per annum-40 cents each semi-annual period. Change Sections 5.1, 5.6 and 5.7 to read if traveling by automobile, not in excess of 15 cents per mile. The second reading of these amendments will be given at the Friday morning session.

Respectfully submitted  
 Harry Woodruff, Chr. 52  
 Kenneth Decker, 1253  
 William Carrick, 544

It was moved by Brother Woodruff that this partial report be accepted as read. This was seconded by Arthur Gonyea, Glens Falls Aerie No. 2486 and carried.

**STATE TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

To the officers and members of the New York State Aerie assembled at our 75th Annual Convention in Glens Falls, New York, I submit the following report as a true balance of the New York State account as of May 31, 1981. This account is verified by

the auditors of the Tompkins County Trust Company of Ithaca, N.Y.

Balance - June 1, 1980	\$7,502.05
Receipts - 1980-81	32,343.44
	<b>\$39,845.47</b>
Disbursements	
Checks #3349 thru #3574	\$32,534.78
Receipts	\$39,845.47
Disbursements	32,534.78
Balance - June 1, 1981	\$ 7,310.69

Respectfully submitted  
 Kenneth B. Decker  
 State Treasurer

It was moved by Francis Campagna, Tonawanda Aerie No. 1411 and seconded by John Lewis, Hornell Aerie No. 2640 that the report be adopted as read. This was approved.

**REPORT OF THE PUBLICITY COMMITTEE**

*Given by A. Raymond Lance, Chr. Glens Falls Aerie No. 2486:*

Brother Lance gave an extemporaneous report stating that a great deal of advance publicity had been given by the local newspaper and radio station. TV and newspaper coverage is to be made throughout the three day sessions and each will carry the Saturday evening reports following the Convention Banquet.

Respectfully submitted  
 A. Raymond Lance, Chr. 2486  
 Raymond Holzel, 1260  
 Warren Bean, 2191

It was moved by Alfred Lane, Tarrytown Aerie No. 1042 that the report be adopted as delivered. This was seconded by Patrick Lance, Glens Falls Aerie No. 2486 and carried.

A number of announcements were made with reference to committee meetings, Banquets and hospitality rooms. A recess was then called at 4:35 P.M. to meet again Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

**STATE OFFICER'S BANQUET**

On Thursday evening June 19, 1981, the Annual State Officer's Banquet was held in the Warren Room of Convention headquarters in the Queensbury Hotel, beginning at 6:30 P.M. All of the State Officers were in attendance. Also among those present were Past State Presidents Weber, Chichon, Lance, Dion, Carrick, Gregory, McNally, Philpott, Pauly, and Roy. Present too Zone Directors Crowley, Fields and Baird, Past Grand Worthy President Judge Hansen, Grand Trustee Pio Scagnelli and Past Eastern Regional President Harry Woodruff. Following the serving of a delicious meal a State Officers meeting was held.

## SECOND SESSION

The second session of the 75th Annual Convention of the New York State Aerie was convened by State President Robert Woodruff at 10:00 A.M. Friday June 19, 1981.

Following the opening ceremonies the obligation and oath allegiance to the new members was given by Past State President Kenneth Decker, Ithaca Aerie No. 1253.

### REPORT OF THE GRAND AERIE HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Brother Delegates:

The Grand Aerie Hospitality Room Committee would like to thank all of the brothers and sisters for their fine support received in Salt Lake City.

New York can be proud, not only of their Hospitality Room, but for the second place finish in the parade that brought a check for \$125.00.

The overall sum of money collected was \$1,354.50. Expenses were \$684.75, leaving a balance of \$794.77 in the General Fund.

A grand time was had by all--Thanks a million.

Respectfully submitted

William Carrick, Chr. 544

Ray Haggerty, 1411

Harold Fields, 52

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

Following the adoption of the report the following donations were received: Water-town Aerie and Auxiliary No. 782--\$100.00 Tonawanda Aerie No. 1411 \$50.00 and Fort Hamilton Aerie No. 2621--\$25.00.

### REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

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

State President, Grand Aerie Representatives and My Brothers:

The Memorial Foundation was founded in 1944 and is one of the Eagle Milestones.

I will just read a few of the reasons why the Foundation was organized and why it is still growing.

The By-Laws were changed a few years ago to include not only our servicemen but also Firemen and Policemen. In 1979 the members of the Ladies Auxiliaries and their children were included in the program.

In closing, my brothers, may I suggest the Grand Aerie Program Department be contacted for further details concerning the Foundation and its many uses, for your aerie and auxiliary and the benefits of their members.

Respectfully submitted

Gordon Ireland, Chr. 2311

John Slone, 97

Frank Morgan, 1253

A motion was made by Angelo Ricci, Tonawanda Aerie No. 1411 and seconded by Joseph Chalk, Elmira Aerie No. 941 that the report be adopted as read. This was approved. A donation of \$100.00 was then presented by Schenectady Aerie No. 514.

## REPORT OF THE BLOOD DONORS COMMITTEE

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

State President, Delegates and Brothers:

We can have dinners and run raffles to support our Eagle Charities, but blood is something that we have to give of ourselves to help or many times to save a life of another person.

Members who are 18 years of age up to 65 can give blood if they are in good health and we urge that you go back to your aerie and encourage the members to set up a blood bank, if you have not already done so. All you have to do is pick a date and contact your local Red Cross office and they will help with the details of planning it and do most of the work.

To date we have no reports of aeries who do have a Blood Donors program. Tonawanda Aerie has one at least once a year.

I want to thank you, State President Bob, for the privilege of serving on this committee.

Respectfully submitted

Ray P. Haggerty, Chr. 1411

Michael Imrie, 2486

Wesley Barnes, 616

Following the reading of the report Brother Haggerty added it was brought to his attention that Glens Falls and Olean also had Blood Donor Programs. David Shay, Horseheads Aerie No. 3818 stated Horseheads Aerie had a Blood Donor Program this year and are scheduling another Blood Bank program in the near future.

It was moved by Brother Haggerty that the report be adopted as given. 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:

According to all reports received Jamestown Aerie Troop No. 771, is still strong. This unit is made up of retarded and handicapped boys and is sponsored by Jamestown Aerie No. 2145.

Rochester Aerie is also the proud sponsor of Troop 452. The boys meet at the aerie home every Wednesday during the Winter. As always, they are ready and willing when called upon by the aerie to help out at any of the aerie functions.

Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467 has sponsored both a Boy Scout and a Girl Scout Troop for many years. To date both units are doing a fine job with the youths of their community.

Respectfully submitted

Robert J. Sharkey, Chr. 52

Patrick Lance, 2486

Milton Evans, 941

A motion was made by Brother Sharkey, that the report be adopted as read. This was second by Frank Lewis, Middletown Aerie No. 544 and carried.

**REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2**

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

WHEREAS, it has been brought to our attention that the Golden Eagle Fund is seriously planning to establish a Jimmy Durante Service Center in Jimmy's old neighborhood on the Lower East Side of New York City, and

WHEREAS, Jimmy is still remembered as one of the "Big Apple's" favorite sons, and,

WHEREAS, throughout the years he has lent his name, his talents and so much of his time in bringing better health and happiness to "Da Kids" through the Eagles Jimmy Durante Children's Fund.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the delegates, at this convention assembled in Glens Falls, New York, pledge our help for a living memorial to our Eagle Brother, Jimmy Durante, our beloved "Schnozzola", and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a copy be forwarded to the Grand Aerie for further consideration at the Grand Aerie Convention in Chicago.

Respectfully submitted  
Harold Fields, Chr. 52  
John Jones, 2311  
Gordon Brennstuhl, 2467  
Donald Smith, 782  
Frank Crowley, 941

It was moved by Al Hubbard, Binghamton Aerie No. 2119, that the resolution be adopted as read. This was seconded by Arthur Gonyea, Glens Falls Aerie No. 2486 and carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3**

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

WHEREAS, On June 20th, 1982, the Continental Congress adopted the Great Seal of the United States, with the American Bald Eagle as its central figure and,

WHEREAS, The American bald or white-crested eagle symbolizes the ideals of freedom and independence of our Republic, and

WHEREAS, June 20th, 1982, will be the bicentennial year, the 200th anniversary of the selection for the North American bald eagle as our National emblem, NOW THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED: That we respectfully petition the Congress of the United States to request the President of the United States to proclaim June 20th, 1982, as Bicentennial Emblem Day, calling upon public agencies to fly the flag of the United States on all Government buildings that day, and calling upon local communities and voluntary organizations to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies.

Respectfully submitted  
New York State Aerie  
Robert W. Woodruff  
State President

Alfred W. Lane  
State Secretary

A motion was made by Raymond Sage, Rochester Aerie No. 52, that this resolution be adopted as read. This was seconded by Robert Sabourin, Rochester Aerie No. 52, and carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 4**

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

WHEREAS, the New York State Arthritis Fund, F.O.E. is continuing to grow and the funds received have helped tremendously in discovering some of the mysteries of this crippling disease.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the delegates at this, the New York State Convention in Glens Falls, New York be urged to adopt this resolution requesting the Grand Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles, to consider the Arthritis Foundation as a major charitable institution to receive funds from the Fraternal Order of Eagles and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Grand Aerie Convention in Chicago, for further consideration by the delegates there assembled.

This resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of Elmira Aerie No. 941 on June 11, 1981.

ATTEST: James Laskaris  
Secretary 941

A motion was made by Raymond Sage, Rochester Aerie No. 52. This was seconded by Wayne Monroe, Elmira Aerie No. 941 that the resolution be adopted as read. On the question Brother Monore spoke at length on the work that was being done by the New York State Committee and the local aeries and auxiliaries. He personally thanked Past State President Ralph Pauly for the efforts that he put into the campaign. This was approved by the delegates.

**REPORT OF THE STATE BOWLING COMMITTEE**

*Read by Richard Knapp, Chr. Elmira Aerie No. 941*

Brother Delegates:

Elmira Aerie, the best host of the 34th Annual Tournament of the New York State Aerie was very pleased with the report received. A total of 168 teams competed and all seemed satisfied with the manner in which the various events were conducted. Along with the bowling many hours of fun and entertainment were enjoyed by the various visitors. The members of Elmira asks that we express their thanks for the support received.

Rotterdam Aerie No. 3610 was selected to conduct the 1982 State tournament, at the Bowling Association meeting in June.

Following is the financial report of the tournament:

**FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE 1981  
NEW YORK STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT**

<b>RECEIPTS:</b>	
Balance as of January 1, 1981 .....	\$ 1,031.28
Total Receipts from Entry Fees. ....	16,474.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$17,505.78</b>

## EXPENDITURES:

Rossi Lanes, 7620 Games at 95 cents per game .....	\$ 7,239.00
Paul Makowiec, Tour. Sec'y, 7695 Scheduled Games @ 7.5 Cents .....	577.35
Lewis Bower III, Scorekeepers, 7620 Games @ 10 Cents .....	762.00
Total Prize Money .....	5,963.00
Paul Makowiec, Writing Prize Money Checks .....	15.00
Bowling Directors' Meeting (Binghamton) .....	266.48
Bowling Directors' Meeting (Elmira) Annual Meeting .....	348.40
Joseph Kibler, Bowling Association Secretary's Salary .....	50.00
Joseph Kibler, Office Supplies, Postage and Telephone .....	22.90
A. J. Laux and Company, State Tournament Printing .....	274.43
Prize Money, 1980 State Tournament .....	20.00
Floral Spray (George Tagg) .....	25.00
Permanent Bowling Record Books .....	91.61
Harold Walter, Chr., Special Committee Meeting (Elmira) .....	50.00
Bank Charge .....	13.26
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$15,718.43</b>

## RECAPITULATION

Balance January 1, 1981	\$ 1,031.28
Total Receipts	16,474.50
	\$17,505.78
Total Expenditures	15,718.43
Balance as of June 19, 1981	\$ 1,787.35

Respectfully submitted

Richard Knapp, Chr. 941  
Richard Rose, 1253  
Rudy Correl, 2269

A motion was made by Brother Knapp and seconded by Kenneth Morrissey, Glens Falls Aerie No. 2486, that the report be adopted as read. Approved.

