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NEW YORK STATE OFFICERS

1984 - 1985

Junior Past State President	Arthur Gonyea
Glens Falls 2486	
State President	Donald Rettinger
Maple Leaf 2311	
State Vice President	Ray Haggerty
Tonawandas 1411	
State Chaplain	Al Hubbard
Binghamton 2119	
State Secretary	Laverne Weber
Lockport 825	
State Treasurer	Kenneth Decker
Ithaca 1253	
State Conductor	Gordon Brenenstuhl
Hoosick Falls 2467	
State Inside Guard	Duane Dennison
Hornell 2640	
State Outside Guard	Wilbur Button
Olean 616	

STATE TRUSTEES

Chr. Arthur Gonyea	Glens Falls 2486
James Russell	Rochester 52
Robert Butts	Elmira 941
Douglas McDermott	Addison 3904
Donald Cowan	Watertown 782

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1984 STATE CONVENTION

Although the majority of delegates and visitors arrived in the Convention city of Utica, N. Y., on Wednesday, June 13th, a number of "Early Birds" and a majority of the Eagle Golfers were greeted by the Utica Committee a day earlier in preparation for the golf tournament scheduled for 8:00 AM Wednesday. A "Get Acquainted" party was held in the Aerie Home Wednesday evening and the buffet room was filled to capacity.

The annual Prayer Breakfast was held in the Aerie Home on Thursday morning followed by registration of the State Aerie and State Auxiliary delegates and visitors. All State Aerie business sessions were held in the Aerie Home and the State Auxiliary business session were conducted in the Knights of Columbus gym, a short distance from the Headquarters Hotel.

A Joint Memorial Service was held in the Aerie Home Friday evening and the Joint Convention was held at the Twin Ponds Country Club Saturday evening.

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE CONVENTION

The convention was officially called to order by State President Arthur Gonyea at 2:00 PM in the home of Utica Aerie. The Colors were presented by the Mohawk Fife & Drum Corps and State Vice President, Donald Rettinger of Toronto, Canada, led the delegation present in the singing of the National Anthems of the United States and Canada. Utica Aerie President Willie Zygus and Utica Auxiliary President Judy Maher along with State Aerie President Arthur Gonyea and State Auxiliary President Pat Fields extended greetings and wishes for a successful convention to the capacity crowd. The Honorable Louis LaPolla, Mayor of the City of Utica, William Hasenaeur, Oneida County Sheriff, Donald Youled, Supervisor of the Town of Deerfield and Gary DeStephanis, Town of Deerfield Fire Chief made everyone feel at home with their warm words of welcome and the best wishes for a happy stay while attending the convention. Grand Aerie and Grand Auxiliary Representatives Michael T. Gaffney, Financial Advisor, Robert Woodruff, Eastern Regional President, Laverne "Shorty" Weber, Grand Trustee, Jacqueline "Jackie" Spahn, Grand Madam Vice President and Carol Shay, Grand Madam Trustee all extended greetings from the Grand Aerie and Grand Auxiliary and expressed their wishes for a happy and successful convention. An excellent Keynote Address was given by Vincent Cherry, Grand Trustee. This brought the official opening ceremony to a close and a short recess was called to make the necessary arrangements for the first business session.

FIRST SESSION.

The first session was called to order, in the home of Utica Aerie, at 2:45 PM by State President, Arthur Gonyea.

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

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

1984 STATE CONVENTION COMMITTEES

BY-LAW

William Carrick, Chr., 544
Kenneth Decker, 1253
Arthur Cichon, 2692

LEGISLATIVE

Elliott Becker, Chr., 544
Milton T. Evans, 941
Richard Mayer, 52

YOUTH GUIDANCE

Wilbur Button, Chr., 616
William Christensen, 941
Walter Deyoe, 2486

CANCER RESEARCH

Carl Hickman, Chr., 2486
Robert Apgar, 1253
Raymond Sage, 52

MAX BAER HEART FUND

Francis LaVance, Chr., 2486
Merle Baylor, 941
Thomas Kauffman, 52

SOCIAL SECURITY

Gordon Brenenstuhl, Chr., 2467
William Reynolds, 616
Walter Manry, 2640

STATE SPEAKERS

Laverne Weber, Chr., 825
Kenneth Decker, 1253
Thomas Philpott, 2311

MEMBER SECURITY (NET GAIN)

James Russell, Chr., 52
Robert Butts, 941
Frank Woodcock, 1260

SCOUTING

Robert Sharkey, Chr., 52
Stanley Singer, 97
Duane Bruning, 825

JIMMY DURANTE FUND

Elliott Becker, Chr., 544
Harold Dake, 616
Ramus Culver, Jr., 2191

STATE BOWLING

Al Hubbard, Chr., 2119
Duane Kugler, 825
Edward Pakkala, 1253

HOME AND FAMILY

Gordon Brenenstuhl, Chr., 2467
Roger Cady, 2644
John Barnes, 52

MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

Duane Dennison, Chr., 2640
John Bartolota, 52
Donald Collie, 3155

STATE ATHLETIC

Mark LaRue, Chr, 616
Robert Sabourin, 52
Dave Wakins, 1260

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Laverne Graham, Chr., 825
Robert Woodruff, 52
Wayne Monroe, 941
William Carrick, 544
Donald Gregory, 97

STATE ARTHRITIS FUND

Donald Rettinger, Chr., 2311
Wilbur Button, 616
Lewis Howe, 2640

PAST STATE PRESIDENTS

Arthur Cichon, Chr., 2692
Frank Stokes, 2311
Donald Gregory, 97

CREDENTIALS

Ronald Stickney, Chr., 825
Douglas McDermott, 3904
Francis LaVance, 2486
John Lewis, Jr., 2640
Charles Poyfair, 825

PUBLICITY

William O. Zygus, Chr., 97
Robert Laughlin, 2299
Robert Brenenstuhl, 2467

RESOLUTIONS

Frank Crowley, Chr., 941
Robert Tierson, 616
Fred Osburn, 3904
Nicholas Monante, 52
Arthur Raff, 544

IN MEMORIAM

Vincent Scharf, Chr., 46
Louis Sassone, 97
Joseph Cangialosi, 52

ELECTION

Chester Halliday, Chr., 46
William Lydle, 1253
Larry Gardner, 1260
Allan Armstrong, 2311
Ralph Shipman, Sr., 544

G.A. HOSPITALITY ROOM

Ray Haggerty, Chr., 1411
William Carrick, 544
Robert Woodruff, 52

R.E.A.C.

Edwin Drake, Chr., 1253
Joseph Chalk, 941
John R. Kenney, 1411

RITUALISTIC

John Lewis, Chr., 2640
Al Hubbard, 2119
William Bell, 782
Jack Kincaid, 616
James Telba, 52

BETTER HOME TOWNS

Dave Shay, Chr., 3818
Warren Meisner, 482
James Harris, 616

FINANCE AND BUDGET

Laverne Graham, Chr., 825
Wayne Monroe, 941
Donald Rettinger, 2311

AUDITING

Ray Schnell, Chr., 616
Nicholas Hoffman, Jr., 482
Richard Updike, 941

GOLDEN EAGLE FUND

Frank Hover, Chr., 3610
Pete Cangialosi, 52
Warren Bean, 2191

JUDICIARY

Arthur Cichon, Chr., 2692
Richard Updike, 941
Walter Robords, 2640

BANQUET

James Russell, Chr., 52
Lee Christofferson, 2191
Larry McDaniel, 2640

STATE FUND RAISING

Kenneth Decker, Chr., 1253
Richard Knapp, 941
Salvatore Ventura, 2692

STATE OF THE ORDER

Thomas Philpott, Chr., 2311
Donald Gregory, 97
Wayne Monroe, 941
Robert Woodruff, 52
Laverne Graham, 825

GRIEVANCE AND APPEALS

Wilbur Button, Chr., 616
Robert Root, 3904
Theodore Eldridge, 2640

NEW AERIES

George Taillefer, Co. Chr., 4043
George Dingman, Co. Chr., 3610
Al Thornton, 2311

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Duane Dennison, Chr., 2640
David F. Cook, 482
Alvin Garren, 2119

BLOOD DONORS

Ray Haggerty, Chr., 1411
William Zygas, 97
Ralph Verno, 52

UNDER 35 CLUB

Mark LaRue, Chr., 616
Calvin Powers, 2486
Charles Simmer, 2692

FIRE AND POLICE AWARDS

David Shay, Co., Chr., 3818
Earl Willis, Co., Chr., 2311
Roger Grandchamp, 3897

REPORT OF THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

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

RULES OF THE CONVENTION:

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

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

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

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

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

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

The election shall convene in the ante room adjoining the meeting hall on Saturday, June 16, 1984 from 8 AM to 10 AM. Only official ballots to be received. The count shall begin promptly at the close of the polls and continue to the completion thereof.

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

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

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

At this time it is customary to read the Order of Business for the convention, but in view of the fact there is no great change in the procedure, as regards to previous sessions and 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.

Hearing none this report is

Respectfully submitted

Arthur Cichon, Chr., 2692
Richard Updike, 941
Walter Robords, 2649

ORDER OF BUSINESS - THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 1984

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 15, 1984

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 THE FIREMEN 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. REPORT OF THE HOME AND FAMILY COMMITTEE
21. NOMINATION OF OFFICERS
22. RECESS

ORDER OF BUSINESS - SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 1984

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 STATE PRESIDENTS COMMITTEE
18. REPORT OF THE STATE OF THE ORDER COMMITTEE
19. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
20. REPORT OF THE 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 THE STATE AERIE OFFICERS
25. ADJOURNMENT

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

The next order of business was the reading of the proceedings of the 77th State Convention, held in Olean, N.Y., on June 15, 16, 17, and 18th, 1983. State Secretary Weber started to read the same. It was moved by Duane Bruning, Lockport Aerie No. 825, and seconded by Robert Woodruff, Rochester Aerie No. 52, that the reading be dispensed with and that the State Convention proceedings be adopted as written because a copy of the proceedings had been given to every delegate and had been forwarded to every aerie in the State jurisdiction. This was approved.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

State Secretary Weber presented the following communications for disposition by the delegates.

From the Grand Aerie informing us that Michael T. Gaffney, Grand Aerie Financial Advisor; Vincent Cherry, Grand Trustee; Robert Woodruff, Eastern Regional President and Laverne "Shorty" Weber, Grand Trustee, will represent the Grand Aerie at this annual convention. Filed.

From the office of the Grand Worthy President, Official Circular No. 134 to promulgate the Amendments to the Constitution and Statutes, as adopted by the Grand Aerie Convention at Nashville, Tennessee, July 25 through July 28, 1983 and approved by the Local Aeries by Referendum. Filed.

From Grand Worthy President Pio Scagnelli with reference to Section 35.6 of the Annotated Statutes of the Fraternal Order of Eagles with regard to seating delegates at the State Aerie and Grand Aerie Convention and payment of Per Capita Tax. Filed.

From the Grand Aerie Membership Department outlining the use of the Winner Medallion as presented by Grand Worthy President Elect Russ Clark. Referred to the State Membership Department.

From the Grand Aerie Publications Department thanking New York State Aerie and Auxiliary for the ad to be placed in the Grand Aerie Convention Program Book. Filed.

From the Grand Aerie Membership Department congratulating New York State on the fine job in membership during 1983-1984. Filed.

From a majority of the Grand Aerie Officers expressing wishes for a most successful convention and a successful year ahead. Filed.

From Michael T. Gaffney, Director of the Jimmy Durante Children's Fund, enclosing a list of contributions to the fund and also a list of all grants given. Filed.

From the Grand Aerie Membership Department enclosing a listing of all new aerie surveys and commissions issued. Filed.

From the Grand Secretary's Office informing New York State Aerie that they are entitled to four votes at the Grand Aerie Convention at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Referred to the State Executive Committee.

From the Grand Aerie Convention Headquarters with information on events to be held at the Grand Aerie Convention. Filed.

Letters from State Conductor Rene Lessard and State Trustee Georges Taillefer stating they would not be candidates for State Office for the ensuing year. Referred to the State Nominating Committee.

It was moved by Brother Weber that all action during the reading of the communications be approved. This was seconded by Al Hubbard, Binghamton Aerie No. 2119 and approved.

FIRST REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

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

Grand Aerie Representatives.....	4
State Officers	11
Past State Presidents.....	9

Delegates.....	61
Alternates.....	6
Past Worthy Presidents.....	80
Total Votes.....	199
 Total Credentials Issued	 109

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

STATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Read by State President Arthur Gonyea, Glens Falls Aerie No. 2486

Grand Aerie Officers, State Officers, Distinguished Guests and my Brothers:

When I was first elected to State Office never did I dream that my year as your State President would be so fulfilling. It has been a great pleasure to serve all of you this past year. I want to thank you all for this honor. It has been a great year for me and I will always remember the aeries I have visited, the new friendships made and the warmth you have shown me wherever I visited. The meeting of old friends and talking of the past brought back many pleasant memories.

