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NEW YORK STATE OFFICERS

1985 - 1986

Junior Past State President Donald Rettinger
Maple Leaf 2311

State President Ray P. Haggerty
Tonawanda 1411

State Vice President Al Hubbard
Binghamton 2119

State Chaplain Gordon Brenenstuhl
Hoosick Falls 2467

State Secretary Laverne Weber
Lockport 825

State Treasurer Kenneth Decker
Ithaca 1253

State Conductor Wilbur Button
Olean 616

State Inside Guard James Russell
Rochester 52

State Outside Guard Douglas McDermott
Addison 3904

STATE TRUSTEES

Chr. Donald Rettinger Maple Leaf 2311

Robert Butts Elmira 941

Donald Cowan Watertown 782

Duane Bruning Lockport 825

Elliott Becker Empire 544

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1985 STATE CONVENTION

A number of delegates and visitors, especially those taking part in the annual golf tournament, started to arrive at the convention headquarters on Tuesday, June 18th. The golfers, and duffers, got an early start Wednesday morning and headed for the Bremar Country Club for their annual 18 holes of exercise and the afterglow held in the Aerie home at the close of the tournament. By Wednesday evening the majority of delegates had arrived and it is always a pleasure to report that confusion at the hotel registration was at a minimum because of the excellent manner the hotel personnel and the Rochester Committee handled this part of the program.

The annual "Get Acquainted" party was held in the Aerie Home and the social room was filled to capacity. The Prayer Breakfast was held in the Aerie Home on Thursday morning and registration of delegates opened at 10:00 AM. All business sessions of the State Aerie were held in the Aerie Home and business sessions of the State Auxiliary were held in the Holiday Inn.

A joint Memorial Service was held on Friday Evening and the Annual Convention Banquet was held in the Holiday Inn-Airport.

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE CONVENTION

The convention was officially called to order by Past State President Robert Woodruff at 2:00 PM, Thursday, June 20, 1985 in the home of Rochester Aerie. The Colors were presented by Boy Scout Troup 452 and State President Donald Rettinger, of Toronto, Canada, led the delegation present in the singing of the National Anthems of the United States and Canada. Father Gerald Dunn, Pastor of St. Theodore's Church, provided the invocation. Past State President Robert Woodruff, Rochester Aerie President James Telban and Rochester Auxiliary President Alma Newman extended warm greetings to all and volunteered their help should any problems arise. Major Howard Brookbee of the Monroe County Sheriff's Department, Tom Roche, Gates Police Chief, and Jack Hart, Supervisor of the Town of Gates, extended greetings for a successful and safe convention and pointed out many of the points of interest for the delegates to visit during their stay. Past Grand Madam President Bonnie Quatkemeyer, Grand Madam President Carol Shay and Grand Trustee Laverne "Shorty" Weber also extended a warm welcome and wished all a pleasant stay in Rochester. They also stated they were looking forward to a successful and productive convention. Grand Aerie Chaplain Lester Zimmerman provided a delightful keynote address and said he was happy to have the opportunity to share the weekend with the New York delegation. This brought the official opening ceremony to a close and a short recess was called to make the necessary preparations for the first business session.

FIRST SESSION

The first session was called to order in the home of Rochester Aerie at 2:30 PM by State President Donald Rettinger.

Following the opening ritual ceremonies, the Roll Call of State Officers and all were in attendance. The obligation and admission of new members, along with the Oath of Allegiance, were given by Past State President Kenneth Decker of Ithaca Aerie No. 1253.

State President Donald Rettinger stated he would not read the entire list of convention committee appointments as each delegate has received a copy of the same and they are as follows:

1985 STATE CONVENTION COMMITTEES

BY LAW

Arthur Gonyea, Chr., 2486
Kenneth Decker, 1253
William Carrick, 544

LEGISLATIVE

Elliott Becker, Chr., 544
Robert Sabourin, 52
William Corcoran, 2486

YOUTH GUIDANCE

James Russell, Chr., 52
Donald Derx, 616
Alvin Garren, 2119

CANCER RESEARCH

Elliott Becker, Chr., 544
Robert Brenenstuhl, 2467
Kenneth Morrissey, 2486

MAX BAER HEART FUND

James Telban, Chr., 52
Ian Carry, 2311
Kenneth Wormley, 3904

SOCIAL SECURITY

Laverne Graham, Chr., 825
Ed Seuling, 616
Alfred Smith, 1253

STATE SPEAKERS

Laverne Weber, Chr., 825
Alfred W. Lane, 1042
Kenneth Decker, 1253

MEMBER SECURITY (NET GAIN)