Following the approval of the report Brother Knapp announced he had copies of the final prize list of the tournament and are available to all aeries who participated.

State Secretary Lane reported that at the Annual meeting of the State Bowling Association, F.O.E. two amendments of the Bowling Association By-Laws were presented and approved by the delegates in attendance. They are as follows: Article 6 Section 1. The Annual meeting of the association shall be held on the first Sunday in June, instead of the second. Article 7 Section 1. A change to read the Board of Directors to meet on the first Sunday in October instead of the second, in the city where the next annual tournament is to be held.

Brother Lane moved that this action taken by the State Bowling Association be approved by the State Aerie. This was seconded by Donald Butts, Rotterdam Aerie No. 3610 and carried.

## SECOND REPORT OF THE BY-LAW COMMITTEE

*Given by Harry Woodruff, Chr. Rochester Aerie No. 52*

Brother Woodruff reported that a resolution had been received from Glens Falls Aerie requesting the State Convention dates be returned to the last week in June as most schools have advanced the graduation dates to conflict with our present convention dates. The committee suggests that this resolution be tabled until a later date as the

dates for the 1982 State Convention have already been established. Brother Woodruff moved that this request be approved. This was seconded by Alfred Lane, Tarrytown Aerie 1042 and carried.

Brother Woodruff then read, for the second time, the proposed amendments for sections 4.1, 5.1, and 5.6 and 5.7. He explained to the delegates that they would be read again at the Saturday morning session, after which final action would be taken.

Under a special order of business State Treasurer, Ken Decker, asked the delegates to join with him in singing "Happy Birthday" to Hilda Mercun, long time State Convention Secretary, who was celebrating her birthday today. The delegates joined with Brother Decker giving Hilda a standing ovation.

## REPORT OF THE STATE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

*Given by Robert Yager, Chr. Boiling Pot Aerie No. 3846*

Brother Yager gave a detailed report, explaining the impact of the environmental groups, the anti-club legislation, the various meetings of the committee throughout the State jurisdiction, the number of bills introduced and the action taken on the same. He presented a plaque to Elliott Becker, Middletown Aerie No. 544, as an award of merit for the outstanding work he did for the committee. He presented to State Secretary Lane an engraved copy of a resolution passed by the New York State Legislature, honoring him for 25 years of dedicated service as the New York State Secretary of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Respectfully submitted

Robert G.T. Yager, Chr. 3846  
Samuel Hall, 2191  
Edwin Drake, 1253

It was moved by Brother Yager, and seconded by John Kenney, Tonawanda Aerie No. 1411, that the report be adopted as given. This was approved.

Under a special order of business Ventura, Depew-Lancaster Aerie presented a check from his aerie for the sum of \$600.00 to go to the C.A.R.E. Program. The check was received by Past Grand Worhty President Robert Hansen, who has served many years as Vice President of C.A.R.E.

Brother Hansen accepted the check with gratitude and explained the money would go back to Germany, where the first Eagle House was founded years ago. Brother Hansen then gave a very stirring address. Highlights included presenting Secretary Lane with a plaque, an Honorable Mention Award for his New York State Reporter Bullentin and congratulate him on celebrating his 73rd birthday a few days previously. He praised New York State for having more committees, more programs, activities and projects than any State in the Union. He elaborated on the new slogan "Teamwork Wins". He suggested more activities on the local and regional levels. In closing he extended his hearty congratulations on the record being achieved by the New York State Aeries and expressed his best wished for continued success. Following his address Brother Hansen received a standing ovation.

## REPORT OF THE IN MEMORIAM COMMITTEE

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

My Brothers:

It is appropriate that we pause in our busy schedule of business and social events to remember our beloved dead. Khalil Gibran has put it so aptly;

"When you part from your friend, you grieve not.  
For that which you love most in him may be clearer  
in his absence. As the mountain and the climber  
is clearer from the plain."

Many brothers are not with us-but their memory lingers. on. We enjoyed the intimacy of fellowship and brotherhood with them. Fellowship and brotherhood is for all of us.

They valued liberty, cherished and practiced truth, were imbued with a sense of justice and fair with the performance of equality.

A Sister Organization has a timely thought:

"The faults of our brothers we write upon the sand.  
His virtues upon the tablets of love and memory."

At the sound of the gavel, I ask that everyone rise and stand in silent meditation as Past State Trustee Chester P. Halliday, of Buffalo Aerie, leads us in prayer.

Following the prayer this recommendation was made by Brother Scharf: During the current year we have witnessed the passing of Past State Presidents George Sattler, of Elmira Aerie and Gazo Samok of Depew-Lancaster Aerie. May they rest in peace. We, your committee recommend that this convention be adjourned in their memory and that suitable notice of same be placed in the proceedings of this convention.

Respectfully submitted

Vincent M. Scharf, Chr. 46  
Chester P. Halliday, 46  
Theodore Eldridge, 2640

A motion was made by Brother Scharf, that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Robert Sabourin, Rochester Aerie No. 52. Carried.

After the adoption of the report Brother Scharf announced there would be a joint memorial service with the State Auxiliary at 7 O'clock in the Queensbury Hotel Ballroom.

#### **REPORT OF THE STATE ATHLETIC COMMITTEE**

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

Brother Delegates

The Athletic Program seems to be picking up a little bit more each year. During the past year Olean Aerie held a successful State Mr. and Mrs. Bowling Tournament. They are now planning to hold a State Horse Shoe Pitching Tournament. Our Golf Tournament, this year, was the biggest since it was incorporated into our athletic program--40 golfers participated.

Following is the list of the winners who have already received their awards: Low Gross - 1st-Gary Matthews--76, 2nd-Jack Esmond--81, 3rd-Bob Winchell--81, 4th-Donald Butts--86. Low Net - 1st-Larry Casserra, 76 minus a 6 handicap for a net 70, 2nd-George Hemphill-82 minus 9 handicap for a net 73, 3rd-Dave Wakin-84 minus 10 for a net 74, 4th-James Hartnagle-87 minus 13 for a net 74. Brother Mattison was presented with the Ken Decker Traveling Trophy, donated by Toronto Aerie and Brother Cassera received the Ken Decker Silver Trophy, donated by Rotterdam Aerie. Longest Drive--Gary Mattison - a long, long way. Closest to the pin--Mark Larue-22 feet. Highest Score--Ken Morrissey-144.

Last August, a State Slow Pitch Softball Tournament was held in Rochester, N.Y. Teams from Rochester, Olean, Cortland and Middletown participated. The winner was Rochester. This year the Softball Tournament is to be held in Middletown, N.Y. We are all looking forward to a bigger and better tourney.

Plans are now in full swing for the Mr. and Mrs. State Bowling Tournament to be held in Endicott, N.Y. starting September 26th, 1981.

The committee wishes to express its thanks to Al Broady, for setting up the tourney and getting the T Bird club ready for the same. Also our sincere thanks goes to the brothers from Glens Falls and all who were responsible for donating prizes that made our little golfing holiday such a success. We are all looking forward to next year's event in Elmira. Hopefully it will be our best to date.

All of our State Athletic contests, whether it be golf, bowling, softball or horseshoe pitching are arranged just for your relaxation and enjoyment. The more that participate, the more fun and better athletic programs we will have.

Respectfully submitted

William Carrieic, Chr. 544  
Ralph Pauly - 616  
Vincent Leahy - 941

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

#### **REPORT OF THE POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS COMMITTEE**

*Read by David Shay, Co-Chr. Horseheads Aerie No. 3818*

State President, State Aerie Officers,  
Delegates and Visitors:

We wish to make the following report. Yesterday we heard a homily at the Prayer Breakfast given by an assistant pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church, in which he stated that he had been to the Glens Falls Eagles Home on several occasions for wedding receptions and other social events and the only knowledge he had about the Eagles was it was a hall, and a nice one to hold such events. By the time yesterday afternoon's Joint Session rolled around he was better informed about the people that owned the hall and the other Eagles throughout the world; their activities and goals.

Last evening I was talking to a brother Eagle from Empire Aerie, the aerie that made the proposal that Trooped Peter Casella, of the New York State Police, be considered for this year's State Eagles Hero Award. He told me they had several police and firefighters in Middletown Aerie. I asked him if he was aware of the benefits that were available to the families of such members, if the members were killed in the line of duty. He said no and that there was a possibility that they did not know also. I am sure there are Eagles gathered at this convention who don't know of the recognition the Fraternal Order of Eagles holds for the Law Enforcement Officer and the Firefighter.

The New York State Order of Eagles Award for Police and Firemen was established to give recognition on a Statewide basis to police and firemen within the State of New York, the Province of Quebec and Ontario, who performed a heroic deed within the year.

Alvin York, the Congressional Medal of Honor winner of World War 1 fame, was asked "What made you a hero?" He said "Any one could have done it if he been there." Audie Murphy, the Medal of Honor winner of World War 2, when asked about his deeds "I was in the right place at the right time or if you wish, the wrong place at the right time."

The criteria for selecting or proposing a nominee for the Eagle's Hero Award has been sent to every secretary, membership chairman and aerie president of all aeries in New York State and Ontario, along with Quebec, every year. The rules are given out in every State Convention, Fall and Spring Conference. They are available to you by contacting any member of this committee. However, I shall briefly state what they are:

The heroic act must be performed by a Law Enforcement Officer, Correction Officer or Prison Guard. By a Firefighter either professional or volunteer. Any aerie can recognize a heroic act. It is possible that more than one aerie could submit the same name for consideration. The individual proposed does not have to be a member of the Eagles. A letter of recommendation must be submitted to the State Secretary or this committee by April 1st, or if circumstances do not allow it can be hand delivered to the committee before the Spring Conference. The letter must be supported by corroborating evidence such as newspaper clippings, TV News clips, authenticated by news editors or radio scrips initiated by station commentators. Provisions for the return of submitted material must be included at the time of submission, or if the material becomes the property of the New York State Aerie, F.O.E. The New York State Executive Board shall act as judges to pick the recipient. Their decision will be final.

The New York State Aerie Police Award is to be presented to Trooper Peter Casella, of the New York State Police.

The State Aerie Eagle Award for Firefighters is to be presented to Firefighter Henry McDonald of the New York City Fire Department.

Trooper Cassella stopped a motorist for a violation, when he approached the driver he was shot and gravely injured. However, he dragged himself to his car radioed for help, tried to pursue the culprits before collapsing. His efforts made possible the capture of the criminals.

Fire fighter McDonald rescued a woman from a burning tenement in the North Bronx using the same type of safety rope that had been used by another firefighter in New York that resulted in the death of two firefighters because the safety rope failed.

In each case the recommendations were made by an aerie. Three recommendations were received for police and one for the firemen. There were other deeds performed by both police and firemen but no one from any aerie saw fit to submit their names. As an example there were two police officers from the Syracuse Police Department who risked their lives to save a woman from a burning residence on the city's south side. This event was carried widely on all of the media. However, no recommendation was received from the aeries in Syracuse, Auburn or Cortland or any other aerie that receives TV signals from Syracuse.

This committee recommends that every aerie President appoint a Police and Fire Chariman, who will work closely with both the Membership and Activities Chairmen.

Respectfully submitted

Earle Willis, Co-Chr. 2311  
David Shay, Co-Chr. 3818  
Richard Pottorff, 1253

It was moved by Brother Shay that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by William Lydle, Ithaca Aerie No. 1253 and carried.