Last year my theme was "A Whirlwind Start Will Mean A Banner Year For Art..." I set my goal for 3000 new members and 2 new aeries. Well, I did not get that whirlwind start. The first two months were real slow. I fell short of my goal by 201 new members and 2 new aeries. I am proud, though, of the 2799 new members we brought into our fraternal family. For this I want to thank State Membership Director Bob Woodruff, State Secretary "Shorty" Weber and especially all of the brothers in the field who helped me.

In the past our humanitarian funds were great. This year they are again outstanding and my hopes are that your donations will be even greater than last year. You will be hearing from the State Chairman later on in the convention. In September I had the honor of presenting a \$5,000.00 check from the Art Ehrmann Cancer Fund to the Lake Champlain Cancer Research Clinic. I received a wonderful letter of thanks from them and pictures of the microscope they purchased with the money. I would like to take a few moments to read this letter to you.

To the Glens Falls Aerie and Auxiliary, I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your encouragement and support throughout the years and especially this year. To "Shorty" Weber my thanks for all your help and advice. I also wish to thank the Past State Presidents and my State Officers for their help and cooperation during my term as State President. Most of all, to all of you thanks for making my year one I can be so very proud of.

To my successor, Donald Rettinger, I wish you the very best and hope that your year will be even better than mine. I offer my help and assistance in whatever way I can.

In closing, I again say thanks for allowing me the privilege of serving as your New York State Aerie President. It is something I shall never forget. Thank you all, God bless you and may you have a safe journey home.

Respectfully submitted

Arthur Gonyea
State President

It was moved by Brother Al Lane, Tarrytown Aerie No. 1042, that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Joseph Chalk, Elmira Aerie No. 941 and approved.

Under a special order of business, State President Gonyea presented Grand Aerie Financial Advisor Michael T. Gaffney. Brother Gaffney congratulated State President Gonyea and the New York State Aerie on an outstanding year. He stated he has been involved with New York State for many years and feels he is at home. He also emphasized the importance of an active and successful aerie both numerically and financially and what the members can and must do to make this happen. He stressed the importance of officers doing their duties. In closing, he expressed his thanks for the hospitality that he has received in his many visits and extended his best wishes for a most successful convention.

STATE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Read by State Secretary Laverne "Shorty" Weber, Lockport Aerie No. 825.

Grand Aerie Representatives, State Officers and Brother Delegates,

Again it is a privilege and pleasure for me to give you this brief report on the programs and activities that have taken place in the New York State Jurisdiction over the past twelve months. Complete and detailed reports will be given by the State Committee Chairmen in relation to their respective projects.

In our new membership program, we added a total of 2799 new members to our rolls, exceeding last year's total by 220. This was accomplished only by the efforts expended by the membership department and the local aerie producers. Without the efforts and help from each and everyone of you, this could not have been accomplished. The charters of four aeries have been or are in the process of being revoked over the past year. They are Syracuse 053, Long Island City 1509, Montreal 2130 and North Montreal 3899. Without the institution of a new aerie, our New York State family drops to 53 units. The official figures from the Grand Secretary's Office show a total of 16,174 members on the New York State Aerie rolls. An increase of 100 over last year's report. As in the past, a number of aeries did not report until after the survey and were not counted.

Although we are told that inflation has been curbed, the high cost of supplies, food, travel and lodging continues to haunt all of us. We are proud, however, that none of our programs and services have been curtailed. This was due in part because so many of our State and Local leaders gave so generously of their time and efforts without any remuneration whatsoever. Our balance as of May 31st is \$5,989.40 of which \$1,973.50 is earmarked for the State Arthritis Fund leaving us a working balance of \$4,016.90. The State Secretary's financial report is on the secretary's desk, available for inspection, and will be included in the proceedings of this convention.

A nice delegation from the New York State family traveled to Nashville to take part in the business sessions of the Grand Aerie Convention and in their spare time enjoyed the hospitality of the host city. The New York State Hospitality room was superb in every way and the New York Marchers won third place in the parade. Carol Shay was re-elected Grand Madam Trustee and yours truly, "Shorty" Weber, was re-elected Grand Trustee. The appointment of Brother Robert Woodruff as Eastern Regional President put the icing on the cake.

The Fall and Spring State Officers' Conferences, held in Glens Falls and Binghamton, were well-attended and must be classed as successful and productive business and social Eagle events. You could almost say they have become a mini convention. Highlights included the selection of Rochester Aerie to host the 1985 State Aerie and State Auxiliary Convention and Binghamton as the site for the 1984 Mr. and Mrs. State Bowling Tournament. Past State President "Bob" Woodruff was appointed to serve as State Membership Director for 1984-85 and Rotterdam Aerie was chosen to host the Fall State Officer's Conference in September.

All local aeries and auxiliaries continue to donate generously to our humanitarian funds and it is because of this generosity that a number of grants have been presented to deserving institutions from the Cancer, Jimmy, Golden Eagle and Heart Funds. Two seven thousand dollar (\$7,000.00) grants were presented, from the State Arthritis Fund, by Rochester and Tonawandas Aeries. Our annual parade of checks, for all the humanitarian funds, will be held later during this convention and it is quite possible we will surpass the splendid efforts of last year.

Participation and interest in all of our State Athletic Programs grows steadily each year. Our sports programs include the bowling tournament just finished in Watertown, our softball tournament which will be held in Addison in August, the Mr. and Mrs. Bowling Tournament to be held in Binghamton during October and our annual golf tournament held just prior to the opening of this convention.

My Brothers, I have only touched on the high points of our many State activities and programs. Under the capable leadership of State President Arthur Gonyea and State Membership Director "Woody" Woodruff, New York has had another banner year. There is nothing more gratifying that a job well done and all of the credit must go to our State and Local Leaders, the Committee Chairmen and their workers, and most of all, to all of you, the unsung heroes, who have made it all possible. You are the ones that make the wheels go around.

Looking ahead to 1984-85, under the capable leadership of Donald Rettinger and "Bob" Woodruff, I say we just cannot help but have another outstanding year.

In closing, let me say thank you to all State Officers and Local Aerie Secretaries for their assistance in helping to make my job just a little easier. My sincere thanks to my two special friends, Ken Decker and Al Lane, for their counsel and wisdom. To all of you, my thanks and best wishes for a productive and successful convention.

God bless you all, and may your journey home be safe and without incident. Most of all, may we all be together again next year.

Respectfully submitted

Laverne "Shorty" Weber
State Secretary

STATE SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL REPORT

JUNE 1, 1983 - MAY 31, 1984

RECEIPTS	NOV.	MAY	TOTAL
State Per-Capita Tax, Local Aeries	\$5,523.10	\$5,632.55	\$11,155.65
State Membership Fund	3,177.00	4,841.00	8,018.00
State Fund Raising	150.00	-0-	150.00
State Arthritis Fund	6,028.85	1,295.07	7,323.92
State Legislative Fund	50.00	-0-	50.00
State Convention Credentials Committee	2,190.00	-0-	2,190.00
Grand Aerie Hospitality Room and Parade	100.00	784.69	884.69
1984 State Convention Advance	-0-	1,000.00	1,000.00
Bank Interest	334.38	174.21	508.59
State Aux. Ad in G.A. Conven. Journal-1984	-0-	-0-	-0-
State Emblem Pins	-0-	-0-	-0-
State Aux. Convention Badges-1983	97.99	-0-	97.99
State Aux. Convention Badges-1984	-0-	110.86	110.86
State Aux. - 1/2 Cost State Banner	85.60	-0-	85.60
G.A. Convention Parade Prize-1983	75.00	-0-	75.00
Totals	\$17,811.92	\$13,838.38	\$31,650.30

EXPENDITURES

State Secretary's Salary	\$, 466.50	\$, 466.50	\$, 933.00
State Treasurer's Allowance	50.00	50.00	100.00
State President's Visits - Gonyea	114.55	917.05	1,031.60
State President's Visits - Graham	162.50	-0-	162.50
Various Assignments	1,107.31	887.70	1,995.01
State Telephone and Telegraph	373.97	404.93	778.90
State Treasurer's Office Expense	53.00	50.80	103.80
State Membership Awards	563.70	1,354.35	1,918.05
State Convention Misc. Expense-1983	2,414.36	-0-	2,414.36
State Officers Bond	26.25	-0-	26.25
Ad in G.A. Convention Journal-1984	-0-	200.00	200.00
Ad in State Convention Journal-1984	-0-	120.00	120.00
State Secretary's Office Expense	12.35	250.77	263.12
Firemen and Policemen Award Plaques-1983 ...	90.00	-0-	90.00
State Postage	502.39	507.78	1,010.17
Social Security Tax	67.00	67.75	134.75
Delegates to G.A. Convention-1983	700.00	-0-	700.00
Canadian Debit	109.79	114.84	224.63
State Arthritis Fund Grants	14,000.00	-0-	14,000.00
State Legislative Committee Expense	-0-	-0-	-0-
Grand Aerie Hospitality Room Expense-1983 ...	626.71	-0-	626.71
State Printing	443.76	295.64	739.40
Floral Sprays	-0-	-0-	-0-
State Membership Meetings	1,050.44	924.65	1,975.09
State Membership Office Expense	29.65	11.80	41.45
State Officer's Fall Conference	2,134.75	-0-	2,134.75
State Officer's Spring Conference	-0-	1,716.90	1,716.90
Eastern Regional Conf. Expense - Stroudsburg ...	1,038.40	-0-	1,038.40
Grand Aerie Supplies	68.65	-0-	68.65
State Auxiliary Convention Advance	-0-	500.00	500.00
Printing 1983 Convention Journal	-0-	1,851.10	1,851.10
State Convention Expense-1984	-0-	352.90	352.90
State Convention Assignments-1983	2,832.25	-0-	2,832.25
State Aux. - Grand Aerie Parade Prize 1983 ...	75.00	-0-	75.00
State Aerie and State Aux. Banner	175.00	-0-	175.00
Bank Charges	1.00	1.00	2.00
Totals	\$29,289.28	\$11,046.46	\$40,335.74

RECAPITULATION

Balance as of June 1, 1983	\$ 14,474.84
Receipts	<u>31,650.30</u>
	46,125.14
Expenditures	<u>40,335.74</u>
Balance as of May 31, 1984	\$ 5,789.40

It was moved by Brother Weber that the report be accepted as read. This was seconded by Wilbur Button, Olean Aerie No. 616 and carried.

FIRST REPORT OF THE BY-LAW COMMITTEE

Given by Kenneth Decker, Ithaca Aerie No. 1253

Brother Delegates:

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

Respectfully submitted

William Carrick, Chr., 544
Kenneth Decker, 1253
Arthur Cichon, 2692

It was moved by Brother Decker, seconded by Duane Bruning, Lockport Aerie No. 825, that the report be adopted as given. This was approved.

STATE TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Brother Delegates:

To the Officers and members of the New York State Aerie assembled at our seventy eighth Annual Convention in Utica, New York, I submit the following report as a true balance of the New York State Account as of May 31, 1984. This account is verified by the auditors of the Tompkins County Trust., Ithaca, New York.

Balance - June 1, 1983	\$ 14,474.84
Receipts	31,915.90
Total	\$ 46,390.74
Disbursements:	
Checks 3994 thru 4044 and 101 thru 269	\$ 40,374.71
Canadian Debit	224.63
Bank Charges	2.00
Total	\$ 40,601.34
Total Receipts	\$ 46,390.74
Total Expenses	40,601.34
Balance - May 31, 1984	\$ 5,789.40

Respectfully submitted

Kenneth Decker
State Treasurer

It was moved by Brother Decker that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by James Telban, Rochester Aerie No. 52 and carried.

REPORT OF THE PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Read by Willie Zygas, Chr., Utica Aerie No. 97

Brother Delegates:

It is my pleasure to report that the publicity committee for the seventy-eighth State Convention has been busy doing its job. A great deal of advance publicity has been received from the local newspaper, radio and TV station. Coverage will be made throughout the convention and special coverage will be made at the Annual Banquet on Saturday evening.

Respectfully submitted

William O. Zygas, Chr., 97
Robert Laughlin, 2299
Robert Brennstuhl, 2467

It was moved by Brother Zygas that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Earl Willis, Maple Leaf Aerie No. 2311 and approved.