Patrick Gray, Chr., 2311
John Pearson, 544
Charles Haflett, 941

SCOUTING

Robert Butts, Chr., 941
Al Forkel, 52
Donald Craig, 825

JIMMY DURANTE FUND

Al Hubbard, Chr., 2119
Ken Campbell, 616
Raymond Henry, 2644

STATE BOWLING

Al Hubbard, Chr., 2119
Al Thornton, 2311
Norman Allen, 2692

HOME AND FAMILY

Robert Rostas, Chr., 825
Thomas Kauffman, 52
Norman Schmeichel, 1411

MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

Herbert Farrell, Chr., 514
Ralph Verno, 52
Walter Robords, 2640

STATE ATHLETIC

Mark LaRue, Chr., 616
Dave Wakin, 1260
Ray Sage, 52

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

William Carrick, Chr., 544
Robert Woodruff, 52
Wayne Monroe, 941
Laverne Graham, 825
Owen McNally, 2621

STATE ARTHRITIS FUND

Wilbur Button, Chr., 616
Richard Pottorff, 1253
Thomas Sullivan, 2486

PAST STATE PRESIDENTS

Laverne Graham, Chr., 825
Donald Gregory, 97
Arthur Gonyea, 2486

CREDENTIALS

Ronald Stickney, Chr., 825
Wesley Barnes, 616
Charles Poyfair, 825
Francis LaVance, 2486
John Lewis, Jr., 2640

PUBLICITY

Harold Fields, Chr., 52
David Mullen, 2486
David Wilson, 2640

RESOLUTIONS

Harold Fields, Chr., 52
Arthur Raff, 544
Duane Bruning, 825
Joseph Chalk, 941
Lewis Howe, 2640

IN MEMORIAM

Vincent Sharf, Chr., 46
Chester Halliday, 46
Milton Evans, 941

ELECTIONS

John Kenney, Chr., 1411
William Zygas, 97
Ralph Shipman, 544
Robert Tierson, 616
Earl Willis, 2311

G.A. HOSPITALITY ROOM

William Carrick, Chr., 544
Robert Woodruff, 52
James Russell, 52

R.E.A.C.

Arthur Gonyea, Chr., 2486
Joseph Cangialosi, 52
Francis Crowley, 941

RITUALISTIC

Roger Grandchamp, Chr., 3897
Alvin Garren, 2119
James Telban, 52
Daniel O'Niel, 2119
John Lewis, Jr., 2640

BETTER HOME TOWNS

Duane Dennison, Chr., 2640
John Barnas, 52
Robert Conn, 482

FINANCE AND BUDGET

Robert Woodruff, Chr., 52
Wayne Monroe, 941
Ray Haggerty, 1411

AUDITING

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

GOLDEN EAGLE FUND

Mike Lopez, Chr., 2486
Michael Sheridan, 52
Richard Root, 3904

JUDICIARY

William Carrick, Chr. 544
Theodore Eldridge, 2640
Arthur Artino, 3128

BANQUET

Raymond Sage, Chr., 52
William Christensen, 941
Bill Bullhaland, 3904

STATE FUND RAISING

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

STATE OF THE ORDER

Donald Gregory, Chr., 97
Wayne Monroe, 941
Thomas Philpott, 2311
Arthur Gonyea, 2486
Arthur Cichon, 2692

GRIEVANCE AND APPEALS

Wesley Barnes, Chr., 616
Marty Hoyt, 52
Walter Manry, 2640

NEW AERIES

Douglas McDermott, Chr., 3904
Edwin Drake, 1253
Charles Straub, 2486

PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES

Stanley Singer, Chr., 97
Joseph LaBlanc, 52
Harold Long, 616

BLOOD DONORS

Gordon Brenenstuhl, Chr., 2467
Frederick Romano, 52
Dan Pritchard, 941

UNDER 35 CLUB

Dana Leisk, Chr., 2311
John Bartolotta, 52
William Dobbs, 941

FIRE AND POLICE AWARDS

David Shay, Co. Chr., 3818
Earl Willis, Co. Chr., 2311
Louis DiRienzo, Jr., 2692

REPORT OF THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Read by William Carrick, Empire Aerie 544

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 20, 1985 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

William Carrick, Chr., 544
Theodore Eldridge, 2640
Arthur Artino, 3128

A motion was made by Wayne Monroe, Elmira Aerie 941, seconded by Robert Woodruff, Rochester Aerie 52, that the report be adopted as read. This was approved.

ORDER OF BUSINESS - THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 1985

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 21, 1985

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 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 22, 1985

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. FIRST REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
7. REPORT OF THE JIMMY DURANTE FUND COMMITTEE
8. 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

The next order of business was the reading of the proceedings of the 78th State Aerie Convention held in Utica, New York, on June 13, 14, 15, and 16, 1984. State Secretary Weber began to read same; however, it was moved by Robert Woodruff, Rochester Aerie 52, seconded by Wayne Monroe, Elmira Aerie 941, that the reading be dispensed with as a copy has been forwarded to each Aerie in the State Jurisdiction and each delegate has received a copy. This was approved.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

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

From the Grand Aerie informing the delegates that Grand Secretary D.D. "Doc" Dunlap, Grand Chaplain Lester Zimmerman, Grand Trustee Laverne "Shorty" Weber and Eastern Regional President John Demko will represent the Grand Aerie during the convention. Filed.