Following the adoption of the report Brother Shay announced that a recommendation had been received too late from Rochester Aerie and would be considered for next year's award.

## SECOND REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

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

Grand Aerie Representatives	3
State Officers	13
Past State Presidents	13
Delegates	87
Alternates	5
Past Worhty Presidents	109
Total Votes	253
Total Credentials Issued	148

A motion was made by Brother Stickney that this partial report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Frank Lewis, Middletown Aerie No. 544 and carried.

## REPORT OF THE NEW AERIE COMMITTEE

Given by Claude Moreau, Chr. Lasalle Aerie No. 3976

An extemperaneous report was given by Brother Moreau in which he told the efforts expended in organizing aeries in Lasalle and Terrebonne, Quebec, Canada. Lasalle was instituted with 93 members and Terrebonne with 90. He gave a detailed report of the enthusiasm that was being displayed with reference to the organizing of new aeries. He also gave as potential sites being investigated---Chateauguay, Laval, Sorel Tracy, Quebec City, St. Georges De Beauce, Mont-Laurier, Joliette, Rowdon, all in Quebec and Danville, New York.

Respectfully submitted

Claude Moreau, Chr. 3976  
Douglas McDermott, 3904  
Roger Grandchamp, 3897

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

Following the adoption of the report there were brief talks by Charles Straub, Glens Falls Aerie and David Shay, Horseheads Aerie No. 3818 with reference to the New York State New Aerie Program. State President Robert Woodruff expressed his appreciation to Rene Lessard, Montreal Aerie No. 2130, for the assistance given during the past year in the establishment of new aeries.

## REPORT OF THE STATE ARTHRITIS COMMITTEE

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

State President, State Officers  
and Brother Delegates:

This is the second annual report of our New York State Arthritis Fund and I want to thank State President Bob for giving me the opportunity to serve as chairmen for the second year.

Although we have not received the amount that was raised last year at this time we are not disappointed as we have had many successful events held in the local aeries and I, personally, had the pleasure of attending such a weekend in Watertown, N.Y. in which over \$500.00 was raised.

There have been many ways used by the aeries for raising funds, as reported to you in the New York State Reporter and we hope they were of some help in your efforts.



Probably the highlight of our year was the presentation of \$1000.00 to the Arthritis Telethon, held in Syracuse, N.Y., which was made in behalf of the New York State F.O.E., by State Vice President Wayne Monroe, and Zone Chairman Joseph Chalk, of Elmira Aerie. Wayne has assured me that the time given us on the television to speak about the Eagles and their projects was worth ten times the amount we donated.

I received a letter recently from Lee Gordon and Frank Hover, advising that Zone 3 will be holding a party, to be conducted by the aeries in the Zone on October 3rd, 1981 and they are hoping it will become an Annual event. I wish them the best of luck and hope Lee will send me a report following that occasion.

The committee money raised this year is down from last year because the margin of profit on the pens was not as great as on the sale of the T shirts. We still have some small and medium shirts left and also some pens which we will be glad to sell to you for \$2.00 each.

Thanks, again, for all the help received during the past year and let us now proceed with the parade of checks, so that we can give a complete report.

Francis LaVance, 2486  
Georges Taillefer, 2130

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

Following the adoption of the report Brother Rettinger explained that \$1,600.00 of the donations received in Toronto had to stay in the Province of Ontario. He further stated that Brother Al Armstrong, of Toronto Aerie, held a hockey pool, \$1,000.00 of which was donated to the Arthritis Fund. The name of Frank Hover was added to the list of Arthritis Committeemen. Brother Hover is a member of Rotterdam Aerie No. 3610.

### REPORT OF THE STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

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

Although we had high hopes of surpassing the 2999\*1 new member goal set by State President Robert Woodruff, I can assure you every effort was made to accomplish this goal but we feel just a little short. The final total, as of May 31st, was 2808 and every member and aerie in the State Jurisdiction should be proud of it. I thank you all for the wonderful cooperation and untiring efforts you have shown.

As in the past we continued with our Zone and District meetings and activities which have been very successful. This year, however, a new zone was created and known as Zone #5. This Zone consists of all the Aeries in the Province of Quebec which were formally a part of Zone #3 and was created primarily because of the distance involved and also because so many of our canadian brothers have a problem with the English language. I feel this past year has proven it was a wise move. Our state wide campaigns were also continued and as a whole were very successful. September brought our first major campaign in honor of the Police and Firemen and 186 new members were reported. St. Jerome #3176 received a plaque as top producer by reporting 19 new members and Norwich #1043 with a gain of 10% captured the Percentage Gain Plaque. The Hunters Campaign during the month of November gave us an increase of 196 new members. Montreal Aerie #2130 became the Hunters Champion by reporting 24 new members and received the Hunters Trophy. Lansinburg #3773 (Troy) received the Percentage Gain Trophy with a gain of 14.6%. Out State Presidents Campaign in January gave us a great big 270 new members and again Montreal Aerie #2130 came through with 54 new members to capture the State Presidents Trophy. Right next door and one of our baby aeries, Montreal North #3899 took the State Membership Trophy by reporting a gain of 14.9%. State President Woodruff volunteered to donate a wallet to the top Zone Director for the month and the winner was George Taillefer, Director of Zone #5 with a total of 128 new members to his credit. Our Under 35 campaign also proved successful and a big 252 new members were added to our rolls. Olean #616 became the membership champ by reporting 26 new members and winner of the Under 35 Trophy. What a pleasant surprise it was when Mississauga Aerie #3806 reported 20 new members for a whopping 33.8% gain and become recipient of the Percenatge Gain Trophy. In our Friendly contest with the Under 35ers, the old timers really came through in April to add a whopping 383 new members to the rolls. Watertown #782 was membership champ by reporting 43 new members and also the winner of the Al Lane Traveling Cup with a percentage gain-of 21.6%. Of course the Old Timers did receive a little help with the institution of a new aerie in Villa LaSalle, Quebec. Again with the help of the institution of our baby Aerie in Terrebone, Quebec, 426 new members were reported to honor the State Membership Chairman. Brother Weber also donated a wallet to be presented to the individual member reporting the most members during the month.

### CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE ARTHRITIS FUND JULY 1, 1980 - MAY 31, 1981

Rochester Aerie No. 52	\$197.00
Rochester Aerie & Auxiliary No. 52	100.00
Watertown Aerie & Auxiliary No. 782	545.00
Endicott Aerie No. 2269	300.00
Endicott Auxiliary No. 2269	102.00
State Committee	375.12
Rene Lessard, Montreal, (Personal)	15.00
Total	\$1,634.12

### CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AT THE CONVENTION

Rochester Aerie No. 52	\$ 500.00
Schenectady Aerie No. 514	300.00
Middletown Aerie No. 544	100.00
Olean Aerie No. 616	1,000.00
Watertown Aerie & Auxiliary No. 782	200.00
Elmira No. 941	1,000.00
Binghamton Aerie No. 2119	50.00
Endicott Aerie No. 2269	200.00
Toronto Aerie & Auxiliary No. 2311	600.00
Glens Falls Aerie No. 2486	625.56
Cash Donations, which includes \$15.00 Contributed by the Olean Softball Team	113.08
Total	\$4,688.64
Previous Contributions	\$1,634.12
State Convention Donations	4,688.64
Overall Total	\$6,322.76

Respectfully submitted

Donald Rettinger, Chr. 2311  
Wilbur Button, 616  
Joseph Chalk, 941

Something new this year in the campaign line was the Football Campaign held during the months of October-November and December. A contest between the zones and the winner to receive a new award known as The Harry Woodruff Traveling Plaque. A point system was set up calculated from the quotas assigned to the aeries in each zone. Zone 5 came through with 104.8 points to be the first recipient of the plaque.

Each month a small plaque was presented to the aerie reporting the greatest number of new members. The State Membership Trophy is presented to the aerie reporting the most new members for the year. This year the membership champion was Rochester Aerie #52 by reporting 218 new members. Completing the list of the big five producers are 2-Montreal #2130-170; 3-Addison #3904-137; 4-Shawinigan #3810-130 and 5-Elmira #941-110. Honorable mention must go to Depew-Lancaster #2692 with 106.

One of the goals every aerie tries to achieve is to make the quota assigned to it by the Grand Aerie Membership Department. I am happy to report that 41 of our 58 units are quota aeries with a number of them going over their quota several times. Following is a complete list of the quota aeries;

Addison 3904	Quota x 11	Niagara Falls 88	Quota x 2
Shawinigan 3810	" x 10	Jamestown 2145	" x 2
Watertown 782	" x 6	Tonawanda 1411	" x 2
North Montreal 3899	" x 5	Mississauga	" x 2
St. Lin 3897	" x 5	Johnson City 2644	" x 2
Middletown 544	" x 4	Rotterdam 3610	Quota
Fort Hamilton 2621	" x 3	Troy 3773	"
Binghamton 2119	" x 3	Glens Falls 2486	"
Endicott 2269	" x 3	Oneonta 1260	"
Corning 2299	" x 3	Canajoharie 3846	"
Horseheads 3818	" x 3	St. Jerone 3176	"
Ithaca 1253	" x 2	Lockport 825	"
Syracuse 053	" x 2	Batavia 2348	"
Cobleskill 2695	" x 2	Olean 616	"
Saratoga Springs 2586	" x 2	Depew 2692	"
Utica 97	" x 2	Toronto 2311	"
Norwich 1043	" x 2	Hornell 2640	"
Elmont 3128	" x 2	Auburn 96	"
Montreal 2130	" x 2	Cortland 2191	"
Rochester 52	" x 2	Schenectady 514	"
		Gloversville 482	"

The State Membership Department sets up the programs and campaigns but without the individual producers these campaigns could not succeed. My hat goes off to all of you. To show our appreciation in just a small way and to generate interest in securing new members, the State Membership Department has set an award program. Each member securing at least three new members in any one month received a small eagle pocket knife. 110 of these awards have been presented. The Membership Chairman of each quota aerie received a beautiful pen and pencil set. 41 have been given out. Twenty five Indoor-Outdoor thermometers have been presented to brothers who have secured at least ten new members during the fiscal year. For becoming a member of the Exclusive Twenty Five Club, the following brothers each received a \$25.00 cash award: Claude Moreau, Montreal #2130 and Douglas McDermott of Addison #3904. The top producer for the fiscal year was Claude Moreau, Montreal #2130 with 38 new members to his credit and for his efforts goes a \$50.00 award. Runner up with 27 new members is Douglas McDermott, Addison #3904 and he receives a \$25.00 cash award. Attached to this report is a complete list of the leading producers for the 1980-1981 fiscal year.

To our dedicated Zone and District Directors must go a lot of the credit for making our programs and campaigns a success. Throughout the year they have their own friendly contest and this year Frank Crowley, Zone 2, took the annual championship with 776 with Harold Fields of Zone 2 right on his heels with 726. In the District Directors contest, Richard, (Caker) Updike, director of District 2, Zone 2, took top honors with 502 to his credit.

In second spot with 384 is Andre LaFreniece, Director of Districts #2 Zone #5.

Again my sincere thanks and appreciation to all for the assistance and efforts you have given to make this another successful year. Without you it would not have been possible. The Grand Aerie Theme for the 1981-82 year is "Teamwork Wins" and when I think of the outstanding team we have in our New York State family we have just got to be winners. The Future looks encouraging and with your continued help and support we are headed for another banner year.

God bless you and may you all have a safe journey home.

Laverne "Shorty" Weber  
State Membership Director

Leading Producers for the fiscal year 1980 - 1981 and members of the exclusive 25 Club and the New York Big Ten Association.