A number of announcements were then made with regard to committee meetings, hospitality rooms and banquets. A short discussion followed with regard to sending plaques to the cities of Buffalo and Yonkers in honor of the fire fighters who have lost their lives in the line of duty during a major crisis. It was moved by Willie Zygas, Utica Aerie No. 97, seconded by Sam Venutura, Depew-Lancaster Aerie No. 2692, that plaques be sent to the cities mentioned honoring the firemen that lost their lives. This was approved. Laverne "Shorty" Weber, Grand Trustee, thanked all for their support throughout the year and commended the State Officers on a job well done. A recess was then called at 4:30 PM to meet again Friday morning at 10:00 o'clock.

STATE OFFICER'S BANQUET

On Thursday, June 14th, 1984, the Annual State Officer's Banquet was held at the Sheridan Hotel in the Adirondack Room beginning at 6:30 PM. All of the State Officers were in attendance. Also among those present were Zone Directors Hover, McDermott, Thornton and Grandchamp. Past State Presidents present were Lane, Decker, Cichon, Monroe, McNally, Philpot, Woodruff, Carrick and Weber. Grand Aerie Representatives present were Michael T. Gaffney, Grand Aerie Financial Advisor, Vincent Cherry, Grand Trustee and Harry Woodruff, Past Regional President. Following a delicious dinner a short State Officers meeting was held.

SECOND SESSION

The second session of the 78th Annual Convention of the New York State Aerie was convened by State President Arthur Gonyea at 10:00 AM Friday, June 15th, 1984.

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

REPORT OF THE GRAND AERIE HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

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

Brother Delegates:

The Grand Aerie Hospitality Room Committee would like to thank all of the brothers and sisters who helped in any way to keep the refreshments available in the hospitality room at the Grand Aerie Convention in Nashville.

Our fund raising project for the past year netted a total of \$723.69. The winner of the luggage was Gary Huyck of Endicott Aerie No. 2269. Our sincere thanks to all who participated and to all who helped fill the suitcase.

As usual the delegation from New York can be very proud of the hospitality room and especially of the guys and gals who gave of their time to enter the Grand Aerie Parade. The competition was rough but the New Yorkers finished 3rd as a marching unit.

Respectfully submitted

Ray P. Haggerty, Chr., 1411
William Carrick, 544
Robert Woodruff, 52

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

REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

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

Grand Aerie Representatives, State Officers and Brother Delegates:

The Eagles Memorial Foundation was founded in 1944 to offer health and educational aide to children of Eagle Servicemen who lost their lives in the armed services of their country during World War II.

The children of members of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Ladies Auxiliary to the Fraternal Order of Eagles who die from injuries or diseases incurred or aggravated in the line of duty while serving in the armed services, as law enforcement officers or as full-time or volunteer fire-fighters are eligible for medical benefits until they reach the age of 18 unless married or self-supporting before then and educational assistance until the age of 25 unless married and self-supporting before then.

Grants are available from the Memorial Foundation under the name of the "Golden Eagle Fund" to provide assistance to institutions or organizations which care for or help older people.

For more information, the committee suggests you contact the Grand Aerie Programs and Activities Department in Milwaukee.

Respectfully submitted

Duane Dennison, Chr., 2640
John Bartolotta, 52
Donald Collie, 3155

It was moved by Brother Dennison that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Charles Straub, Glens Falls Aerie No. 2486 and approved.

REPORT OF THE BLOOD DONORS COMMITTEE

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

State Officers and Brother Delegates:

The blood donor program is a very important one, in fact it is a gift of life to many, and it takes so little of ones self.

The local Red Cross is usually more than happy to set up a blood bank if your Aerie can meet the basic requirements, which are few. Members who are 18 years of age or over can give blood if they are in good health. We urge you to go back to your Aerie and encourage your Aerie to set up a blood donor program. All you have to do is pick a date, contact the Red Cross and they will be happy to help with the details.

We have learned that one Eagle member has donated 23 gallons of blood. He is Ronald Brown of Hornell Aerie No. 2640. He is truly an Eagle who cares. The only other reports are from Depew-Lancaster Aerie No. 2692 and Olean Aerie No. 616 where a total of 68 pints have been donated.

The committee wishes to thank State President Gonyea for the privilege of serving on this committee.

Respectfully submitted

Ray Haggerty, Chr., 1411
William Zygas, 97
Ralph Verno, 52

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

REPORT OF THE SCOUTING COMMITTEE

Read by Duane Bruning, Lockport Aerie No. 825

Grand Aerie Representatives, State Officers and Brother Delegates:

Our Committee has received several reports on scouting programs sponsored by Eagle clubs. We are sure that there are several other Aeries that have scouting programs but have not reported to this committee.

Highlights from the reports received are:

Rochester Aerie No. 52: Troop 452 sponsored by Rochester Aerie is still going strong. The boys are very active and are involved in all aspects of scouting and community service. They assist in many functions put on by the Aerie. Out of Troop 452 have come several Eagle Scouts of which we are very proud. The boys meet at the Aerie home on Wednesday nights and soon will be going on their yearly campout.

Jamestown Aerie No. 2145: Jamestown Aerie is still sponsoring the troop for handicapped Boy Scouts and are also doing great things. They have been going strong for eleven years and every scout is either physically, mentally or visually handicapped.

Lockport Aerie No. 825: In our second year of sponsoring Scout Troop 82, we have grown from nine members to sixteen. Two of the boys are well on their way to making Eagle Scout. They assist the Aerie and auxiliary in some club activities such as helping on breakfasts and charity functions and working on the shrubs outside the home. The troop worked with another troop for a special exhibit at the Scout-A-Rama this spring. We at Lockport Aerie are striving to make our scouting program grow to help our youth be successful.

My Brothers, more scouts troops are needed throughout the State and the Nation. Anyone interested in sponsoring a troop should contact their local Scouting Council.

Respectfully submitted

Robert Sharkey, 52
Duane Bruning, 825
Stanley Singer, 97

After reading the report, Brother Bruning stated he had just received a report from Glens Falls Aerie who sponsor Troop #19. It was started in April 1984, with a membership of 22 Boy Scouts. They have already served the Aerie as a Color Guard for functions and they will become more involved as time goes by.

A motion was made by Brother Bruning that the report be adopted as given. This was seconded by Charles Straub, Glens Falls Aerie No. 2486 and carried.

FIRST REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

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

WHEREAS, the delegates to the Grand Aerie Convention travel great distances from every point on the North American Continent to the Convention City, using every form of transportation, public and private, in the air, on the land and on water, and through no fault of their own could suffer grave injury and/or death enroute to or return from said Grand Aerie Convention,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the delegates to the Grand Aerie Convention be extended the benefits of the Memorial Foundation if death occurs traveling directly to said convention, during said convention, or returning directly home from said Grand Aerie Convention, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the benefits of the Memorial Foundation be extended to cover Grand Aerie and Grand Auxiliary Officers on official assignments, Regional Aerie and Auxiliary Officers on official assignments and to State and/or Provincial Aerie and Auxiliary Officers on official assignments, and

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

This resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of Elmira Aerie No. 941.

ATTES: James Laskaris, Secretary

A motion was made by Brother Crowley that the resolution be adopted as read. This was seconded by Charles Straub, Glens Falls Aerie No. 2486 and approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

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

WHEREAS, Section 116.1 of the Annotated Constitution and Statutes of the Fraternal Order of Eagles permits a local Aerie to authorize the organization of local Internal Units, such as clubs, teams and family groups, which shall be subject to the control of the Aerie and to the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Aerie, and

WHEREAS, an Eagles Sportsmen Club does not fall in the category of clubs as interpreted in said section 116.1, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 116.1 of the Annotated Constitution and Statutes of the Fraternal Order of Eagles be amended to specifically include Eagle Sportsman club or clubs as an Internal Unit, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Grand Aerie for further consideration at the Grand Aerie Convention in Milwaukee.

This resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of Rochester Aerie No. 52 on March 15th, 1984.

ATTES: Robert Woodruff, Secretary

Respectfully submitted

Frank Crowley, Chr., 941
Robert Tierson, 616
Fred Osburn, 3904
Nicholas Monante, 52
Arthur Raff, 544

A motion was made by Brother Crowley that the resolution be adopted as read. This was seconded by Charles Straub, Glens Falls Aerie No. 2486 and approved.

REPORT OF THE STATE BOWLING COMMITTEE

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

Brother Delegates:

The 37th Annual New York State Bowling Tournament was conducted during March, April and May in Watertown Aerie No. 782 in Watertown, N.Y. The tournament was a great success and the Watertown Aerie must be congratulated for the excellent job which made the tournament such a success.

A total of 143 teams participated in the tournament. Many hours of fun and entertainment were enjoyed by the bowlers and visitors throughout the tournament at the Eagles Home. The committee from Watertown asks that we express their thanks for the support they received.

Oneonta Aerie No. 1260 was selected to host the 1985 State Tournament at the regular meeting of the New York State F.O.E. Bowling Association held in Watertown, New York.

Following is the financial report for the 37th annual tournament.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE 1984 NEW YORK STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT

RECEPITS:

Balance as of January 1, 1984	\$ 3,113.36
Total Receipts from Entry Fees	14,608.60
TOTAL	\$ 17,721.96

EXPENDITURES:

Watertown Bowl, 6435 games at 95 cents per game	\$ 6,113.25
Stanley Bartlett, Tournament Secy., 6435 games at 15 cents per game	965.25
Stanley Bartlett, Scorekeepers, 6435 games at 10 cents per game	643.50
Stanley Bartlett, Clerical - Writing prize money checks	15.00
Total Prize Money	5,111.00
Bowling Directors Annual Meeting (Watertown)	531.10
Joseph Kibler, Bowling Association Secy. Salary	50.00
Joseph Kibler, Office Supplies, Postage, Telephone	23.00
Edward Pakkala, Special Assignment	50.00
Bank Charges, returned check	4.00
TOTAL	\$ 13,506.10

RECAPITULATION

Balance January 1, 1984	\$ 2,228.97
Total Receipts	14,608.60
TOTAL	16,837.57
Total Expenditures	13,506.10
Balance June 12, 1984	3,331.47

Respectfully submitted

Al Hubbard, Chr. 2119
Duane Kugler, 825
Edward Pakkala, 1253

It was moved by Brother Hubbard, seconded by Theodore Eldridge, Hornell Aerie No. 2640, that the report be adopted as presented. This was approved.

State Secretary Weber reported that at the Annual Meeting of the State Bowling Association, F.O.E. held in the City of Watertown on June 3, 1984. two amendments to the Bowling Association By-Laws were presented and approved by a two-thirds vote of representatives present, in concurrence with the Board of Directors, and they now ask for consideration from this body. 1 - Article 4, Section 8: Add the following sentence: All such letters to be separate letters and such letters must be in the hands of the Association Secretary two (2) weeks prior to the date of the Annual Meeting. Article 4, Section 8 would then read as follows: All letters of approval from home Aeries for Director, Association Secretary and Tournaments must be signed by the Aerie Secretary after Aerie approval. NO LETTERS TO BE COMBINED. All such letters to be separate letters and such letters must be in the hands of the Association Secretary two (2) weeks prior to the date of the Annual Meeting. 2 - Article 6, Section 3: Add the following sentence: All such letters to be in the hands of the Association Secretary two (2) weeks prior to the date of the Annual Meeting. Article 6, Section 3 would then read as follows: Each Aerie which has had one or more teams entered in the tournament just preceding, shall be entitled to one vote on all elections and business which may be presented to the Annual Meeting. He shall also have a letter stating he is the qualified representative from his Aerie. All such letters to be in the hands of the Association Secretary two (2) weeks prior to the date of the Annual Meeting.

It was moved by Brother Weber, seconded by Raymond Sage, Rochester Aerie No. 52, that the amendments to the F.O.E. State Bowling Association By-Laws be approved as presented. This was carried.

SECOND REPORT OF THE BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Given by Kenneth Decker, Ithaca Aerie No. 1253

The committee is happy to report that no requests for changes to the New York State Aerie By-Laws have been received.

Respectfully submitted

William Carrick, Chr., 544
Kenneth Decker, 1253
Arthur Cichon, 2692

It was moved by Donald Rettinger, Maple Leaf Aerie No. 2311, that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by David Shay, Horseheads Aerie No. 3818, and approved.

REPORT OF THE STATE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Read by Elliott Becker, Chr., Empire Aerie No. 544

Grand Aerie Representatives, State Officers and Brother Delegates:

As you know, the cost of the postage Stamp is going up in September. There is not much we can do about this. However, we can do something in the future.

Senator Alfonse D'Amato, who is a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, and his colleagues have kept the cost from going even higher with the continuation of Resolution H.J. Res 413 now P.L. 98-151. A letter explaining this in more detail has been sent to all aerie secretaries. If each Aerie would have a few members send a postcard to Senator D'Amato in support of continuing Resolution P.L. 98-151, it could help in keeping any future costs down.