Name	Aerie	Members Reported
Claude Moreau	Montreal 2130	38
Douglas McDermott	Addison 3904	27
Mason Brunskill	Hornell 2640	24
Gerald Hogan	Corning 2299	23
Clarence Burg	Depew-Lancaster 2692	19
Lloyd Barker	Watertown 782	19
Jim Morris	Mississauga 3806	19
Kenneth Morrissey	Glens Falls 2486	16
Robert Moore	Addison 3904	15
Roger Grandchamp	St. Lin 3897	15
Robert Sharkey	Rochester 52	13
Kenneth Decker	Ithaca 1253	12
Georges Taillefer	Montreal North 3899	12
Kenneth Clause	Niagara Falls 88	11
Donald Pope	Norwich 1043	11
Robert Woodruff	Rochester 52	11
Warren Bean	Cortland 2191	10
Yvon Normandin	Shawinigan 3810	10
Charles Kasthuber	Ithica 1253	10
William Lydle	Ithica 1253	10
Bernard Kirchhoff	Jamestown 2145	10
Fred Osborn	Addison 3904	10
Leo Vanderhoff	Olean 616	10
T.W. Brush	Syracuse 053	10
Phil Maritino	Saratoga Springs 2546	10

A motion was made by Brother Weber that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Brother Haggerty, Tonawandas Aerie No. 1411 and carried.

Following the adoption of the report Rene Lessard, Montreal Aerie No. 2130 presented Brother Weber with a booklet concerning the contest for membership in the Province of Quebec, which was televised in Quebec, along with newspapers clippings from the French newspapers, which Brother Weber accepted with thanks.

At this time Brother Weber presented a number of trophies and membership awards for outstanding accomplishments in the membership field during the past year.

### REPORT OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY COMMITTEE

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

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

With the Social Security benefits improving every year there are now 35 million men, women and children receiving monthly cash security benefits. This total includes about 2.9 million disabled workers and 2 million of their dependents. About 2.8 million children of deceased workers receive benefits because they care for children entitled to benefits. Over 4 million older widows and widowers also receive benefits. This totals up to 9 billion dollars in payments each month making it our governments most successful program.

There is less than a year's benefits in the social trust fund. If these funds were to run a deficit the treasury would be required to pay the benefits with its surplus tax revenues. Therefore they are raising the maximum amount of yearly earnings to \$29,700 or 6.65% during 1981 and in 1982 this amount increases to \$31,800 or 6.70%.

With increases coming each year to keep up with increased earnings, congress is also in the process of raising the retirement age from 65 to 70, to bolster the trust fund and make it more solvent. Other changes that congress is proposing is to extend coverage to include all federal, State and local employees in the system. There are an estimated 6 million of them now exempt from Social Security who could be new contributors to the fund. It would be years before many of them would start to draw down their benefits.

Medicare costs have gone up dramatically every year and no relief is likely. Predictions are that the Medicare Fund will run dry long before anything else. Therefore Congressman John LaFalse, has introduced a bill to shift funding for medicare and disability programs from the Social Security Payroll tax to general revenues. This would restore Social Security to its original purpose. A basic retirement system that by changing the financing behind Medicare and disability programs we can ensure that the retirement fund is better protected and that the Medicare and disability funds are more efficiently operated.

The Social Security Administration recommends that you have your Social Security checks sent to and deposited in a checking or savings account at a bank, savings and Loan or credit union. This is not only a time saving process which eliminates going to the bank but also eliminates the possibility of theft, or the check getting in the mail. If you are away from home or on vacation you do not have the worry of your check sitting in the mailbox. To arrange for direct deposit go to your financial organization, get form SF-1199. The people there will help you fill it out. Completion of the form only authorizes deposits and only you or someone authorized can make withdrawals.

To those nearing the age to become eligible for benefits under Social Security there are many pamphlets available explaining the procedures necessary to apply and the information for qualification. They will also inform you of what your monthly income will be. Anyone planning to retire should make application for benefits at least three months in advance so that when they do retire the payments will start promptly.

Your Social Security Committee recommends that every aerie discuss the proposed changes with your members and write your Congressmen and Senators to support these changes and make the Social Security System worthwhile so that all will benefit it by it when they reach retirement age.

Respectfully submitted

Laverne Graham, Chr. 825  
Harold Royer, 2586  
John Bartolotia, 52

A motion was made by Brother Graham that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by John Jones, Toronto Aerie No. 2311 and carried.

At this time State President Woodruff announced that due to the fact a number of luncheons were scheduled for the P.M. and the hour was drawing near, three items of Friday's agenda would be transferred to the Saturday session; namely the Under 35 club, State Fund Raising and Home and Family Committee reports.

### REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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

Brother Delegates:

Again, this year, sixteen letters were received from the local aeries recommending various brothers for State Office. At a special meeting of the committee, during which all of the potential nominees were investigated, we now present, as our selection for State Office during 1981-1982 the names of the following brothers:

State President	Wayne Monroe, Elmira Aerie No. 941
State Vice President	Laverne Graham, Lockport Aerie No. 825
State Chaplain	Arthur Gonyea, Glens Falls Aerie No. 2486
State Secretary	Alfred Lane, Tarrytown Aerie No. 1042
State Treasurer	Kenneth Decker, Ithaca Aerie No. 1253
State Conductor	Donald Rettinger, Toronto Aerie No. 2311
State Inside Guard	Ray Haggerty, Tonawanda Aerie No. 1411
State Outside Guard	Rene Lessard, Montreal Aerie No. 2130
State Trustee	Al Hubbard, Binghamton Aerie No. 2119
State Trustee	Duane Dennison, Hornell Aerie No. 2640
State Trustee	Gordon Brenenstuhel, Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467
State Trustee	Donald Smith, Watertown Aerie No. 782

Respectfully submitted

Ralph Pauly, Chr., 616  
William Carrick, 544  
Laverne Weber, 825  
Larry Roy, 2130  
Owen McNally, 2621

Brother Pauly moved that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Robert Yager, Boiling Pot Aerie No. 3846, along with Richard Knapp, Elmira Aerie No. 941, and carried.

Following the adoption of the report State President Woodruff called for nominations from the floor. The only contest was for the office of State Trustee. Following are the additional nominations: Harold Fields, Rochester Aerie No. 52, nominated by Robert Sharkey, Rochester Aerie No. 52; Roger Grandchamp, St. Lin Aerie No. 3897,

nominated by Henry Forest, St. Lin Aerie No. 3897. Mark LaRue, Olean Aerie No. 616, nominated Wilbur Button, Olean Aerie No. 616. Brother Button declined. Robert Swanker, Schenectady Aerie No. 514, nominated Michael Caschera, Schenectady Aerie No. 514, who also declined. There being no further nominations the Nominations of Officers was closed.

A motion was made by Charles Straub, Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467, seconded by Al Hubbard, Binghamton Aerie No. 2119 that the secretary cast one ballot for the slate of officers having no opposition. This was approved. Brother Lane cast one ballot for all of the uncontested officers and State President Woodruff declared them elected.

State President Woodruff announced there will be six names on the ballot for State Trustee. He informed the delegates they must vote for four or their ballot will be voided. Chester Halliday, Chairman of the Election Committee, announced that voting would get underway at 8 A.M. Saturday.

Earle Willis, Toronto Aerie No. 2311 announced that Patrick Gray, President of Toronto Aerie and a delegate to the convention underwent surgery, in a local hospital, for a kidney problem, this morning.

Following a number of announcements the second session was recessed at 12:20 P.M. until 9:30 o'clock Saturday morning.

### THIRD SESSION

The Third Session of the 75th Annual Convention of the New York State Aerie was called to order at 10:00 on Saturday June 20, 1981 by State President Robert Woodruff.

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 UNDER 35 CLUB COMMITTEE

*Read by Al Hubbard, Chr. Binghamton Aerie No. 2119*

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

Up until the present time this committee has not received any reports from the local aeries. I feel that this committee is an important committee, for we have the opportunity to guide the future of this great Fraternal Organization with these young people. Do have them get involved with the operation of the aerie business so that they may better understand the meaning of Eagles helping people.

Let us not forget the young people of today are the future officers and leaders of tomorrow. By getting them active now they will be better experienced to handle the duties of tomorrow.

Respectfully submitted  
Al Hubbard, Chr. 2119  
James Galletly, 544  
George Stewart, 2621

A motion was made by Brother Hubbard, seconded by Raymond Sage, Rochester Aerie No. 52, that the report be adopted as read. This was approved.

### REPORT OF THE STATE FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

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

Brother Delegates:

As in the past we asked aerie to do whatever they could for the State Fund without any pressure being placed on anyone.

We have been informed there are a few checks here today which we will gladly accept. Again, our sincere thanks to all who participated. The following contributions were received from July 1, 1980 through June 20, 1981:

Glens Falls Aerie No. 2486	\$150.00
Depew-Lancaster Aerie No. 2629	100.00
Rochester Aerie No. 52	50.00
Olean Aerie No. 616	250.00
Total	\$550.00

Respectfully submitted  
Kenneth Decker, Chr. 1253  
David Wakin, 1260  
Al Forkell, 52

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

### REPORT OF THE HOME AND FAMILY COMMITTEE

*Read by Gordon Brenenstuh, Chr., Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467*

Brother Delegates:

We, the members of the Fraternal Order of Eagles; especially the truly dedicated members-probably most of you in this room, find that being a member of this Order can not help but affect our lives and the lives of our families. Therefore, when we speak of home and family we have to feel that there is strong ties between this and our respective aeries.

There are always family oriented activities that abound all year long in any strong and active aerie; this is the way that it should be, because friendships between families will keep our aeries and our whole organization strong and flexible and in step with the swiftly changing pace of our times.

Family activities within our respective clubs can and will keep our families together and at the same time keeping our club busy. Annual picnics, Christmas parties and family parties only begin to scratch the surface.

Every person that is responsible or interested should get together when they return home from this convention and carefully consider all of the activities that can be planned around their families. When you have done this, sit down and write a short report of what you have accomplished and send it to me.

The reason for this is that I did not realize all of the potential that is within this program until I began to write this report. This pertains especially to the younger people just starting a family.

I am going to ask that I be appointed to this committee again next year and with your co-operation I hope to be able to give you a very positive report at that time.

Respectfully submitted  
Gordon Brenenstuh, Chr. 2467

Ralph Shipman, 544  
Albert Thornton, 2311

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

### REPORT OF THE YOUTH GUIDANCE COMMITTEE

Read by Duane Dennison, Chr. Hornell Aerie No. 2640

Brother Delegates:

Only two reports were received by this committee, one from Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467 and the other from Hornell Aerie No. 2640.

Both of these aeries sponsored teams entered in the Junior softball League for both the boys and the girls in their home towns. They were also responsible for teams in their respective Little Leagues.

It is our belief that every aerie should get involved with the youth of the community. This is an excellent way in developing them into outstanding citizens for the future. With all of the vandalism and drug problems that seems to be widespread throughout the entire country our youth of today needs all of the help that we can give them.

From past experience we know that a majority of the aeries do have some form of youth activities. It is our hope that at our next convention more of the aeries will publicize the activities their members are engaged in. In conclusion it is our hope that every aerie will get involved with this project.

Respectfully submitted

Duane Dennison, Chr. 2640

John Barnas, 52

Dennis Gurnett, 825

A motion was made by Duane Dennison that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Donald Butts, Rotterdam Aerie No. 3610 and carried.

### REPORT OF THE CANCER RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Read by Herbert Twiss, Chr. Saratoga Springs Aerie No. 2586

Grand Aerie Representatives, State Officers,

Brother Delegates:

It has been an honor and a pleasure for me to serve as chairman of the Cancer Research Committee for the past year. Your contributions are paying off, as the cure rate of cancer is now approaching 50%.

Total donations during the year from August 6, 1980 to May 31, 1981 amounted to \$7318.45. This includes earmarked funds for Kidney and Muscular Dystrophy.

We are pleased to announce that a grant of \$10,000.00 will be presented this evening, at the State Convention banquet to the W. Alton Jones Cell Science Center, Lake Placid, N.Y.

At this time the Annual Parade of Checks will be held and we thank you, in advance, for your contributions to this most worthy cause.

### CONTRIBUTORS FROM THE AERIES AND AUXILIARIES OF THE NEW YORK AND EASTERN CANADA AUGUST 6, 1980 - MAY 31, 1981

No	Location	Cancer Research	Kidney Fund	Muscular Dystrophy
52	Rochester	\$ 835.88	\$ 468.71	
53	Syracuse	334.00		
88	Niagara Falls	50.00	30.00	
97	Utica	50.00	10.00	\$250.00
482	Gloversville	5.00	5.00	
514	Schenectady		268.00	
544	Middletown	300.00		
616	Olean	259.00		
782	Watertown	500.00		
825	Lockport	300.00	125.00	
941	Elmira	100.00	200.00	
1042	Tarrytown	20.00		
1043	Norwich		15.00	
1253	Ithaca	125.00	25.00	36.00
1260	Oneonta	61.70		
1411	Tonawanda		10.00	
1544	Rockaway Beach	45.00		
1545	Ossining	5.00	5.00	
1575	Johnstown	476.25		
2119	Binghamton	25.00		25.00
2145	Jamestown	25.00		
2191	Cortland	25.00	15.00	
2269	Endicott	300.00	10.00	50.00
2468	Glens Falls	1067.00		
2586	Saratoga Springs	169.05		
2621	Fort Hamilton	25.00		
2640	Hornell	155.81		
2692	Depew	70.00	120.00	70.00
3805	Colonie	50.00	50.00	
3818	Horseheads	42.45		
3897	St. Lin	5.00		
3904	Addison	104.60		
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$5,530.74</b>	<b>\$1,356.71</b>	<b>\$431.00</b>

### CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AT THE CONVENTION

Rochester Aerie & Auxiliary No. 52	\$1,070.89
Utica Aerie No. 97	300.00
Schenectady Aerie No. 514	300.00
Middletown Aerie No. 544	100.00
Olean Aerie No. 616	600.00
Watertown Aerie & Auxiliary No. 782	400.00
Elmira Aerie No. 941	1,000.00
Oneonta Aerie No. 1260	100.00
Binghamton Aerie No. 2119	50.00
Endicott Aerie No. 2269	200.00

Toronto Aerie & Auxiliary No. 2311	1,068.50
Fort Hamilton Aerie No. 2621	50.00
Depew-Lancaster Aerie No. 2692	1,000.00
Fort Erie Aerie No. 3155	25.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,264.39</b>

Previous Contributions	\$7,318.45
State Convention Donations	6,264.39
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	\$13,582.84

Respectfully submitted  
Herbert Twiss, Chr. 2586  
Paul Reimert, 544  
James Stephenfinger, 2692

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

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

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

Grand Aerie Representatives,  
State Officers and Brother Delegates:

With an ever increasing number of people living longer lives and being able to take part in social activities, in increasing numbers, we believe that any Eagle aerie that does not have an active Retired Eagles Activities Club is losing out financially, especially daytime business.

From what reports we have received, it is our opinion that the leaders in our aeries should help the R.E.A.C. Group and encourage them to hold meetings and workshops in the aerie home. This should include guests who might become members if enough interest is shown by our leaders and more incentives are given to aerie senior citizens, rather than just tolerating them.

If you will promote meetings, social get-togethers, such as dinners, crafts, etc. and provide time for these activities in your aerie we are sure it will be profitable as well as socially beneficial to any aerie today.

We believe the aeries that do not have active R.E.A.C. clubs are missing out what could be a benefit to them. Active R.E.A.C. Groups have proven, in many cases to be a valuable asset in securing new members.

Respectfully submitted  
Frank Crowley, Chr. 941  
Philip Daniel, 2311  
Purley Taylor, 2119

It was moved by Brother Crowley that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Duane Dennison, Hornell Aerie No. 2640 and carried.

#### REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

Read by Mark LaRue, Chr. Olean Aerie No. 616

Brother Delegates:

Audit of the New York State books from June 1980 to May 31, 1981. We the undersigned members of the 1981 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, 1981 was \$7,310.69.

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

Respectfully submitted  
Mark LaRue, Chr. 616  
Nicholas Hoffman, 482  
Charles Poyfair, 825

A motion was made by Brother LaRue and seconded by Ralph Pauly, Olean Aerie 616 that the report be adopted as read. This was approved.

#### REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

Read by Arthur Gonyea, Glens Falls Aerie No.

Brother Delegates:

This committee asks all Eagle members to join with us in congratulating the Financial Officers of the New York State Aerie for the outstanding manner in which the financial matters of the State Aerie were conducted. After a lengthy and careful study, your committee recommends the following budget for the fiscal year 1981-1982:

#### ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Balance June 1, 1981	7310.69
State Per Capta Tax	11500.00 + 11259.96
State Membership Fund	7000.00 - 8253.00
State Convention Advance	1000.00 - 1000
State Fund Raising	700.00 + 450
Grand Aerie Hospitality Room	200.00 - 868.53
State Convention Credential Committee	2000.00 - 2295.00
State Emblen Pins	300.00 - 318.
<b>Total Estimated Receipts</b>	<b>30,010.69 34,000</b>

#### ESTIMATED EXPENCES

State Secretary's Salary	1000.00 - 1000
State Treasurer's Allowance	100.00 - 100
State President's Visitations	3000.00 + 1400
Various Assignments	2000.00 + 1885
State Postage	800.00 - 737
State Printing and Mimeographing	1000.00 - 1000
Membership Meetings	2000.00 - 1372
Social Security Tax	150.00 - 123
State Telephone and Telegrams	1000.00 - 650



State Officers Convention Assignments	2700.00	+ 2750
State Convention Misc. Expenses	2500.00	+ 2726
Delegates to the Grand Aerie Convention	700.00	- 380
State Secretaries Office Supplies	700.00	- 178
State Membership Office Expense	400.00	- 444.53
Ads in G.A. and State Convention Journal	350.00	- 320
State conference - Spring and Fall	3500.00	- 2500
Grand Aerie Supplies	100.00	- 5
State Membership Awards	1500.00	- 1336
State Treasurer's Office Expense	100.00	- 105
Printing State Convention Proceedings	1500.00	- 1355
State Auxiliary Convention Advance	500.00	- 500
Regional Conference Assignments	1500.00	- 819
State Officers Bond	50.00	- 26
Contingency Fund	2660.69	-
State Legislative Committee Expences	200.00	- 10.30
<b>Total Estimated Expences</b>	<b>30,010.69</b>	

Respectfully submitted  
 Laverne Weber, Chr. 825  
 Wayne Monroe, 941  
 Arthur Gonyea, 2486

A motion was made by Brother Gonyea that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Brother William Lydle, Ithaca Aerie No. 1252 and carried.

#### REPORT OF THE JIMMY DURANTE FUND

Read by Herbert Farrell, Chr. Schenectady Aerie No. 514

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

Our beloved Brother Eagle Jimmy Durante, passed away during our 1979-1980 fiscal year. Jimmy never forgot his love for the Eagles, and for the children. There never stands a man so tall as one who bends to help a child. Let us, in return, never forget Jimmy and the children.

The Eagles of New York State stood tall this year and the children we helped will look up to us for evermore.

I sincerely pray that the proposed resolution of the New York State Aerie to establish a Jimmy Memorial on the East Side of New York City will become a reality. As Jimmy would put it "Dat's great, thanks; I knew you would pick up where I had to leave off." Jimmy, pick up we did this year, 12 grants of \$1,000 each were distributed to the following children-helping establishments: United Cerebral Palsy of Schenectady Inc., Scotia, N.Y. Tender Loving Care, Oneonta, N.Y. Jefferson Rehabilitation Center Inc., Watertown N.Y. Prospect School, Glens Falls, N.Y. Children's Unit for Treatment and Evaluation--Suny. Binghamton, N.Y., Arnot Ogden Memorial Hospital, Elmira, N.Y. Upstate Medical Foundation, Inc., Syracuse, N.Y. School of the Holy Childhood, Rochester, N.Y. The Randolph Children's Home, Randolph, N.Y. Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Toronto, Canada. The Crippled Children's Guild of Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y. Retarded Children, Otsego County Chapter, Oneonta, N.Y.

Our sincere thanks to all for the previous contributions received. We will now have our Annual Parade of Checks.

#### CONTRIBUTORS FROM THE AERIES AND AUXILIARIES OF THE NEW YORK AND EASTERN CANADA AUGUST 6, 1980 - MAY 31, 1981

No.	Location	Jimmy Fund	Fitzpatrick Memorial Fire House	Bob Hope High School
52	Rochester	\$ 719.48		\$52.00
53	Syracuse	62.50		
88	Niagara Falls	100.00		
97	Utica	40.00		
482	Gloversville	5.00		
514	Schenectady	244.25		
544	Middletown	300.00		
616	Olean	266.47	\$100.00	
782	Watertown	300.00		
941	Elmira	100.00		
1042	Tarrytown	10.00	20.00	
1043	Norwich	10.00		
1253	Ithaca	355.00		
1260	Oneonta	100.00		
1411	Tonawanda	454.76		
1544	Rockaway Beach	66.14		
1545	Ossining	55.00		
2119	Binghamton	25.00		
2130	Montreal	25.00		
2145	Jamestown	25.00		
2191	Cortland	25.00		
2269	Endicott	283.25		
2311	Toronto		25.00	
2621	Fort Hamilton	25.00		
2640	Hornell	77.61		
2692	Depew	60.00		
3176	St Jermoe	10.00		
3805	Colonie	50.00		
3818	Horseheads	26.50		
3846	Canajoharie	100.00		
3897	St. Lin	5.00		
	State Committee	5.00		
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$3,975.96</b>	<b>\$ 145.00</b>	<b>\$52.00</b>

**OVERALL TOTAL \$4,172.96**

#### CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AT THE CONVENTION

Rochester Aerie & Auxiliary No. 52	\$500.00
Utica Aerie No. 97	400.00
Schenectady Aerie No. 514	300.00
Middletown Aerie No. 544	100.00
Olean Aerie No. 616	600.00
Watertown Aerie & Auxiliary No. 782	600.00
Elmira Aerie No. 941	1,000.00

Onenota Aerie No. 1260	100.00
Binghamton Aerie No. 2119	50.00
Endicott Aerie No. 2269	200.00
Toronto Aerie & Auxiliary No. 2311	1,500.00
Glens Falls Aerie No. 2486	752.82
Fort Hamilton Aerie No. 2621	50.00
Depew Lancaster Aerie No. 2629	\$2,000.00
Fort Erie Aerie No. 3150	25.00
Rotterdam Aerie No. 3610	850.00
Addison Aerie No. 3904	88.00

Total \$9,115.82

Previous Contributions \$4,172.96  
 State Convention Donations 9,115.82

Respectfully submitted

Herbert Farrell, Chr. 514  
 Harry Stewart, 2191  
 Robert Thompson, 941

A motion was made by Brother Farrell, that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Joseph Newman, Rochester Aerie No. 52 and carried. Following the adoption of the report Rene Lessard, Montreal Aerie announced that Shawinigan Aerie No. 3810, Shawinigan, Quebec, Canada had donated \$2,000 to the local Crippled Children's Fund.

#### FINAL REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

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

#### RESOLUTIONS NO. 5

Brother Delegates:

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

WHEREAS, we have all had a fine time in the City of Glens Falls, and,

WHEREAS, the business sessions have been successful and rewarding,

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

Respectfully submitted

Harold Fields, Chr. 52  
 John Jones, 2311  
 Gordon Brenenstuhl, 2467  
 Donald Smith, 782  
 Frank Crowley, 941

It was moved by Brother Fields that the resolution be adopted as read. This was seconded by Raymond Sage, Rochester Aerie No. 52 and carried.