Now we get to Assemblywoman Lipschutz. She is proposing an amendment to Section Nine of Article One of the Constitution relative to authorizing slot machines. This resolution would amend the constitution to permit slot machines in certain areas of the state after local approval. The state would in turn receive revenue in the form of a tax on the machines. A state-wide proposition on the amendment would be submitted to the voters if this resolution is passed by two separately elected legislatures in 1984 and 1985.

I believe that if this amendment is passed, we will have a foot in the door to legalizing Games of Change. Maybe in time slot machines.

A more detailed report on this bill will be mailed to all Aerie secretaries in the near future. Once again I ask for your help by sending a letter or postcard to Assemblywoman Lipschutz.

Respectfully submitted

Elliott Becker Chr., 544
Milton T. Evans, 941
Richard Mayer, 52

A motion was made by Brother Becker, seconded by Robert Saborian, Rochester Aerie No. 52, that the report be adopted. This was approved.

REPORT OF THE IN MEMORIAM COMMITTEE

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

My Brother Delegates:

"Old age is the most unexpected of all things that happen to a man.", wrote L. Trotsky.

A Russian proverb says, "Life is unbearable, but death is not so pleasant either."

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

They valued Liberty, cherished and practiced Truth were imbued with a sense of Justice and fair in the performance of Equality.

Naturally, time will not permit the individual intonement of each of our dear departed brothers, but suffice to say "They were dear to us and we loved them as brothers."

So, it is with sad and heavy heart that I ask the assembled brothers, at the rap of the gavel, to rise and stand in silent meditation while I call upon Past State Trustee Chester P. Halliday of Buffalo Aerie No. 46 to offer prayer for all our beloved dead.

The delegates stood in silence as Brother Halliday offered a short prayer.

We, your Committee, propose that the 1984 State Convention be closed in memory of Past State President Herbert K. Old and that a half page in the State Proceedings be dedicated to this action.

Respectfully submitted

Vincent Scharf, Chr. 46
Louis Sassone, 97
Joseph Cangialosi 52

It was moved by Brother Scharf and seconded by Nicholas Morante, Rochester Aerie No. 52, that the report be adopted as read. This was approved.

REPORT OF THE STATE ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

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

Brother Delegates:

The State Athletic committee met in the home of Addison Aerie to discuss the upcoming 5th Annual Softball tournament. August 17th, 18th and 19th were selected as the dates to play ball. Doug McDermott, local chairman, has promised all a fun weekend, weather permitting. Applications and other pertinent information has been mailed to all aerie secretaries and the deadline for accepting applications will be July 9th.

On Wednesday, June 13th, 34 Aerie members from around the State and Eastern Canada gathered at Twin Ponds Golf and Country Club for the annual pre-convention Golf Tournament. This annual event is one most of us look forward to every convention. Everyone seemed to have a good time including Brothers Haggerty and Rettinger, who had their hands full keeping Mikey pointed in the right direction.

The low gross trophy went to Bob Mould of Utica who shot a 78. The low net trophy went to Jim Telban of Rochester with a score of 73. The "Kenny Decker-Ralph Pauly" Traveling Trophy will remain in Utica through the efforts of Bob Mould.

After all the bills were paid, there was a profit of \$73.25. After a short discussion, the Golfers voted unanimously to donate this money to the Golden Eagle Fund.

Respectfully submitted

Mark LaRue, Chr., 616
Robert Sabourin, 52
Dave Wakins, 1260

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

REPORT OF THE POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS COMMITTEE

Given by David Shay, Co., Chr., Horseheads Aerie No 3818

Brother Shay gave an extemporaneous report expressing his thanks and appreciation for the support the brothers have given this committee over the past years. He stated, however, that the response from local Aeries, with recommendations of individuals to receive these awards, this past year has been very poor. Brother Shay outlined the guidelines to be followed by local Aeries when submitting a recommendation and urged all brothers to be more

conscious of acts of heroism by police and firefighters in their community and have their Aerie send in a letter of recommendation. He outlined the benefits available to Police and Firefighters through the Eagles Memorial Foundation and suggested that these benefits be explained to potential members who are in these professions. Brother Shay stated the Firemen Award for 1983 will be presented to Larry Mitchell from Addison, N.Y. During the Annual Canoe Derby, held on May 7, 1983, he rescued participants in the race from the swirling waters of Canisteo River three different times. The award will be presented at a later date.

Respectfully submitted

Dave Shay, Co. Chr., 2818
Earl Willis, Co. Chr., 2311
Roger Grandchamp, 3897

A motion was made by Brother Shay that the report be adopted as given. This was seconded by Mark LaRue, Olean Aerie No. 616, and approved.

SECOND REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

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

Grand Aerie Representatives	4
State Officers	11
Past State Presidents	9
Delegates	66
Alternates	86
Past Worthy Presidents	86
Total Votes	211
Total Credentials Issued	117

It was moved by Brother Stickney, seconded by Mark LaRue, Olean Aerie No. 616 that the report be adopted as read. This was approved.

REPORT OF THE STATE MEMBERSHIP EDIRECTOR

Read by Robert "Woody" Woodruff, State Membership Director, Rochester Aerie No. 52

Brother Delegates:

Not being able to overcome the slow start we encountered at the beginning of the year was one of the big factors in not reaching the 3000 new member goal that State President Art and I set last June when we started. But, I will take the 2799 new members we got along the way and I know Brother Art is pleased as well. We know it was all of you that made this possible. All you Eagles who went out and signed up a new member for the New York State Aerie. From the entire New York State Membership Department, we thank you for the 110 percent effort given.

The Early Bird Campaign, during June, July and August put 440 new members on the rolls. The State Secretary's Campaign was held during the month of September and 222 more new members were added. Lockport Aerie No. 825 captured the most new member plaque and the percentage gain plaque went to Elmont Aerie No. 3128. The November Hunters Campaign, one of our bigger campaigns so far, brought in another 273 new members. Rochester Aerie No. 52 took the Hunter's Trophy by reporting the most new members and

Ossining Aerie No. 1545 took the Membership Percent Gain Trophy. The Football Campaign during October, November and December gave us a total of 704 new members. Ossining Aerie No. 1545 captured the 'HARRY WOODRUFF' Traveling Award for the best percentage gain for the three month period. As we moved into 1984 and the State President's Campaign in January, we chalked up a big 278 to our growing membership total. Watertown Aerie No. 782 took home the State President's Trophy and also the State Membership Trophy for reporting the most new members and the best percentage gain. A disappointing February and Police and Firemen Campaign only gave us 166 new members to add to our rolls. Special plaques were presented to the Aerie in each zone reporting the greatest percentage gain. Batavia No. 2348, Cortland No. 2191, Glens Falls No. 2486 and Ossining No. 1545. No new members were reported in Zone 5 during February. The Under 35 Campaign in March brought in a great big 388. Watertown took home the plaque for reporting the most new members and the percentage gain plaque went to Fort Erie No. 3155. The Old Timers Campaign during April added another 345, a few less than the Under 35'ers. Ossining Aerie No. 1545 again a winner and taking the traveling "AL LANE CUP" with a whopping 50 percentage gain. Honoring the State and Local Membership Directors during May gave us another 256 members and giving us a grand total for the year of 2799.

Our Quota Aeries reached a total of 38 this year leaving 17 Aeries not making their quota. Following are the members of the Quota Aerie Group for 1983-1984:

Watertown #782	Quota	X 17	Mississauga #3806	Quota	X 2
Schenectady #514	"	X 5	Addison #3904	"	X 2
Elmont #3128	"	X 5	Auburn #96	"	"
Utica #97	"	X 4	Middletown #544	"	"
Ossining #1545	"	X 4	Olean #616	"	"
Corning #2299	"	X 4	Lockport #825	"	"
Dunkirk #2447	"	X 4	Ithaca #1253	"	"
Saratoga Springs #2586	"	X 4	Tonawandas #1411	"	"
St-Lin #3897	"	X 4	Binghamton #2119	"	"
Ferme-Neuve #4043	"	X 4	Jamestown #2145	"	"
Cortland #2191	"	X 3	Endicott #2269	"	"
Hoosick Falls #2467	"	X 3	Toronto #2311	"	"
Johnson City #2644	"	X 3	Batavia #2348	"	"
Mont-Laurier #3993	"	X 3	Hornell #2640	"	"
Rochester #52	"	X 2	Cobleskill #2645	"	"
Gloversville #482	"	X 2	Shawinigan #3810	"	"
Glens Falls #2486	"	X 2	Horseheads #3818	"	"
Depew-Lancaster #2692	"	X 2	Canajoharie #3846	"	"
Rotterdam #3610	"	X 2	Terrebonne #3981	"	"

Our State Campaigns and Programs set up for the year went over very well. The Individual Producers in each Aerie did the job for us this year and made the final total great. Our awards program was our thanks to you for a job well done. There were 130 three member producers and each received New York State Pin. Wallets were presented to 34 members who signed up ten or more members and 5 members received a \$25.00 cash award for producing twenty five or more new members. They are as follows: Willard Blair, Mel Bary, Wes Backus and G. Johnson all of Watertown Aerie No. 782 and Stewart Thomas of Dunkirk Aerie No. 2447. Top producer for the year was W. Blair of Watertown with 42 new members and for his efforts received a \$50.00 cash award. In second spot and receiving a \$25.00 cash award was Mel Bary, also of Watertown, with 33 new members. A complete list of the leading producers and members of the Big Ten Club is attached and will be a part of this report.

As I stated at the start of this year, it would be a long hard road to overcome the odds and beat the gals of our great auxiliary. The price again has to be paid by Brother Art and myself. Next year will be different. Sure it's been fun, but the days of odds making are over. We shall decide and negotiate our campaign against the gals amicable and not as in the past.

Our general membership meeting is scheduled for 4 o'clock this afternoon and all interested members are invited to take part in discussing plans and ideas for our awards and campaigns for our new year. Let's put together some great ideas for our incoming State President Don and give him one of the greatest years ever.

In closing, let me once again say thank you to all of you who worked so hard for us this year. To the Zone and District Directors a mere thank you is not enough. You guys are the hub that makes this big wheel go around. My thanks also to all the Past State Presidents for their help and support. Last but not least, to Al Lane, Ken Decker and Shorty Weber my very special thanks for giving me the tools of the trade. Without your help I would not have been able to do the job. Thank you for your confidence in letting me serve as your State Membership Director another year.

God bless you all and with his help, may you all have a safe journey home

Respectfully submitted

Robert "Woody" Woodruff
State Membership Director

Leading Producers and members of the exclusive 25 Club and the New York Big Ten Association for the 1983-1984 year:

NAME	AERIE	MEMBERS REPORTED
W. Blair	Watertown #782	42
M. Bray	Watertown #782	33
W. Backus	Watertown #782	27
G. Johnson	Watertown #782	25
S. Thomas	Dunkirk #2447	25
C. Burg	Depew-Lancaster #2692	24
J. Steady	Glens Falls #2486	23
P. Diamond	Rochester #52	21
H. Royer	Saratoga Springs #2586	21
J. Harvey	Ossining #1545	21
R. Woodruff	Rochester #52	20
M. Bann	Utica #97	17
C. Poyfair	Lockport #825	16
K. Decker	Ithaca #1253	16
D. Mullen	Glens Falls #2486	16
W. Bell	Watertown #782	15
G. Spink	Ossining #1545	15
G. Grant	Watertown #782	14
J. Lewis	Hornell #2640	14
A. Dobranski	Watertown #782	14
R. Grandchamp	St. Lin #3897	13
K. Wormley, Sr.	Addison #3904	13
S. Bartlett	Watertown #782	13
T. Smith	Watertown #782	12
W. Bean	Cortland #2191	12
S. Hoffman	Gloversville #482	11
D. Bruning	Lockport #825	11

N. D'Ambrusio	Rochester #52	11
W. Price	Johnson City #2644	11
G. Corbett	Watertown #782	10
D. Cowan	Watertown #782	10
R. Hayward	Johnson City #2644	10
H. Seab	Terrebonne #3981	10
K. Morrissey	Glens Falls #2486	10

A motion was made by Brother Woodruff that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by William Christensen, Elmira Aerie #941 and carried.

After the adoption of the report, Brother Woodruff gave out several individual producer awards. Brother Woodruff then presented a desk diary to Grand Aerie Financial Advisor Michael Gaffney.

REPORT OF THE NEW AERIES COMMITTEE

Given by Georges Taillefer, Co., Chr., Ferme-Neuve Aerie No. 4043

Brother Delegates:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank State President Arthur Gonyea for giving me the privilege of serving on this committee.

Although there was a great deal of activity around the State in connection with new Aerie sites and the organization of new Aeries, I am sorry to report no new units were added to our New York State Eagle Family during the past year.

Let us all go back to our home Aeries and investigate the possibilities of organizing a new Aerie in our particular section of the State.

Respectfully submitted

Georges Taillefer, Co., Chr., #4043
George Dingman, Co., Chr., #3610
Al Thornton, #2311

Brother Taillefer moved that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Robert Saborian, Rochester Aerie #52 and approved.

REPORT OF THE STATE ARTHRITIS COMMITTEE

Read by Donald Rettinger, Chr., Maple Leaf Aerie No. 2311

Brother Delegates:

When I last gave you a report on this fund, the balance was in the neighborhood of \$6,000.00. There were several large donations this past year from the State Auxiliary, Rochester Aerie and Tonawanda Aerie. When you add this to the amount received at the Parade of Checks at last year's convention to amount in the fund climbed to over \$15,000.00.

Two grants of \$7,000.00 each were made last September from this fund. One to Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester and the other to the Western New York Arthritis Foundation in Buffalo. Again it is hoped the local Aerie received the publicity due us when these grants were presented.

Thank you again, my brothers, for your support of this fund and for your generosity over the years. Since this fund was started five years ago, over \$30,000.00 has been given out in grants and over \$32,000.00 have been donated to the fund. Something to be proud of, I would say.

Let us now proceed with the Parade of Checks after which we will give you a complete and final report.

Respectfully submitted

Donald Rettinger, Chr., #2311
Wilbur Button, #616
Lewis Howe, #2640

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE ARTHRITIS FUND

JULY 1, 1983 - MAY 31, 1984

Rochester Aerie #53	\$ 1,215.00
New York State Auxiliary	860.57
Tonawanda Aerie # 1411	330.50
Gloversville Aerie #482	50.00
State Arthritis Committee	150.07
Total	\$2,606.14

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AT THE CONVENTION

Elmira Aerie #941	\$ 300.00
Tonawandas Aerie #1411	296.00
Tonawandas Aerie #1411 R.E.A.C. Club	25.00
Empire Aerie #544	100.00
Hornell Aerie #2640	225.00
Olean Aerie #616	600.00
Gloversville Aerie #482	50.00
Maple Leaf Aerie #2311	370.00
Rochester Aerie #52	600.00
Schenectady Aerie #514	250.00
Glens Falls Aerie #2486	586.67
Binghamton Aerie #2119	50.00
Total	\$ 3,452.67
Previous Contributions	\$ 2,606.14
State Convention Donations	3,452.67
Overall Total	\$ 6,058.81

It was moved by Brother Rettinger that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Earl Willis, Maple Leaf Aerie #2311 and approved.

REPORT OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY COMMITTEE

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

Brother Officers and Delegates:

Social Security is one of the first things that a person thinks of when they approach retirement age. They know that they can receive a check when they retire, but that's about all they are sure of.

Correct information about Social Security may change as time passes. Before anyone acts upon retirement they should contact a Social Security Office to get up-to-date information. Often this is put off too long and there is a delay in checks or insurance coverage. This can be avoided by contacting your Social Security Office by phone or in person. The people are there to help you.

Before you can get retirement checks you must have credit for work covered by Social Security. The exact amount of credits depends on your age.

You are the only person that can decide the time you retire. There will be many things involved in your decision. A company pension, your health, your financial situation or your ability to keep working will influence your decision. Another factor is a three percent increase for each year that you work past 65.

Even if you don't retire, it's important to contact your Social Security Office two or three months before you or your spouse reach age 65 to arrange for your Medicare health insurance protection to start at 65. If you wait until you reach 65 or later you will lose one or more months of Medicare insurance protection. This is important because many health insurance plans adjust their coverage when a person reaches 65. By all means get in touch with the agent where you pay health insurance and discuss your needs in relation to Medicare protection.

Benefit payments will vary. Once you are on the Social Security Rolls, your checks will automatically increase to keep pace with the cost of living. If you continue to work, you can earn up to \$6,900.00 and still receive all benefits due you.

Beginning in 1984, up to half of your Social Security benefits could be taxed if your adjusted gross income is more than \$25,000 for a single person or \$32,000.00 for a married couple.

If you are planning on retiring soon, please contact your Social Security Office about six months ahead of your retirement date. Make sure you take your birth certificate, your W-2 forms for the past two years and your marriage license if your spouse is eligible for benefits.

This report is submitted with the hope that any information it contains will be of help to anyone that is considering retirement.

Respectfully submitted

Gordon Brenenstuhl, Chr., #2467
William Reynolds, #616
Walter Manry, #2640

Brother Brenenstuhl moved that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Robert Butts, Elmira Aerie #941 and approved.

REPORT OF THE UNDER 35 CLUB COMMITTEE

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

Brother Delegates:

As we have received no reports from any Aeries with regards to an Under 35 Club, this report will be very brief.

Although there are very few active Under 35 Clubs in the New York State and Eastern Canada jurisdiction, we do know that no organization will do very well without the ideas, activities and leadership of the younger generation. The Under 35 Club has its own Constitution, By-Laws and Treasury. It is, however, under the jurisdiction and control of the Aerie By-Laws and the Statutes of the Order.

The Under 35 Club can be a great asset to your Aerie. This committee urges all Aeries to strongly consider the organization of an Under 35 Club. It could be your survival.

Respectfully submitted

Mark LaRue, Chr. #616
Calvin Powers, #2492
Charles Simmer, #2692

A motion was made by Brother LaRue, seconded by Harold Dake, Olean Aerie #616, that the report be adopted as read. This was approved.

REPORT OF THE STATE FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

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

As we have done so often in the past, we ask the Aeries to do whatever they can for the State Fund. As you all know, these contributions are strictly voluntary.

Checks in the amount of \$150.00 were received during the past year.

We understand there are a few checks here today which will be greatly appreciated. Once again, our sincere thanks to all of you. We will now accept the checks.

Respectfully submitted

Kenneth Decker, Chr., #1253
Richard Knapp, #941
Salvatore Ventura, #2692

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AT THE CONVENTION

Olean Aerie #616.....	\$100.00
Tonawandas Aerie #1411.....	50.00
Maple Leaf Aerie #2311.....	100.00
Total	\$250.00

A motion was made by Brother Decker that the report be adopted as given. This was seconded by Richard Mayer, Rochester Aerie #52 and carried.

REPORT OF THE HOME AND FAMILY COMMITTEE

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

Brother Delegates:

One of the ideals of the Fraternal Order of Eagles is the fact that much of it is built around our homes and our families. Without this, I do not think that the Eagles would be the type of organization that it is.

With a great many of us, our wives belong to the auxiliary. There are many of us that have sons and daughters that have become members. Second generation Eagles. If there was something wrong with what we are doing, this would not happen.

Family-oriented activities such as outings, picnics, camping and parties exist in great numbers in a majority of our clubs. We develop friendships among family members that carries on in all types of outside activities.

This is a trend that we have to carry on. It uses the club as a central point for all of these families and the activities that they generate. If we keep strong family ties, we will have a strong organization and all work for the same goals.

This committee believes that Home and Family is very important and recommend it be continued in all local Aeries.

Respectfully submitted

Gordon Brenenstuhl, Chr., No. 2467
Roger Cady, No. 2644
John Barnes, No. 52

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

Under a special order of business, State President Gonyea introduced Grand Trustee Vincent Charry and Grand Aerie Financial Advisor Michael Gaffney who both gave outstanding talks on the efforts put forth by the Utica Aerie and Auxiliary in making this convention such a success. Both congratulated New York State President Gonyea and the New York State Aerie on the fine year they have enjoyed and thanked everyone for the hospitality shown them.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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

State Officers and Brother Delegates:

Twenty one letters were received from local Aeries recommending their favorite son as a candidate for State Office. All of these brothers appeared before this committee and after much deliberation and consideration, we now present, as our selection for State Office for 1984-1985, the names of the following dedicated brothers:

State President.....	Donald Rettinger, Maple Leaf Aerie #2311
State Vice President.....	Ray Haggerty, Tonawandas Aerie #1411
State Chaplain.....	Al Hubbard, Binghamton Aerie #2119
State Secretary.....	Laverne "Shorty" Weber, Lockport Aerie #825
State Treasurer.....	Kenneth Decker, Ithaca Aerie #1253
State Conductor.....	Gordon Brenenstuhl, Hoosick Falls Aerie #2467
State Inside Guard.....	Duane Dennison, Hornell Aerie #2640
State Outside Guard.....	Wilbur Button, Olean Aerie #616
State Trustee.....	James Russell, Rochester Aerie #52
State Trustee.....	Robert Butts, Elmira Aerie #941
State Trustee.....	Douglas McDermott, Addison Aerie #3904
State Trustee.....	Donald Cowan, Watertown Aerie #782

Respectfully submitted

Laverne Graham, Chr., #825
William Carrick, #544
Donald Gregory, #97
Robert Woodruff, #52
Wayne Monroe, #941

A motion was made by Brother Graham that the report be adopted as presented. This was seconded by Jim Harris, Olean Aerie #616 and approved.

Following the adoption of the report, State President Gonyea called for nominations from the floor. The only contest was for the office of State Trustee. William Bell, Watertown Aerie #782 was nominated by Gordon Brenenstuhl, Hoosick falls Aerie #2467. There being no further nominations, State President Gonyea declared the nominations closed.

A motion was made by Charles Straub, Glens Falls Aerie #2486 that the secretary cast one ballot for the uncontested officers. This was seconded by Wilbur Button, Olean Aerie #616 and approved. State Secretary Weber cast one ballot for the following: State President, Donald Rettinger; State Vice President, Ray Haggerty; State Chaplain, Al Hubbard; State Secretary "Shorty" Weber; State Treasurer, Kenneth Decker; State Conductor, Gordon Brenenstuhl; State Inside Guard, Duane Dennison; State Outside Guard, Wilbur Button. State President Gonyea declared all elected to office.

State President Gonyea announced there would be five names on the ballot with four to be elected. The delegates must vote for four or the ballot would be void. Chester Halliday, chairman of the Elections Committee, stated that the elections would take place between 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Saturday morning in the room adjoining the meeting room.

A number of announcements were made with reference to committee meetings, hospitality rooms, ritual competition and the Past State Presidents' Luncheon. State President Gonyea then recessed the second session of the convention at 12:35 PM until Saturday morning at 10:00 AM.

THIRD SESSION

The third session of the 78th Annual Convention of the New York State Aerie was called to order at 10:00 AM Saturday, June 16, 1984 by State President Arthur Gonyea.

The obligation and oath of allegiance to the new members were given by Past State President Kenneth Decker, Ithaca Aerie #1253.

REPORT OF THE YOUTH GUIDANCE COMMITTEE

Given by Wilbur Button, Chr., Olean Aerie No. 616

Brother Delegates:

Although this committee has not received any reports or information, it is our feeling that a majority of the Aeries in New York and Eastern Canada are involved with the youth in their own community in one way or another.

This committee feels there are many ways for an Aerie to become involved in youth programs and that the needs of the youth vary from community to community. Sponsoring scout troops, hockey, softball or football teams or offering scholarships in schools are just a few examples.

Our youth play a very important part in today's society and even more importantly will play a major roll in the future of tomorrow. We urge every Aerie to become involved and do their part helping the youth in their community.

Respectfully submitted

Wilbur Button, Chr., #616
William Christensen, #941
Walter Deyoe, #2486

A motion was made by Brother Button that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Duane Dennison, Hornell Aerie #2640 and approved.

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

Read by Edwin Drake, Chr., Ithaca Aerie No. 1253

Grand Aerie Representatives, State Officer and Brother Delegates:

The slogan for R.E.A.C. is "Retire to Action" and that is just what the members do. They become involved in many programs and activities and look forward to the members meetings.

There are now seventeen Aeries in the New York Jurisdiction that have organized a R.E.A.C. unit. All indications are that these R.E.A.C. units are growing steadily every year. In 1982 a committee was appointed to try and form a State R.E.A.C. unit. Letters were sent to all R.E.A.C. Clubs in the State with complete information and of a general meeting scheduled in

Ithaca. The response was very poor so State President Gonyea and the committee decided to table the matter for the present time.

Detailed information on how to start a R.E.A.C. Club can be obtained from the Programs and Activities Department in Milwaukee.

Any Aerie with a R.E.A.C. Club is a "Bee Hive" of activity.

Respectfully submitted

Edwin Drake, Chr., #1253
Joseph Chalk, #941
John Kenney, #1411

A motion was made by Brother Drake, seconded by William Evans, Elmira Aerie #941, that the report be adopted as read. This was approved.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

Read by Raymond Schnell, Chr., Olean Aerie No. 616

Brother Delegates:

We have examined the books and records of both the State Secretary and the State Treasurer and find them to be accurate and properly maintained and in balance with the bank statement. The verified balance as of May 31, 1984 was \$5,789.40.