Under a special order of business Grand Outside Guard John Rowland, from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was introduced to the delegates. Brother Rowland spoke briefly expressing his appreciation for the opportunity of being in attendance. He centered most of his remarks on the various programs of the Grand Aerie and

elaborated on the record made by the aeries in this part of the country, especially the outstanding job done by the New York State jurisdiction. He received a standing ovation from the delegates.

#### REPORT OF THE STATE BANQUET COMMITTEE

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

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

The State Banquet committee wishes to report final arrangements for the State Banquet have been completed and will be held at the Civic Center, in Glens Falls.

A prime roast beef dinner will be served at 7 o'clock sharp. There will be a cocktail hour, in the Heritage Hall, at the Civic Center, from 6 to 7 o'clock. We would like all of the delegates and visitors to be in the arena by 6:30 P.M. so that the program can be started on time.

At this time the committee would like to thank the Glens Falls Chairman and Chairlady, Raymond and Betty Lance for making all of the arrangements.

Respectfully submitted

Arthur Gonyea, Chr. 2486  
 Richard Knapp, 941  
 Wilbur Button, 616

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

Under a special order of business Donald Rettinger, State Chairman of the Arthritis Fund informed the delegates that all money received up until the close of the State Convention would be divided evenly between the Albany Medical College, Rheumatoid Arthritic Program and the Central New York Arthritic Fund. He explained that this action had been approved by the State Executive Committee and he moved that decision be concurred with by the delegates assembled. This was seconded by Wayne Monroe, Elmira Aerie No. 941 and approved.

#### FINAL REPORT OF THE BY-LAW COMMITTEE

Given by Harry Woodruff, Chr. Rochester Aerie No. 52

This is the final reading and your committee suggests the following amendments to the State By-Laws be approved: Change Section 4.1, which is in reference to the State Per Capita Tax, to read not in excess of 80 cents per annum--40 cents semi-annual period. Change Sections 5.1, 5.6 and 5.7 to read if traveling by automobile, not in excess of 15 cents per mile.

Brother Harry Woodruff moved the changes be adopted as read. This was seconded by Owen McNally, Fort Hamilton Aerie No. 2621 and carried.

#### REPORT OF THE NET GAIN COMMITTEE

Read by Paul Baird, Chr. Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467

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

To become a Net Gain Aerie you must have a larger membership at the end of the fiscal year than the figure you started with. To achieve this you must have a good working Membership Security Committee. With the combined efforts of both committees

plus careful planning and programming your aerie will be able to show a net gain for the year.

Membership Security work should be divided into two phases-prevention and control:

**PREVENTION**-The aerie secretary should send out delinquent notices. This is required by the Grand Aerie Statues. Interesting aerie activities and entertainment programs provided for the membership will be instrumental in getting the members involved and prevent them from becoming delinquent.

**CONTROL**-Dues reminders by the Secretary; contact by the Membership Security Committee to ascertain if there is a personal problem; campaign programs for delinquent members only, such as a breakfast or supper plan. An idea that has been used successfully is presenting a prize to the member who gets the most delinquent members back in good standing.

It is our belief that if these ideas are put into practice each and every aerie will join the Net Gain Aerie ranks.

Respectfully submitted

Paul Baird, Chr. 2467

Michael Lassow, 2621

Stanley Singer, 97

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

Following the adoption of the report State Secretary Lane informed the delegates that in former years the aerie having the best Net Gain was presented with a trophy following the reading of the report. Because the majority of the aeries have not completed the June semi-annual report by State Convention time it was agreed by the State Executive Committee that the Net Gain results and the presentation of the trophy be held at the Fall Conference. The award this year will be made in Watertown, N.Y.

#### REPORT OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE FUND

*Report read by Francis Campagna, Tonawanda Aerie 1411 for James Stewart, Chr.*

Brother Delegates:

"It's better to give than receive". Parents used to say that to the kids before Christmas when voiced expectations ran beyond reason. But kids grow up and maturity brings with it the realization that the advice is true. Loving is caring--for our families, friends and those who reach out for help.

The Eagles are caring, The fund record, the grants record, point to that.

The Golden Eagle Fund is the youngest of the Big Four. Its recipients are the oldest. The ranks of the elderly are fast growing so the Golden Eagle Fund has much catching up to do. We appeal to you for help. Money is needed. but give of yourselves too. Visit nearby nursing homes, If there are elderly living alone in your area find ways to be helpful. If you already have a R.E.A.C. in your aerie, do something about it.

Please extend that friendly hand, give because it is badly needed. Feel the warm glow that comes of aiding the Golden Eagle Fund.

Our sincere thanks for the contributions already received and it is now time for the Annual Parade of Checks.

#### NEW YORK AND EASTERN CANADA CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE LOCAL AERIES AND AUXILIARIES AUGUST 6, 1980 - MAY 31, 1981

No.	Location	Amount
52	Rochester	\$615.00
88	Niagara Falls	100.00
97	Utica	26.00
482	Gloversville	5.00
514	Schenectady	546.49
616	Olean	100.00
825	Lockport	100.00
941	Elmira	100.00
1042	Tarrytown	10.00
1043	Norwich	15.00
1253	Ithaca	101.00
1260	Oneonta	100.00
1545	Ossining	5.00
2119	Binghamton	75.00
2130	Montreal	25.00
2191	Cortland	15.00
2269	Endicott	155.50
2311	Toronto	100.00
2486	Glens Falls	572.00
2640	Hornell	102.61
2692	Depew	70.00
3805	Colonie	50.00
3818	Horseheads	\$ 25.00
3904	Addison	60.00
		<b>\$3,073.60</b>

#### CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AT THE CONVENTION

Rochester Aerie and Auxiliary No. 52	\$500.00
Utica Aerie No. 97	300.00
Middletown Aerie No. 544	100.00
Olean Aerie No. 616	150.00
Watertown Aerie and Auxiliary No. 782	100.00
Oneonta Aerie No. 1260	100.00
Endicott Aerie No. 2269	200.00
Fort Hamilton Aerie No. 2621	50.00
Depew-Lancaster Aerie No. 2629	600.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,100.00</b>
Previous contributions	\$3,073.60
State Convention Donations	2,100.00
	<b>\$5,173.60</b>

Respectfully submitted

James Stewart, Chr. 1411

Harold Ballas, 2119

Cecil Moshier, 825

Francis Campagna, 1411

A motion was made by Brother Campagna, that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Arthur Gonyea, Glens Falls Aerie No. 2486 and carried.

Under a special order of business Kenneth Decker, Ithaca Aerie No. 1253, asked permission to take up a special collection amongst the delegates. Permission was granted. At the completion of the same, Hilda Mercun, Convention Secretary for the past 15 years was called to the rostrum. After a few brief remarks Brother Decker handed over a large money purse and for the delegates, he expressed their appreciation for the fine work that she continues to do as a most necessary part of the Convention program. Hilda was overwhelmed and accepted their kind gesture with sincere thanks.

### REPORT OF THE BETTER HOME TOWN COMMITTEE

Read by Joseph Chalk, Chr. Elmira Aerie No. 941

Brother Delegates:

What does it take to make a good home town? It takes a lot of things; good homes, a place to live, work and play. Also an effective administration of local affairs, responsive to the will of the people, plus providing good firefighting, health and public services, along with good law enforcement and protection for all its citizens against crime.

It is most important to have places to worship--churches and synagogues that provide the warmth and strength of spiritual fellowship for family living.

Good business--stores, shops and industries providing employment and serving customers, giving community life its economic base is most essential.

An absolute must is good schools--public and parochial that also tend to develop continuing co-operation between parents, teachers and the school administrators.

Most helpful is the establishment of strong and active fraternal lodges, veteran's posts, and service clubs, as each give an excellent opportunity for participating in various activities that tend to serve the community and make yours a "A People Helping People Town."

This is what your committee feels it takes to make a good home town and it is our wish that you join us and take an active part in this program.

Respectfully submitted

Joseph Chalk, Chr. 941  
Kenneth Clause, 88  
Joseph Sullivan, 97

It was moved by Brother Chalk, that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by William Christensen, Elmira Aerie No. 941 and carried.

### REPORT OF THE PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

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

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

As usual we don't have much of an imput for the report, but I am sure that activities that are held throughout New York State and Eastern Canada are wide and varied.

Reports that were received featured dances, auctions, shows and flea markets. Naturally, we are sorry, as a committee, we cannot pinpoint any particular aerie for their project, but as long as the aeries hold entertainments and interesting activities our membership will continue to grow.

Good luck to all and keep up your good Eagles work.

Respectfully submitted

Wayne Monroe, Chr. 941  
Patrick Gray, 2311  
James Russell, 52

A motion was made by Brother Monroe and seconded by Claude Moreau, Montreal Aerie No. 2130 that the report be adopted as read. This was approved.

Under a special order of business State President Woodruff asked Zone Director Georges Taillefer, of Montreal Aerie to come to the rostrum. A handsome wallet was then presented to Brother Taillefer for his outstanding accomplishments in the Membership field during the past year.

### REPORT OF THE MAX BAER HEART FUND

Read by William Lydle, Chr. Ithaca Aerie No. 1253

Brother Delegates:

The most recent figures obtained from the 1980 census shows that the Number One Killer in 1978 was Cardio-Vascular or Heart Disease. It was the cause of 37.8% of all deaths ahead of Cancer Malignancy which was the cause of 20.6%. All of our Eagle Humanitarian Funds are important and the aeries auxiliaries do their best financially to assist every one.

To date, this financial year, our donations come to \$4255.32, which is approximately \$2,000.00 behind the 1980 Max Baer Eagles Heart Fund total. We are sure the Annual Parade of checks will make up the difference. As Judge Hansen said yesterday "The State Aerie is great but the Power and responsibility must come from the local aerie level."

Max Baer was the heavyweight champion of the world. When you get back home have your worthy President appoint a heavyweight, as chairman of this committee and let him build nickles and dimes into dollars. February is our Heart Month Fund but this really is a year round project.

Your committee wishes to thank you all for the efforts expended to date and we will now have the Annual Parade of Checks.

### NEW YORK AND EASTERN CANADA CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE LOCAL AERIES AND AUXILIARIES AUGUST 6, 1980 - MAY 31, 1981

No.	Location	Heart Fund	Diabetes Fund
52	Rochester	\$ 955.28	\$ 25.00
53	Syracuse	110.00	
88	Niagara Falls	50.00	
97	Utica	50.00	
482	Gloversville	5.00	
514	Schenectady	218.00	
544	Middletown	300.00	
616	Olean	177.30	
825	Lockport	195.00	
941	Elmira	100.00	

1042	Tarrytown	74.25	
1253	Ithaca	345.00	25.00
1260	Oneonta	220.25	
1411	Tonawanda	15.00	179.00
1544	Rockaway Beach	50.00	
1545	Ossining	5.00	5.00
2119	Binghamton	25.00	
2130	Montreal	114.14	
2191	Cortland	25.00	
2269	Endicott	240.50	100.00
2486	Glens Falls	351.00	
2586	Saratoga Springs	76.40	
2621	Fort Hamilton	50.00	25.00
2540	Hornell	\$ 100.00	
2629	Depew	70.00	
3805	Colonie	50.00	
3806	Mississauga	50.00	
3818	Horseheads	50.00	
3897	St. Lin	5.00	
3904	Addison	178.20	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$4,255.32</b>	<b>\$359.00</b>

**OVERALL TOTAL \$4,614.32**

**CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AT THE CONVENTION**

Rochester Aerie and Auxiliary No. 52	\$500.00
Utica Aerie No. 97	300.00
Schenectady Aerie No. 514	300.00
Middletown Aerie No. 544	100.00
Olean Aerie No. 616	600.00
Watertown Aerie and Auxiliary No. 782	400.00
Elmira Aerie No. 941	1,000.00
Oneonta Aerie No. 1260	100.00
Binghamton Aerie No. 2119	50.00
Endicott Aerie No. 2269	200.00
Toronto Aerie and Auxiliary No. 2311	606.00
Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467	420.00
Fort Hamilton Aerie No. 2621	50.00
Depew-Lancaster Aerie No. 2629	1,000.00
Fort Erie Aerie No. 3155	25.00
State Aerie Committee	34.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,685.00</b>
Previous Contributions	\$4,614.32
State Convention Donations	5,685.00
	\$10,299.32
Respectfully submitted	
William Lydle, Chr. 1253	
Lawrence Erhersts, 2119	
Edwin Carpenter, 941	

It was moved by Brother Lydle that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Richard Pottoroff, Ithaca Aerie No. 1253 and carried.

**FINAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE**

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

Grand Aerie Representatives	5
State Officers	13
Past State Presidents	13
Delegates	91
Alternates	7
Past Worhty Presidents	110
Total Credentials Issued	Total Votes 263
	153

Respectfully submitted

Ronald Stickney, Chr. 825  
John E. Lewis Sr., 2640  
Francis LaVance, 2486  
Douglas McDermott, 3904  
Leo Vanderhoef, 616

A motion was made by Brother Stickney the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by A. Raymond Lance, Glens Falls Aerie No. 2486 and carried.

Following the adoption of the report a suggestion was made by Earle Willis, Toronto Aerie No. 2311 that the committee be given a rising vote of thanks for the excellent job that they did. It was so ordered and the delegates gave them a standing ovation.

**COMPLETE LIST OF THE REGISTERED DELEGATES**

	AERIE NO.		AERIE NO.
1 Wayne Monroe	941	18 Rene Lessard	2130
2 Robert Woodruff	52	19 Francis Campagna	1411
3 Harry Woodruff	52	20 Angelo Ricci	1411
4 Ronald A. Stickney	825	21 David Wakin	1260
5 John E. Lewis Sr.	2640	22 Gordon Brenenstuhl	2467
6 William Carrick	544	23 Duane Dennison	2640
7 Wesley W. Barnes	616	24 Theodore Eldridge	2640
8 Douglas McDermott	3904	25 Harold H. Fields	52
9 Francis LaVance	2486	26 Robert J. Sharkey	52
10 Leo Vanderfoef	616	27 Paul Reimert	544
11 Laverne Weber	825	28 Ralph E. Pauly	616
12 Al Hubbard	2119	29 Ray P. Haggerty	1411
13 Alfred W. Lane	1042	30 Al Forkell	52
14 Kenneth Decker	1253	31 Raymond Correll	2269
15 Patrick A. Lance	2486	32 William Myers	2269
16 Larry Roy	2130	33 Arthur J. Cichon	2629
17 Leo Beaudry	2130	34 David J. Shay	3818
35 Kenneth Morrissey	2486	91 Harold Balles	2119
36 Alan Barody	2486	92 Stanley Singer	97
37 John Kenney	1411	93 Terry Smith	782
38 Robert G.T. Yager	3846	94 James A. Hartnagel	2486
39 Laverne Graham	825	95 William Lydle	1253

40 Raymond Sage	52	96 Roger Grandchamp	3897
41 John Barnas	52	97 Stuart Gardner	1260
42 Charles Poyfair	825	98 Allan Beebe	3155
43 Dennis Gurnett	825	99 Georges Taillefer	2130
44 Vincent M. Scharf	46	100 Claude Moreau	2130
45 John Jones	2311	101 Patrick Cooney	1545
46 Frank Crowley	941	102 Charles Duclos	3899
47 Herbert S. Twiss	2586	103 Herbert C. Farrell Jr.	514
48 James M. Galletly	544	104 Robert E. Hood	941
49 Frank H. Lewis	544	105 Salvatore C. Ventura	2692
50 Joyn J. Fitzgerald	825	106 James Stechenfinger	2692
51 Harry C. Kincaid	616	107 Donald M. Butts	3610
52 Jack E. Kincaid	616	108 Michael Lasson	2621
53 Donald Derx	616	109 Richard Pottoroff	1253
54 Donald Gleason	616	110 Richard Rose	1253
55 Robert Tierson	616	111 Guay J. Marcel	3176
56 Mark LaRue	616	112 Jean Pierre Gauthier	3176
57 Wilbur E. Button	616	113 Rejean Dufour	3176
58 Louis Dion	2130	114 Georges Desjardins	3176
59 Thomas Philpott	2311	115 Joseph F. Mercun	1260
60 Albert Thornton	2311	116 Joseph F. Chalk	941
61 Ralph Shipman Sr.	544	117 William Christensen	941
62 Milton Wales	2644	118 Milton Evans	941
63 Chester P. Halliday	46	119 Donald J. Cowman	782
64 Cecil Moshier	825	120 Michael Caschera	514
65 Duane Bruning	825	121 Robert J. Swanker	514
66 Maurice Imrie	2486	122 Charles Haflett	941
67 Edwin E. Carpenter	941	123 Frank Morgan	1253
68 Earle Willis	2311	124 Claude Riendeau	2130
69 Nicholas J. Hoffman	482	125 Claude Quesnel	2130
70 James Russell	52	126 Donald Roberts	941
71 Philip Iacuzza	52	127 James Laskaris	941
72 Harold L. Royer Sr.	2586	128 Edwin T. Drake	1253
73 James R. Harris	616	129 Charles Straub	2467
74 Donald Gregory	97	130 Yvon Robitaille	3897
75 Arthur Gonyea	2486	131 Henri Forest	3897
76 Ray Holzel	1260	132 Robert Butts	941
77 Michael Lopez	2486	133 Donald Smith	782
78 Donald Rettinger	2311	134 Maurice Helmer Sr.	782
79 Robert Sabourin	52	135 Merle Baylor	941
80 Joseph Newman	52	136 Richard Knapp	941
81 John Bartolotta	52	137 Joseph E. Cangialosi Jr.	52
82 Edward Falcheck	52	138 Gordon Ireland	2311
83 J. Paul Baird	2467	139 Gabriel Lessard	3810
84 A. Raymond Lance	2486	140 Murray Burt	2311
85 Charles Eifert Sr.	825	141 Robert Byron	2191
86 Owen McNally	2621	142 Harry M. Stewart	2191
87 Henry Becker	3128	143 Joseph De Nigro	97
88 Robert Malan	2486	144 George M. Mould Sr.	97
89 William Murray	3806	145 Joseph Sullivan	97
90 Larry Ehrets	2119	146 Robert Thompson	941
147 Vincent Leahy	941	151 John Cady	1575

148 Andre Lafreninre	3176	152 John Sloan	97
149 Richard Handy	1575	153 Michael Repko	3846
150 Blair Hawley	1575		

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

*Read by Frank Lewis, Middletown Aerie No. 544*

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

Our Annual Meeting was held on Friday afternoon. 14 of the New York State Past Presidents were in attendance. We also had the pleasure of having three Grand Aerie Representatives as our guests. Robert Woodruff, the outgoing State President was inducted into the group, after much concern and worry.

Larry Roy, Montreal Aerie No. 2130, was elected for the coming year. Donald Gregory, Utica Aerie No. 97 was chosen as Vice President.

We would like to recommend there be more supervision, with reference to the new aeries; at least for the first year. We believe this would make for a stronger and better new aerie.

In closing we also want to congratulate the State Officers and the State Membership Group for a most successful year.

Respectfully submitted

Thomas Philpott, Chr. 2311  
Louis Dion, 2130  
Frank Lewis, 544

A motion was made by Brother Lewis that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Paul Baird, Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467 and carried.

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

*Read by Arthur Cichon, Depew-Lancaster Aerie No. 2629*

State Officers and Brother Delegates:

We, the members of the State of the Order Committee, speaking for the delegates assembled wish to extend to the State Officers and the various State Committees, our congratulations for a job well done.

Our congratulations also to the Membership Department under the leadership of "Shorty" Weber, with the assistance of his fine Zone Directors for another outstanding year in which two new aeries were instituted and a splendid increase in membership was attained.

At the start of every new year there is a certain concern as to what the end result will be. We were surprised and delighted when State President Bob Woodruff and his staff of Officers adapted very quickly to the various programs, working hard to make them click and the results of their efforts were most successful. We wish our New State President Wayne Monroe and his officers a happy and most productive year ahead.

Our wish for the members of the Membership Group is that they have 3,000 plus new members initiated and at least one new aerie.

Your committee urges all officers and delegates, in their travels, to recommend an extra effort to be made to become a quota aerie. In that manner New York State will continue to go forward.



Respectfully submitted

Thomas Philpott, Chr. 2311  
Arthur Cichon, 2629  
Owen McNally, 2621  
A. Raymond Lance, 2486  
Donald Gregory, 97

It was moved by Brother Cichon and seconded by Earle Willis, Toronto Aerie No. 2311 that the report be adopted as read. On the question Brother Cichon informed the delegates that for a great number of years, the wives of the State Leaders have had a little association which is known as the S.Y.N. Club and each year all of the money obtained from their little card games is donated to the Max Baer Heart Fund. Following this the report was approved.

Under a special order of business Kenneth Decker, Past State President of Ithaca Aerie No. 1253 took over the chair of the State President and called Past State President Ralph Pauly to the rostrum for a series of presentations. State President Robert Woodruff was called and presented with his Past State President's Certificate and a cash purse, which was given as a small token of appreciation for the efforts expended during his term of office. The State President's father Harry Woodruff was then called to the podium. He presented his son with his Past State President's diamond pin. Brother Albert Thornton, Toronto Aerie No. 2311, was called upon for a fun presentation. A large card with the signatures of most of the delegates and a miniature Bell Ringer Award was presented to State President Woodruff.

Brother Woodruff spoke briefly and expressed his great appreciation to his father, stating "He wouldn't be standing here if it were not for his father's guidance." He again thanked all of the delegates.

Brother Elliott Becker, Middletown Aerie No. 544 spoke briefly with reference to the State Softball Tournament to be held in Middletown, N.Y. this coming Summer.

### REPORT OF THE SPEAKERS COMMITTEE

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

Brother Lane gave an extemporaneous report expressing his thanks and appreciation for all the help his committee received with reference to the speakers at the convention, with a special salute to the Grand Aerie for having four Grand Aerie Representatives as speakers at the business sessions. He gave special praise to Raymond Lance and the Glens Falls Committee for arranging the speaking program at the official opening and also at the State Banquet to be held later that evening.

As was his custom, in former years, he reviewed the procedure that is used by the State Aerie whenever a State Speaker is requested for a local aerie program. In conclusion he thanked all who has assisted him throughout the past year.

Respectfully submitted

Alfred W. Lane, Chr. 1042  
Laverne Weber, 825  
Wayne Monroe, 941

It was moved by Kenneth Decker, Ithaca Aerie No. 1253 and seconded by Joseph Newman, Rochester Aerie No. 52, that the report be adopted as given. This was approved.

### REPORT OF THE ELECTIONS 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: Although the Credential Committee reported there were 263 votes, everyone did not participate in the election. 139 brothers voted. 1 ballot was voided and 240 votes were cast. The Official results are:

Duane Dennison, Hornell Aerie No. 240	225
Gordon Brenenstuhl, Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467	209
Al Hubbard, Binghamton Aerie No. 2119	206
Donald Smith, Watertown Aerie No. 782	165
Harold Fields, Rochester Aerie No. 52	90
Roger Grandchamp, St. Lin Aerie No. 3897	49

A motion was made by Brother Halliday that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by John Lewis, Hornell Aerie No. 2460 and approved.