We wish to commend Brother Weber and Brother Decker for the excellent manner in which they have executed the duties of their respective office and the very neat records they maintain. A vote of thanks is given for their outstanding work.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond Schnell, Chr. #616
Nicholas Hoffman, Jr., #482
Richard Updike, #941

A motion was made by Brother Schnell that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Wilbur Button, Olean Aerie #616 and approved.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

Brother Delegates:

The financial officers of the New York State Aerie must be commended for the excellent manner in which the affairs of this great State Aerie have been conducted for the year 1983-1984. With the economy as it is today, the task of operating within a budget becomes more and more difficult.

After a careful and lengthy study of the State Aerie financial activities, with consideration given to rising costs, we hereby submit the following budget for the year 1984-1985:

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Balance June 1, 1984	\$ 5,789.40
State Aerie Per-Capita Tax, Local Aeries	12,000.00
State Aerie Membership Fund	8,000.00
State Convention Advance	1,000.00
State Fund Raising	500.00
Grand Aerie Hospitality Room and Parade	500.00
State Convention Credentials Committee	2,000.00

\$29,789.40

ESTIMATED EXPENSES

State Secretary's Salary	\$ 1,000.00
State Treasurer's Allowance	100.00
State President's Visitations	2,000.00
Various Assignments	2,000.00
State Postage	1,200.00
State Printing and Mimeographing	1,000.00
State Membership Meetings	2,000.00
Social Security Tax	150.00
State Telephone and Telegrams	1,000.00
State Officers' Convention Assignments	3,000.00
State Convention Miscellaneous Expenses	3,000.00
Delegates to the Grand Aerie Convention	700.00
State Secretary's Office Supplies	300.00
State Treasurer's Office Expense	100.00
State Membership Office Expense	150.00
Ads in State & Grand Aerie Convention Journal	350.00
State Conferences (Spring & Fall)	3,500.00
Grand Aerie Supplies	100.00
State Membership Awards	2,000.00
State Auxiliary Convention Advance	500.00
Regional Conference Assignments	1,500.00
Printing of Convention Proceedings	2,000.00
State Officers' Bond	50.00
State Legislative Committee	200.00
Contingency Fund	<u>1,889.40</u>
Total Estimated Expenses	\$29,789.40

Respectfully submitted

Laverne Graham, Chr., #825
Wayne Monroe, #941
Donald Rettinger, #2311

A motion was made by Brother Graham that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by John Cady, Fort Johnson Aerie #1575 and approved.

REPORT OF THE JIMMY DURANTE FUND

Read by Elliott Becker, Chr., Empire Aerie No. 544

Grand Aerie Representatives, State Officers and Brother Delegates:

I am very proud to have served the New York State Aerie as the chairman for the Jimmy Durante Children's Fund this past year.

To date, the contributions from New York State and Eastern Canada to the Jimmy Fund total \$3,283.33.

The special children out there need our help. They did not ask to be the way they are. We can help. Your contributions will make the difference. Please don't stop.

Grants of \$1,000.00 each, for the year 1983-1984, have been made to the following: Pathfinder Village, Edmeston, N.Y.; Bloorview Children's Hospital, Willowdale, Ontario, Canada; St. Joseph's Hospital, Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, Elmira, N.Y.; Sunnyview Hospital & Rehabilitation Center, Schenectady, N.Y.; Orange County Assn. for the Help of Retarded Children, Middletown, N.Y.; The School of the Holy Childhood, Rochester, N.Y.; Head Start, Oneonta, New York; The Rehabilitation Center of Cattaraugus County, Allegany,

N.Y.; West Seneca Developmental Center, West Seneca, N.Y.; St. Joseph Hospital, Pediatric Services Dept., Elmira, N.Y.; Rose Developmental Center, Rome, N.Y. and United Cerebral Palsy Assn. of the Tri-Counties, Inc., Glens Falls, N.Y.

We will now have the parade of checks and we thank you very much for your generosity. A complete financial report will be attached to this report.

Respectfully submitted

Elliott Becker, Chr. #544
Harold Dake, #616
Ramus Culver, #2191

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

SEPTEMBER 1, 1983 THROUGH MAY 31, 1984

Rochester Aerie #52	\$ 658.00
Schenectady Aerie #514	250.00
Flushing Aerie #583	25.00
Watertown Aerie #782	200.00
Endicott Aerie #2269	25.00
Niagara Falls Auxiliary #88	50.00
Gloversville Auxiliary #482	56.00
Middletown Auxiliary #544	180.56
Olean Auxiliary #616	200.00
Lockport Auxiliary #825	459.00
Tarrytown Auxiliary #1042	10.00
Norwich Auxiliary #1043	10.00
Ithaca Auxiliary #1253	197.00
Oneonta Auxiliary #1260	120.00
Tonawanda Auxiliary #1411	212.32
Binghamton Auxiliary #2119	25.00
Jamestown Auxiliary #2145	25.00
Endicott Auxiliary #2269	10.00
Dunkirk Auxiliary #2447	10.00
Hoosick Falls Auxiliary #2467	25.00
Johnson City Auxiliary #2644	300.00
Depew-Lancaster Auxiliary #2692	65.00
Horseheads Auxiliary #3818	85.45
St. Lin, Quebec Auxiliary #3897	10.00
Gloversville Aerie & Auxiliary #482	75.00
Total	\$ 3,283.33

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AT CONVENTION

Rochester Aerie #52	500.00
Utica Aerie #97	150.00
Gloversville Aerie #482	100.00
Schenectady Aerie #514	200.00

Empire Aerie #544	100.00
Olean Aerie #616	500.00
Lockport Aerie #825	185.00
Elmira Aerie #941	450.00
Oneonta Aerie #1260	100.00
Binghamton Aerie #2119	50.00
Endicott Aerie #2269	200.00
Maple Leaf Aerie #2311	485.51
Glens Falls Aerie #2486	707.94
Hornell Aerie #2640	225.00
Depew-Lancaster Aerie #2692	1,200.00
Nassau Aerie #3128	500.00
Boiling Pot Aerie #3846	350.00
Maple Leaf Auxiliary #2311	442.74
Elliott Becker, personal	100.00

Total	\$ 6,646.19
Previous Contributions	\$ 3,283.33
State Convention Donations	\$ 6,646.19
Overall Total	\$ 9,929.52

A motion was made by Brother Becker, seconded by Laverne Graham, Lockport Aerie #825, that the report be adopted as read. This was approved.

REPORT OF THE CANCER RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Read by Ray Sage, Rochester Aerie No. 52

Brother Delegates:

We, the members of this committee, wish to take this opportunity to thank State President Art Gonyea for the opportunity of serving on this very important committee.

Your generous contributions to the Cancer Fund, including Muscular Dystrophy and Kidney, from August 1st through May 31st totaled over \$8,000.00. A complete listing of these donations is attached to this report.

During the year a \$5,000.00 grant was presented to the Lake Champlain Cancer Research Organization in Hudson Falls, New York.

With the help of the rest of the committee members, we will now have the parade of checks.

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

AUGUST 1, 1983 - MAY 31, 1984

No.	Location	Cancer Research	Kidney Fund	Muscular Dystrophy
52	Rochester	\$2,534.18	\$359.37	
88	Niagara Falls	50.00	50.00	

482	Gloversville	5.00	5.00	
514	Schenectady	463.50	100.00	
544	Middletown	237.74		
583	Whitestone	12.50	12.50	
616	Olean	137.70	78.00	
782	Watertown	200.00		
825	Lockport	415.00	418.05	
941	Elmira	100.00	25.00	
1042	N. Tarrytown		10.00	
1043	Norwich		10.00	
1253	Ithaca	112.00	62.00	
1260	Oneonta	80.30		
1411	Tonawanda	402.00		
1575	Johnstown	487.50		
2119	Binghamton	25.00	25.00	25.00
2269	Endicott	100.75	73.00	47.00
2299	Corning		238.00	
2467	Hoosick Falls	25.00	25.00	
2486	Glens Falls	25.00	25.00	
2621	Brooklyn	25.00	25.00	
2640	Hornell	100.00	25.00	
2644	Johnson City	300.00	100.00	
2692	Depew	75.00	75.00	
3818	Horseheads	39.00		16.00

Totals	\$5,945.17	\$2,032.92	\$ 88.00
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CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AT CONVENTION

	Cancer Research	Kidney Fund	Muscular Dystrophy
Rochester Aerie #52	\$ 600.00	\$ 150.00	
Utica Aerie #97	150.00	200.00	
Schenectady Aerie #514	200.00		
Empire Aerie #544	100.00		
Olean Aerie #616	600.00		
Elmira Aerie #941	275.00		
Oneonta Aerie #1260	100.00		
Binghamton Aerie #2119	50.00		
Endicott Aerie #2269	200.00		
Maple Leaf Aerie #2311	485.51		
Glens Falls Aerie #2486	596.36		
Hornell Aerie #2640	225.00	225.00	225.00
Depew-Lancaster Aerie #2692	2,550.00	2,500.00	

Totals	\$6,131.87	\$3,075.00	\$ 225.00
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Previous Contributions	\$5,945.17	\$2,032.92	\$ 88.00
State Convention Donations	6,131.87	3,075.00	255.00

Total	\$12,076.94	\$5,107.92	\$ 313.00
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Respectfully submitted

Carl Hickman, Chr., #2486
Robert Apgar, #1253
Raymond Sage, #52

A motion was made by Brother Sage that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Earl Willis, Maple Leaf Aerie #2311 and approved.

FINAL REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

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

Brother Delegates:

We, the resolutions committee, present the following resolution on behalf of the New York State Aerie.

WHEREAS: We have all enjoyed the hospitality shown by the host Aerie and the city of Utica, and

WHEREAS: The business sessions have been interesting and rewarding, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the New York State Aerie and the delegates express their appreciation to the host Aerie and auxiliary and to the City of Utica for the outstanding job and the hospitality shown throughout this convention.

Respectfully submitted

Frank Crowley, Chr., #941
Robert Tierson, #616
Fred Osburn, #3904
Nicholas Monante, #52
Arthur Raff, #544

A motions was made by Brother Crowley that the resolution be adopted as read. This was seconded by William Christensen, Elmira Aerie #941 and approved.

Following the adoption of the report, State President Gonyea relinquished his chair to State Secretary Weber who introduced Past State President William Carrick for a special order of business. Brother Carrick then presented State President Arthur Gonyea with his Past State President's Certificate, his Past State President's Plaque, his Past State President's Lapel Pin and a small purse in appreciation for the excellent manner he conducted the State Aerie during his term as State President.

State President Gonyea expressed his thanks to all for the gifts and for the opportunity of serving as State President. He also vowed to help his successor in every way possible.

State Outside Guard, Duane Dennison, stated that there were two Brothers in the room who had each devoted over 40 years to the State Aerie and asked the delegates to recognize Past State President Ken Decker and Past State Secretary Al Lane. The delegates gave a standing ovation to both Brothers who thanked all for their kindness.

REPORT OF THE BANQUET COMMITTEE

Read by James Russess, Chr., Rochester Aerie No. 52

Brother Delegates:

The Annual Convention Banquet will be held at the Twin Ponds Golf and Country Club this evening, Saturday, June 16th, 1984. The menu will be a roast beef dinner served promptly at 6:30 PM. The Master of Ceremonies will be Past State President William Carrick. We ask everyone to be there on time.

Our special thanks to the Utica Committee and the staff at the Country Club for their fine cooperation given this committee.

Respectfully submitted

James Russell, Chr., #52
Lee Christofferson, #2191
Larry McDaniel, #2640

It was moved by Brother Russell, seconded by Robert Saborian, Rochester Aerie #52, that the report be adopted as presented. This was approved.

REPORT OF THE NET GAIN COMMITTEE

Read by James Russell, Chr., Rochester Aerie No. 52

Brother Delegates:

A net gain Aerie is only achieved if the Aerie has more members on the rolls at the end of the fiscal year than it had at the beginning.

To keep members from letting their membership lapse, the officers of the Aerie must have well-rounded programs of activities that will interest the members. The member, after he is initiated, must be welcomed in the Club and not be left as a stranger. He must be invited to serve on committees and take part in the activities. The entertainment committee must provide activities that interest all age groups. The member must feel he is part of the Club.

Do all you can to invite new members, but at the same time do all you can to keep your present members active and interested. Invite the new but also keep the old.

Respectfully submitted

James Russell, Chr., #52
Robert Butts, #941
Frank Woodcock, #1260

A motion was made by Brother Russell that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Duane Dennison, Hornell Aerie #2640 and approved.