An invitation was extended by State President Woodruff to the delegates for an inspection of the ballot box. No one accepted. He then declared the following brothers elected as State Trustees: Duane Dennison, Gordon Brenenstuhl, Al Hubbard and Donald Smith.

### REPORT OF THE GRIEVANCE AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

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

Brother Delegates:

We are proud to announce that this committee has not received any grievance.

The members of the committee would like to thank the State President for the opportunity to serve as committee members.

Respectfully submitted

Rene Lessard, Chr. 2130  
Kenneth Morrissey, 2486  
Michael Repko, 3846

Brother Lessard moved that the report be adopted as read. This was approved by Donald Rettinger, Toronto Aerie No. 2311 and carried.

At this time the session was turned over to the State President's Degree Team, headed by Past State President Thomas Philpott, Toronto Aerie No. 2311, Chairman of the group. The following Past State Presidents took a part in the ceremony: President Robert Hood, Elmira Aerie No. 941, Vice President Ralph Pauly, Olean Aerie No. 616, Chaplain Frank Lewis, Middletown Aerie No. 544, Conductor William Carrick, Middletown Aerie No. 544, Secretary-Treasurer Raymond Lance, Glens Falls Aerie No. 2486, Inside Guard Larry Roy, Montreal Aerie No. 2130, Outside Guard Arthur Cichon, Depew-Lancaster Aerie No. 2629, Trustees Louis Dion, Montreal Aerie No. 2130, Donald Gregory, Utica Aerie No. 97 and Owen McNally, Fort Hamilton Aerie No. 2621. This portion of the meeting was open to the general public.

The following brothers were installed into office:

Past State President	Robert Woodruff, Rochester Aerie No. 52
State President	Wayne Monroe, Elmira Aerie No. 941
State Vice President	Laverne Graham, Lockport Aerie No. 825

State Chaplain  
 State Secretary  
 State Treasurer  
 State Conductor  
 State Inside Guard  
 State Outside Guard  
 State Trustee  
 State Trustee  
 State Trustee  
 State Trustee  
 State Trustee

Arthur Gonyea, Glens Falls Aerie No. 2486  
 Alfred Lane, Tarrytown Aerie No. 1042  
 Kenneth Decker, Ithaca Aerie No. 1253  
 Donald Rettinger, Toronto Aerie No. 2311  
 Ray Haggerty, Tonawanda Aerie No. 1411  
 Rene Lessard, Montreal Aerie No. 2130  
 Robert Woodruff, Rochester Aerie No. 52  
 Al Hubbard, Binghamton Aerie No. 2119  
 Duane Dennison, Hornell Aerie No. 2640  
 Gordon Brenenstuhl, Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467  
 Donald Smith, Watertown Aerie No. 782

At the close of the ceremony Brother Hood spoke briefly, expressing his appreciation for the privilege of installing the new officers into their respective chairs. He then presented the newly installed State President Wayne Monroe. Brother Monroe also spoke briefly introducing his wife and the members of his family present. He thanked them for their support and understanding. He also extended his thanks to everyone who assisted him throughout the years in order to reach this goal. He closed by stating how grateful he was for the confidence shown in giving him this new responsibility.

There being no further business Past State President Woodruff announced the report of the State Ritualistic Committee would be given at the State Banquet. The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 P.M.

#### STATE CONVENTION BANQUET

The Joint State Convention Banquet was held on the main floor of the new Civic Center in Glens Falls, N.Y. on Saturday evening June 20th 1981. Delegates, members and guests numbered close to 500. Past State President William Carrick, of Empire Aerie No. 544 acted as the toastmaster. One of the highlights was a testimonial given to Kenneth Decker, Dean of the New York State Past Presidents. Brother Decker is a 50 year member of Ithaca Aerie No. 1253 and for many years served as State Treasurer, a position he still holds. State Secretary Lane conducted the presentation ceremony during which Brother Decker received a handsome plaque and an extra cash purse. Brother Decker gave a brief resume of the many happy times he had as a member of the Order and thanked all present for this special honor. All of the new State Officers were introduced. Past State President Robert Woodruff, spoke briefly and presented a check for \$1000.00 from the Golden Eagle Fund as a grant to the Visting Nurse Service of Monroe County Inc. Past Madam State President Carole Shay, during her short address presented a grant of \$1,000.00, from the Eagle's Kidney Fund to the Kidney Foundation of Western New York. The grant was accepted by madam State Treasurer Lorraine Hufnagel, who explained briefly the work being performed by this group.

State Membership Director Laverne Weber, presented the State Membership Trophy to Rochester Aerie and awards to Brothers Moreau, McDermott and Taillefer. Past State President and Convention Chairman A. Raymond Lance, Presented a grant of \$10,000.00 from the Eagle Cancer Fund to the W. Alton Jones Science Center, of Lake Placid, N.Y. The grant was accepted by Dr. Peter Del Vecchio, who expressed the thanks of the Center and told of the work being done in the fight against cancer. Past Grand Madam President Stella Morehouse and Grand Outside Guard John Rowland Jr., were introduced and spoke briefly. Both the newly installed Madam State President Sophie Hurwitz, and State President Wayne Monroe, told of their plans for the coming year and asked for the support of all. The principal address was given by Grand Inside Guard Laverne Weber, who had nothing but praise for the efforts exerted and the results obtained by the aeries and auxiliaries of the New York State jurisdiction.

#### REPORT OF THE STATE RITUALISTIC COMMITTEE

*Read by Roger Grandchamp, Chr. St. Lin Aerie No. 3897*

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

Again this year only three aeries entered the competition and following are the results:

Glens Falls Aerie No. 2486	99.1%
Lockport Aerie No. 825	98.7%
Elmira Aerie No. 941	97.3%

All of the Degree Teams did real well. We wish to thank State President Woodruff, for the privilege of serving on this committee.

Respectfully submitted  
 Roger Grandchamp, Chr. 3897  
 John E. Lewis, 2640  
 Patrick Cooney, 1545  
 Robert Tierson, 616  
 Al Hubbard, 2119

The report was given at the State Convention Banquet. There was no objections to the same and it was ruled by State President Wayne Monroe that the report was adopted as read.

With no further business on the agenda the 75th Annual Convention was brought to a close.

— *In Loving Memory Of* —

**GEORGE SATTLER**  
 Elmira Aerie #941  
 Past State President  
 1959 - 1960

**GAZO SAMOK**  
 Depew-Lancaster Aerie #2692  
 Past State President  
 1960 - 1961

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
1934 — 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. Jermone
1941 — Rochester	1978 — Schenectady
1942 — New York City	1979 — Binghamton
1943 — Auburn	1980 — Rochester
	1981 — Glens Falls

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

1*	JOHN J. HARRINGTON, Brooklyn 393	1907-08
2*	JOHN J. HARRINGTON, Brooklyn 393	1908-09
3*	FREDRICK HUGHES, Yonkers 473	1909-10
4*	FREDRICK HUGHES, Yonkers 473	1910-11
5*	JAMES CONLAN, Buffalo 46	1911-12
6*	JAMES CONLAN, Buffalo 46	1912-13
7*	GEORGE B. BEDFORD, Syracuse 53	1913-14
8*	GEORGE B. BEDFORD, Syracuse 53	1914-15
9*	JOHN F. MALONEY, Watertown 782	1916-16
10*	JOHN F. COLE, Binghamton 1118	1916-17
11*	GEORGE E. MORGAN, Buffalo 46	1917-18
12*	WILLIAM KENEALY, Rochester 52	1918-19
13*	JOSEPH M. SCHERER, Long Island City 1509	1919-20
14*	THOMAS G. WELSH, Elmira 941	1920-21
15*	FRANK X. BERNHARDT, Buffalo 46	1921-22
16*	THOMAS J. HICKEY, Syracuse 53	1922-23
17*	JOSEPH STREICHER, Buffalo 46	1923-24
18*	JOHN F. McGRATH, New York 40	1924-25
19*	MICHAEL H. SWEENEY, Binghamton 1118	1925-26
20*	WILLIAM B. HUTCHINSON, Buffalo 46	1926-27
21*	MICHAEL H. SWEENEY, Binghamton 1118	1927-28
22*	WILLIAM DODSON, Olean 616	1928-29
23*	WILLIAM MENTZINGER, Rockaway Beach 1544	1929-30
24*	CHARLES J. MENGLER, Elmira 941	1930-31
25*	WILLIAM ALF, Buffalo 46	1931-32
26*	WALTER E. McGRATH, New York 40	1932-33
27*	ALBERT LEONARD, Geneva 95	1933-34
28*	ERNEST J. MAHONEY, Rochester 52	1934-35
29*	JOHN P. SAXER, Buffalo 46	1935-36
30*	JOHN T. SHORTELL, Olean 616	1936-37
31*	CHARLES G. MARALDO, Staten Island 543	1937-38
32*	RAYMOND R. BARBER, Ithaca 1253	1938-39
33*	WILLIAM H. MOSTYN, Rochester 52	1939-40
34*	WILLIAM H. MOSTYN, Rochester 52	1940-41
35*	R. LESLIE McDERMOTT, Lockport 825	1941-42
36*	CHARLES J. DOLZEN, Schenectady 514	1942-43
37	KENNETH DECKER, Ithaca 1253	1943-44
38*	HENRY KOHAUT, Yonkers 0473	1944-45
39*	JOHN R. TAGGERT, Buffalo 46	1945-46
40	GEORGE GREEN, Gloversville 482	1946-47
41*	FRANCIS H. BRECHUE, Auburn 96	1947-48
42*	EDWARD M. KAMAS, Elmira 941	1948-49
43	PAUL M. AYERS, Lockport 825	1949-50
44	DONALD MANZER, Utica 97	1950-51
45*	CHARLES F. BOYLE, Buffalo 46	1951-52
46*	JOSEPH L. WURZER, Rochester 25	1952-53
47*	LOUIS ASIFAN, Watertown 782	1953-54
48*	HAROLD CRAWFORD, Fort Hamilton 2621	1954-55
49*	KEENEM M. BROWN, Ithaca 1253	1955-56
50	FRANK H. LEWIS, Empire 544	1956-57
51*	CHARLES P. EDWARDS, Schenectady 514	1957-58
52*	ROBERT MAGNAN, Montreal 2130	1958-59
53*	GEORGE SATTLER, Elmira 91	1959-60
54*	GAZO SAMOK, Depew-Lancaster 2692	1960-61
55	THOMAS PHILPOTT, Maple Leaf 2311	1961-62
56*	ROBERT WATTS, Lockport 825	1962-63
57	HERBERT OLD, Nassau 3128	1963-64
58	THEODORE HURWITZ, Oneonta 1260	1964-65
59	ROBERT HOOD, Elmira 941	1965-66
60	LOUIS DION, Montreal 2130	1966-67
61*	FRED RICHIE, Fort Hamilton 2621	1967-68
62	ROBERT SCHICK, Rochester 52	1968-69
63	RAYMOND WOMBLE, Ithaca 1253	1969-70
64	LAVERNE WEBER, Lockport 825	1970-71
65	FRANK STOKES, Maple Leaf 2311	1971-72
66*	EDGAR IRELAND, Gloversville 482	1972-73
67	A. RAYMOND LANCE, Glens Falls 2486	1973-74
68	WILLIAM CARRICK, Empire 544	1974-75
69	LARRY ROY, Montreal 2130	1975-76
70	OWEN McNALLY, Fort Hamilton 2621	1976-77
71	DONALD GREGORY, Utica 97	1977-78
72	ARTHUR CICHON, Depew-Lancaster 2692	1978-79
73	RALPH PAULY, Olean 616	1979-80
74	ROBERT WOODRUFF, Rochester 52	1980-81

\*DECEASED