REPORT OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE FUND

Read by Frank Hover, Chr., Rotterdam Aerie No. 3610

Brother Delegates:

Golden Eagles are our senior citizens of today. They must be recognized and commended for their accomplishments and for their efforts put forth in making this a better society.

Through the Golden Eagle Fund this is being done. We try to make their life a little easier and happier with grants from this fund to institutions or organizations that are involved in the care of our senior citizens.

This committee would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Aeries and Auxiliaries that have been so generous with their contributions to the fund over the years. Let us continue that spirit of generosity during the parade of checks.

Respectfully submitted

Frank Hover, Chr., #3610
Pete Cangialosi #52
Warren Bean, #2191

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

AUGUST 1, 1983 - MAY 31, 1984

No.	Location	Amount
52	Rochester	\$ 942.00
88	Niagara Falls	100.00
482	Gloversville	80.00
514	Schenectady	600.00
544	Middletown	113.50
583	Flushing	25.00
616	Olean	105.00
825	Lockport	125.00
941	Elmira	100.00
1042	Tarrytown	10.00
1043	Norwich	10.00
1253	Ithaca	175.00
1411	Tonawanda	146.75
2119	Binghamton	25.00
2269	Endicott	10.00
2467	Hoosick Falls	125.00
2486	Glens Falls	220.00
2640	Hornell	100.00
2644	Johnson City	25.00
2692	Depew-Lancaster	75.00
2311	Toronto	100.00
	Total	\$3,212.25

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AT THE CONVENTION

Rochester Aerie #52	\$ 600.00	
Utica Aerie #97	150.00	
Gloversville Aerie #482	100.00	
Empire Aerie #544	100.00	
Olean Aerie #616	100.00	
Oneonta Aerie #1260	100.00	
Tonawandas Aerie #1411	20.00	
Binghamton Aerie #2119	50.00	
Endicott Aerie #2269	200.00	
Glens Falls Aerie #2486	100.00	
Boiling Pot Aerie #3846	50.00	
State Aerie Committee	544.75	
	Total	\$2,114.75
Previous Contributions	\$3,212.75	
State Convention Donations	2,114.25	
	Overall Total	\$5,327.00

A motion was made by Brother Hover that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by David cook, Gloversville Aerie #482 and approved.

REPORT OF THE BETTER HOME TOWN COMMITTEE

Read by Dave Shay, Chr., Horseheads Aerie No. 3818

Brother Delegates:

Better Home Towns is an umbrella committee. Many of the activities of the local Aerie are directed to this committee, such as sponsorship of Boy Scout Troops, Blood Banks, Art Contests and the like.

If it is financially impossible for an Aerie to initiate such a program, then participate with another organization as a co-sponsor or ask another organization to participate in your project. Special Olympics is such as activity.

We, as Eagles, have a definite involvement in the increased movement today against drunk drivers. We should do everything we can to make sure our members do not leave the club and drive after he has consumed too many spirits. Establish a buddy system whereby each night one member does not consume any alcoholic beverages and volunteers to drive home any member who does over indulge. Setting up a taxi fund whereby the bartender can call a cab to take the brother home is another way. By doing something on this order, you may not only save the life of the member or some innocent victim but you may also save your club's Alcoholic Beverage License. In case of an accident or fatality, your club's license could be in jeopardy.

There is a campaign now being run, on a national basis, by the New York Daily News to provide money to repair and restore the Statue of Liberty. This committee would ask that the New York State Aerie participate in this project and donate \$100.00 for this worthwhile cause.

Respectfully submitted

David Shay, Chr., No. 3818
Warren Meisner, No. 482
James Harris, No. 616

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

After the adoption of the report a motion was made by David Shay, Horseheads Aerie No. 3818, that the New York State Aerie send \$100.00 to the New York Daily News for the restoration of the Statue of Liberty. This was seconded by Gary Huyck, Endicott Aerie No. 2269 and carried.

REPORT OF THE PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

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

Grand Aerie Representatives, State Officers and Brother Delegates:

As many aeries are finding out, without successful programs and activities they are failing short of their goals both numerically and financially.

We, the committee, believe the main cause for programs and activities not being successful is the lack of communication between the aerie and its members. Let your members know what is going on at the club. Send out a monthly newsletter or a special flyer for a special event. If you want member participation, they must know what is going on.

One of the duties of a Worthy President is to appoint good chairmen for the programs and activities. The chairmen should have a good committee and start their plans early enough to make their project a success. Let the members know about the program and make them want to come and participate.

We know most clubs have bowling teams, softball teams and sponsor various youth activities, but it takes more than that to keep your membership happy and active. They want to be a part of activities and have fun doing it.

Remember, if you want a successful aerie, successful programs and activities is the key.

Respectfully submitted

Duane Dennison, Chr., 2640
David F. Cook, 482
Alvin Garren, 2119

It was moved by Brother Dennison, seconded by Richard Mayer, Rochester Aerie No. 52, that the report be adopted as read. This was approved.

REPORT OF THE MAX BAER HEART FUND

Read by Francis LaVance, Chr., Glens Falls Aerie No. 2486

Grand Aerie Representatives, State Officers and Brother Delegates:

Since every one of us is subject to heart disease and diabetes, it is to our advantage to support this important major fund.

We are sorry that the donations from the individual aeries and auxiliaries, for the past year, are not available at this time. However, we do know that the total contributions to the fund for the past year from the New York Jurisdiction is \$5,553.52. We wish to thank you very much for your generosity and support.

With the help of the committee, we will now ask for the parade of checks.

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

AUGUST 1, 1983 - MAY 31, 1984

No.	Location	Heart Fund	Diabetes Fund
52	Rochester	\$1,474.86	
88	Niagara Falls	50.00	\$ 25.00
97	Utica	201.65	
482	Gloversville	55.00	5.00
514	Schenectady	395.00	25.00
544	Middletown	471.00	
583	Whitestone	148.50	12.50
616	Olean	238.21	129.21
782	Watertown	270.00	
825	Lockport	481.30	35.00
941	Elmira	150.00	25.00
1042	Tarrytown	10.00	
1043	Norwich		10.00
1253	Ithaca	250.00	25.00
1260	Oneonta	88.00	50.30
1411	Tonawanda		25.00
2119	Binghamton	25.00	
2269	Endicott	50.00	10.00
2299	Corning	300.00	
2311	Toronto	125.00	
2447	Dunkirk		10.00
2467	Hoosick Falls	25.00	25.00
2486	Glens Falls	497.00	25.00
2621	Brooklyn	25.00	
2644	Johnson City	300.00	150.00
2692	Depew-Lancaster	385.00	65.00
3897	St. Lin Quebec	10.00	
3904	Addison		25.00
Totals		\$6,025.52	\$ 677.01

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AT THE CONVENTION

Aerie	No.	Heart Fund	Diabetes Fund
Rochester	52	\$600.00	
Utica	97	150.00	150.00
Gloversville	482	50.00	
Schenectady	514	200.00	
Middletown	544	100.00	
Olean	616	1,000.00	
Lockport	825	250.00	
Elmira	941	400.00	
Oneonta	1260	100.00	
Tonawandas	1411	185.00	
Binghamton	2119	50.00	
Endicott	2269	200.00	
Toronto	2311	485.51	

Hornell	2640	225.00	
Depew-Lancaster	2692	1,700.00	2,050.00
Personal, K. Morrissey		55.00	
Totals		\$5,750.51	\$2,200.00
Previous Contributions		\$6,025.52	\$ 677.01
State Convention Donations		5,750.51	2,200.00
Overall Totals		\$11,776.03	\$2,877.01

Respectfully submitted

Francis LaVance, Chr., 2486

Merle Baylor, 941

Thomas Kauffman, 52

A motion was made by Brother LaVance that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by William Christensen, Elmira Aerie No. 941 and approved.

FINAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

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

Grand Aerie Representatives, State Officers and Brother Delegates:

The following is the final report of the Credential Committee:

Grand Aerie Representatives	4
State Officers	11
Past State Presidents	9
Delegates	78
Alternates	9
Past Worthy Presidents	109
Total Votes	247
Total Credentials Issued	145

Respectfully submitted

Ronald Stickney, Chr., 825

Douglas McDermott, 3904

Francis LaVance, 2486

John Lewis, Jr., 2640

Charles Poyfair, 825

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

COMPLETE LIST OF REGISTERED DELEGATES

1. Arthur L. Gonyea	2486	10. Kenneth Decker	1253
2. Ronald Stickney	825	11. Ray P. Haggerty	1411
3. John E. Lewis, Jr.	2640	12. Gordon Brenenstuhl	2467
4. Charles Poyfair	825	13. Arthur Raff	544
5. Francis LaVance	2486	14. Duane B. Kugler	825
6. Stanley E. Singer	97	15. Donald Rettinger	2311
7. Douglas McDermott	3904	16. Cecil Moshier	825
8. Laverne Weber	825	17. Al Hubbard	2119
9. William Carrick	544	18. Jack E. Kincaid	616

19. Daniel J. O'Neil	2119	73. Harold W. Grant	782
20. Robert C. Laughlin, Sr.	2269	74. William J. Bell-3rd	782
21. Salvatore C. Ventura	2692	75. Clarence Thielke	46
22. Charles A. Simmer	2692	76. Alfred W. Lane	1042
23. Louis A. DiRienzo, Jr.	2692	77. Mark LaRue	616
24. Thorney Dawson	2269	78. Wayne Monroe	941
25. Walter Robords	2640	79. Joseph F. Chalk	941
26. Theodore H. Eldridge	2640	80. William Christensen	941
27. Donald N. Wemple, Sr.	514	81. Joseph E. Cangialosi	52
28. Alvin B. Garren	2191	82. Peter Cangialosi	52
29. Frank J. Hover	3610	83. John Kenney	1411
30. David Wakin	1260	84. Al Thornton	2311
31. Duane Bruning	825	85. Willie Zygus	97
32. Nick Morante	52	86. Pat Gray	2311
33. James R. Telban	52	87. Robert Butts	941
34. Joseph Newman	52	88. Calvin Powers	2486
35. Thomas R. Kauffman	52	89. Milton Evans	941
36. John Barnas	52	90. John F. Deep	97
37. James Russell	52	91. Walter Doyoe	2486
38. Raymond Sage	52	92. Al Armstrong	2311
39. Robert J. Sabourin	52	93. Harold Dake	616
40. Donald Collie	3155	94. John Jones	2311
41. James Harris	616	95. Mason Parker	514
42. Richard Mayer	52	96. Wesley Backus	782
43. Louis Sassone	97	97. George Mould, Sr.	97
44. Laverne Graham	825	98. Edwin T. Drake, Jr.	1253
45. Earle Willis	2311	99. Arthur J. Cichon	2692
46. William A. Rae	2311	100. Philip Greaves	2311
47. Donald J. Hayward	2644	101. Maurice Helmer, Sr.	782
48. Arthur G. Oakley, Sr.	2644	102. Merle Baylor	941
49. Duane Dennison	2640	103. Donald Cowan	782
50. Edward Falcheck	52	104. Frank Crowley	941
51. John Bartolotta	52	105. Roger Cady	2644
52. Walter J. Manry	2640	106. Charles Straub	2486
53. William A. Reynolds	616	107. Donald Gregory	97
54. Ralph J. Verno	52	108. Thomas Philpott	2311
55. Angelo J. Cocuzzi	52	109. Harry Woodruff	52
56. James A. Hartnagle	2486	110. Robert Brenenstuhl	2467
57. Angelo Ricci	1411	111. Chester P. Halliday	46
58. Georges Taillefer	4043	112. Harry Stewart	2191
59. Lewis Howe	2640	113. Robert Byron	2191
60. Larry McDaniel	2640	114. Robert Tierson	616
61. Wilbur E. Button	616	115. Harold Fields	52
62. Herbert Farrell, Jr.	514	116. Lee Christofferson	2191
63. William Mulhollan	3904	117. Ralph Shipman	544
64. Ellis Spencer	3904	118. David F. Cook	482
65. Richard Root	3904	119. Richard Osborn	2269
66. Nicholas Hoffman	482	120. Wesley L. Wage	2269
67. Robert J. Conn	482	121. Stuart Gardner	1260
68. Vincent M. Scharf	46	122. Mike Lopez	2486
69. Norman Schmeichel	1411	123. Paul Sampson	2486
70. Wesley Barnes	616	124. John Dote	97
71. David J. Shay	3818	125. George O'Dell	97
72. Robert Woodruff	52	126. John A. Palmer	3846
		127. William Cool	3846

128. Gary Huyck	2269	137. John B. McGovern	1575
129. John Cady	1575	138. Bruce Ward	2447
130. Donald A. Derox	616	139. Marty Hoyt	52
131. Floyd R. Dennison	97	140. Arlow Linton	52
132. John W. Sloan	97	141. Thomas Lauterback	97
133. Bruce Bell	3806	142. Donald Gleason	616
134. Richard Pottorff	1253	143. Murray Burt	2311
135. Robert Apgar	1253	144. Robert Humphreys	231
136. Vincent Janiak	544	145. Roger Grandchamp	3897

REPORT OF THE PAST STATE PRESIDENTS COMMITTEE

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

The Annual Past State Presidents Luncheon was held on Friday, June 15th, 1984, in the Sheraton Inn.

Ten Past State Presidents were in attendance along with Grand Aerie Financial Advisor, Mike Gaffney and Grand Trustee, Vincent Cherry. We are proud to have grand Trustee "Shorty" Weber and Eastern Regional President Robert Woodruff as members of our Past State President's Club. After two ballots, it was the unanimous decision of the Past State Presidents to admit outgoing State President Arthur Gonyea in our elite club. Congratulations were extended to Brother Art for an outstanding job during his term as State President.

Ken Decker gave the financial report and stated our finances were as good as ever with a zero balance. Wayne Monroe was elected President and Kenneth Decker was elected Treasurer.

Brief remarks were given by the Grand Aerie Representatives all congratulating New York State Aerie on the excellent manner the convention is being conducted and for the fine job done over the years.

Respectfully submitted

Arthur Cichon, Chr., 2692
Frank Stokes, 2311
Donald Gregory, 97

It was moved by Brother Cichon, seconded by Gary Huyck, Endicott Aerie No. 2269, that the report be adopted as read. This was approved.

REPORT OF THE STATE OF THE ORDER COMMITTEE

Read by Laverne Graham, Lockport Aerie No. 825

Brother Delegates:

We, as members of the State of the Order Committee, wish to thank State President Arthur Gonyea, his officers and committee chairmen for the tremendous job done this past year. State Membership Director Robert Woodruff and his membership department also did an outstanding job and our sincere congratulations are also extended to them. Although a new aerie was not in the cards, with the increase in new members you can be very proud of the job that your department has done.

If we as delegates go forth and to a selling job, we can reach that 3000 goal. This is possible with the slogan "Do It With Don".

We also wish Brother Don and his officers the same success as his predecessors and may New York State Aerie go forward to new and greater successes.

We, as members of this committee, wish to thank State President Gonyea for the privilege of serving on this committee.

Respectfully submitted

Thomas Philpott, Chr., 2311
Robert Woodruff, 52
Donald Gregory, 97
Wayne Monroe, 941
Laverne Graham, 825

A motion was made by Brother Graham that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Robert Conn, Gloversville Aerie No. 482 and approved.

After the adoption of the report, State President Gonyea asked for a rising vote of thanks to Utica Aerie and its officers and members for their efforts and dedication in making this one of the finest conventions ever. A standing ovation was given and Worthy President Willie Zygas thanked all on behalf of the brother from Utica.

Under special order of business, State President Gonyea introduced Mike Gaffney, Grand Aerie Financial Advisor and Grand Trustee Vincent Cherry. Both expressed their thanks to New York State Aerie and especially to Utical Aerie for a fine convention. Brother Gaffney also stated that the Sheraton Hotel, its management and personnel have been wonderful and courteous throughout the convention. He also stated it was nice to meet with long time friends and especially to visit with Brother Al Lane. Eastern Regional President Bob Woodruff stated he was very proud to serve in this capacity and thanked the delegation for making it possible.

REPORT OF THE SPEAKERS COMMITTEE

Read by Laverne "Shorty" Weber, Chr., Lockport Aerie NO. 825

Grand Aerie Representatives, State Officers and Brother Delegates:

As in previous years, the speakers at this annual convention have been outstanding and our thanks must go to the Grand Aerie for allowing us the privilege of having with us Michael T. Gaffney, Grand Aerie Financial Advisor, Grand Trustee Vincent Cherry, Eastern Regional President Bob Woodruff and Grand Trustee "Shorty" Weber.

Our thanks and appreciation must be extended to the local committee from Utica and all those who helped in any way to make this part of the program such a success.

As in previous years, we again ask the local aeries to contact the State Aerie Secretary with reference to having a speaker at a function in the local aerie. Make your plans well in advance so arrangements can be made.

Respectfully submitted

Laverne Weber, Chr., 825
Thomas Philpott, 2311
Kenneth Decker, 1253

It was moved by Brother Weber, seconded by William Bell, Watertown Aerie No. 782, that the report be adopted as given. This was approved.

REPORT OF THE ELECTION COMMITTEE

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

Brother Delegates:

We, the members of the Election Committee, present the following results of the election for

the office of State Trustee. One hundred thirty-three delegates voted for a total of 238 votes. Five ballots were void. The official results are as follows:

Robert Butts, Elmira Aerie No. 941	218
Douglas McDermott, Addison Aerie No. 3904	217
James Russell, Rochester Aerie No. 51	216
Donald Cowan, Watertown Aerie No. 782	172
William Bell, Watertown Aerie No. 782	61

Respectfully submitted

Chester Halliday, Chr., 46
 Ralph Shipman, Sr., 544
 Allan Armstrong, 2311
 William Lydle, 1253
 Larry Gardner, 1260

A motion was made by Brother Halliday that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Gary Huyck, Endicott Aerie No. 2269 and approved.

State President Gonyea stated the ballot was open for inspection and invited the delegates to inspect the ballot. No one accepted. He then declared the following brothers elected to the office of State Trustee: Robert Butts, Douglas McDermott, James Russell and Donald Cowan.

REPORT OF THE GRIEVANCE AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

Read by Wilbur Button, Chr., Olean Aerie No. 616

Brother Delegates:

The members of the Grievance and Appeals Committee wish to report that there were no grievances submitted to this committee during this Annual State Convention Session.

We wish to thank state President Gonyea for the opportunity to serve on this committee.

Respectfully submitted

Wilbur Button, Chr., 616
 Theodore Eldridge, 2640
 Robert Root, 3904

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

After the adoption of the report, the session was turned over to the State President's Degree team for the Installation Ceremony.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The installation ceremony was opened to the general public. The Degree team consisted of the following members: Laverne Graham, Jr., Past President; Wayne Monroe, Installing President; Harry Woodruff, Vice President; Arthur Cichon, Chaplain; Robert Woodruff, Conductor; Robert Humphrey, Inside Guard and Alfred Lane, Installing Secretary. Officers installed into office were:

Junior Past State President	Arthur Gonyea, Glens Falls Aerie No. 2486
State President	Donald Rettinger, Maple Leaf Aerie No. 2311
State Vice President	Ray P. Haggerty, Tonawandas Aerie No. 1411
State Chaplain	Al Hubbard, Binghamton Aerie No. 2119
State Secretary	Laverne "Shorty" Weber, Lockport Aerie No. 825
State Treasurer	Kenneth Decker, Ithaca Aerie No. 1253
State Conductor	Gordon Brenenstuhel, Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467

State Inside Guard	Duane Dennison, Hornell Aerie No. 2640
State Outside Guard	Wilbur Button, Olean Aerie No. 616
State Trustee	James Russell, Rochester Aerie No. 52
State Trustee	Robert Butts, Elmira Aerie No. 941
State Trustee	Douglas McDermott, Addison Aerie No. 3904
State Trustee	Donald Cowan, Watertown Aerie No. 782

At this close of the ceremony Brother Philpott congratulated the newly installed officers and presented the newly Installed State President Donald Rettinger. Brother Rettinger spoke briefly introducing his wife and members of his family present. He thanked all for the opportunity to serve as State President and outlined several of his goals for the coming year.

There being no further business, Michael Gaffney was called upon to give a prayer. Past State President Gonyea announced that the Ritualistic Committee report would be given at the Annual Convention Banquet this evening. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 PM.

STATE CONVENTION BANQUET

The Joint State Convention Banquet was held in the Banquet Hall of the Twin Ponds Golf and Country Club on Saturday evening June 16, 1984. Approximately 400 delegates and visitors gathered to take part in the evening festivities. Past State President William "Bill" Carrick of Empire Aerie No. 544 again served as Toastmaster for the event. All of the newly installed officers of the State Aerie and State Auxiliary were introduced. Outgoing State Presidents Arthur Gonyea and Pat Fields expressed their thanks to all for the fine cooperation they had received during their term as State President and for the wonderful and generous hospitality shown them during their visits. The newly elected State Presidents, Donald Rettinger and Helen Schwartz introduced the members of their families in attendance and briefly outlined their hopes and plans for the ensuing year. They thanked all for their confidence in them and asked for their continued support. Grand Madam Vice President "Jackie" Spahn and Grand Madam Trustee Carol Shay, representing the Grand Auxiliary, spoke briefly congratulating the Past Auxiliary Officers for the excellent showing of the New York Auxiliary last year and wished the newly elected officers the best for the ensuing year. Grand Trustee Laverne "Shorty" Weber presented a \$10,000.00 check from the Heart Fund to The Childrens Hospital of Buffalo on behalf of Depew-Lancaster Aerie. The principal address was given by Grand Aerie Financial Advisor, Michael T. Gaffney, who had nothing but praise for the aeries and auxiliaries in the New York State Jurisdiction. He also spoke of his close association with New York over the years and especially with his old friend Harry Woodruff.

REPORT OF THE STATE RITUALISTIC COMMITTEE

Given by John E. Lewis, Sr., Chr., Hornell Aerie No. 2640

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

Again this year four teams completed in the Ritual Competition and the following are the results:

Elmira Aerie No. 941	98.9%
Glens Falls Aerie No. 2486	98.4%
Lockport Aerie No. 825	97.6%
Maple Leaf Aerie No. 2311	97.4%

I wish to thank State President Gonyea for giving me the privilege to serve as chairman of this committee.

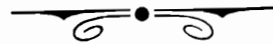
Respectfully submitted

John E. Lewis Sr., Chr., 2640
William Bell, 782
Jack Kincaid, 616
Al Hubbard, 2119
James Telba, 52

The report was given at the State Convention Banquet. There were no objections to the same and it was ruled by State President Donald Rettinger that the report be adopted as given.

There being no further business on the agenda, the Seventy-eighth Annual Convention of the New York State Aerie was brought to a close.

Respectfully submitted
Laverne "Shorty" Weber
State Secretary



In Loving Memory of
HERBERT K. OLD

Nassau Aerie No. 3128

State President
1963 - 1964

NEW YORK STATE AERIE CONVENTIONS
YEAR and CITY

1907 — Rochester (Institution)	1946 — Middletown
1908 — Saratoga Springs	1947 — Utica
1909 — Little Falls	1948 — Saratoga Springs
1910 — Rockaway Beach	1949 — Saratoga Springs
1911 — Rochester	1950 — Rochester
1912 — Cohoes	1951 — Rochester
1913 — Carthage	1952 — Binghamton
1914 — Olean	1953 — Schenectady
1915 — Auburn	1954 — Oneonta
1916 — Rochester	1955 — Elmira
1917 — Buffalo	1956 — Montreal
1918 — Geneva	1957 — Saratoga Springs
1919 — Syracuse	1958 — Buffalo
1920 — Niagara Falls	1959 — Elmira
1921 — Saratoga Springs	1960 — Rochester
1922 — Binghamton	1961 — Toronto
1923 — Mount Vernon	1962 — Utica
1924 — Rockaway Beach	1963 — Oneonta
1925 — Niagara Falls	1964 — Watertown
1926 — Watertown	1965 — Rochester
1927 — Binghamton	1966 — Syracuse
1928 — Syracuse	1967 — Glens Falls
1929 — Schenectady	1968 — Olean
1930 — Elmira	1969 — Rochester
1931 — Oswego	1970 — Montreal
1932 — Rochester	1971 — Oneonta
1933 — Lockport	1972 — Utica
1934 — Johnstown	1973 — Glens Falls
1935 — Ithaca	1974 — Olean
1936 — Olean	1975 — Rochester
1937 — Auburn	1976 — Elmira
1938 — Watertown	1977 — St. Jermone
1939 — Gloversville	1978 — Schenectady
1940 — Lockport	1979 — Binghamton
1941 — Rochester	1980 — Rochester
1942 — New York City	1981 — Glens Falls
1943 — Auburn	1982 — Elmira
1944 — Batavia	1983 — Olean
1945 — Rochester	1984 — Utica

LIST OF THE PAST STATE PRESIDENTS OF THE
NEW YORK STATE AFRIE 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 R. BOYLE, Buffalo 46	1951-52
46*	JOSEPH L. WURZER, Rochester 52	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 MANGNAN, 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
75	WAYNE MONROE, Elmira 941	1981-82
76	LAVERNE GRAHAM, Lockport 825	1982-83
77	ARTHUR GONYEA, Glens Falls, 2486	1983-84

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