From Grand Worthy President Russell Clark asking for help in the fight against the drastic increases in non-profit mail rates. Filed.

From Lewis Reed, Asst. to the Grand Worthy President, informing us that the Eastern Regional Conference will be held in Plainfield, New Jersey on October 11, 12, and 13, 1985. Filed.

From Wayne S. Smith, National Softball Tournament Director, with information regarding the softball tournament to be held in Frederick, Maryland on Labor Day weekend. Filed.

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

From the Grand Aerie with information on the 1985 Eagle decanter. Filed.

From Michael T. Gaffney, Director of the Jimmy Durante Children's Fund listing the contributions received from the New York State Aeries and Auxiliaries. Filed.

From the Grand Aerie Comptroller listing all delinquent Aeries in the State jurisdiction. Referred to the State Executive Committee.

From the Office of the Grand Worthy President, Official Circular No. 135 to promulgate the amendments to the Constitution and Statutes, as adopted by the Grand Aerie Convention at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, July 31 through August 2, 1984, and approved by the Local Aeries by Referendum. Filed.

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

From the Grand Aerie Convention with information on events and guests at the Grand Aerie Convention to be held in Denver. Filed.

From Robert Hansen, Director of the Golden Eagle Fund approving a grant for the Otsego Urban Rural Self-Development Assoc. Home Care Program. Filed.

From the Grand Aerie Secretary's Office stating that New York State Aerie is entitled to four votes at the National Convention in Denver, Colorado. Referred to the State Executive Committee.

It was moved by Brother Weber that the action taken during the reading of the communications be approved. This was seconded by James Russell, Rochester Aerie 52 and carried.

FIRST REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Read by Ronald Stickney, Chr., Lockport Aerie 825

Brother Delegates:

Following is a partial report of the Credentials Committee:

Grand Aerie Representatives	2
State Officers	12
Past State Presidents	9
Delegates	64
Alternates	1
Past Worthy Presidents	87

Total Votes 204

Total Credentials Issued 109

It was moved by Brother Stickney that this partial report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Earle Willis, Maple Leaf Aerie 2311 and carried.

STATE PRESIDENTS REPORT

Read by State President Donald Rettinger, Maple Leaf Aerie 2311

Grand Aerie Representatives, State Officers and my Brothers:

I make this report with very mixed emotions. The joy of reaching that magic figure of 3000 new members and the feeling that one of the greatest experiences of my life has come to an end. It has been a year that I shall always remember. The friendship and hospitality you all have shown Nancy and myself during my visitations this year will be cherished forever.

I want to thank you all for helping me reach my goal. However, there are some that deserve honorable mention. Watertown Aerie came through again this year with flying colors. A total of 438 new members reported and ranking tenth in the nation. Rochester with 229, always one of the leaders in everything they attempt. Let us not forget Depew-Lancaster with 189, also Dunkirk, Utica and Lockport all had a super year and my Brothers from LaSalle, Quebec for reporting 110 new members. However, all of you deserve the credit because it takes us all as a team to get the job done.

I want to thank State Secretary Shorty Weber for his assistance and support and especially for keeping my visitation schedule in order. Special thanks must go to Bob Woodruff for doing such a fantastic job as State Membership Director. To my Brothers in Quebec, without your help and efforts in instituting a new Aerie in Mascouche, we would not have become a Bell Ringer State and for this I say thank you.

To the Brothers and Sisters from my home Aerie and Auxiliary, my sincere thanks and appreciation for your support and encouragement over the many years it took for me to become your State President. To my mentor Tom Philpott, a very special thank you.

To all the Zone and District Directors, all the State and local committee chairmen and my brother State Officers, thank you for the many hours you devoted to make this year possible in membership, our humanitarian funds and in our State activities.

To my successor, Ray Haggerty, and his slate of officers, I know the brothers will support you with the same spirit and enthusiasm as I have enjoyed this year. I wish you continued success and you can be sure I will help you if I can.

In closing, let me again thank all of you for making this an unforgettable year. God Bless You.

Respectfully submitted

Donald Rettinger
State President

It was moved by Al Hubbard, Binghamton Aerie 2119, that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Robert Butts, Elmira Aerie 941 and approved.

FIRST REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Read by Arthur Raff, Empire Aerie 544

WHEREAS: The State Membership Director performs an important role in the continuing operation of the State Aerie through his coordination of and supervision of, all campaigns to

to bring in new members, and

WHEREAS: At the present time he has no voice in the State Executive Committee where he could contribute important information, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the State Membership Director become an official member of the State Executive Committee with equal vote and privileges, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be referred to the State By-Law Committee for their consideration.

Respectfully submitted

Harold H. Fields, Chr. 52
Arthur Raff, 544
Duane Bruning, 825
Joseph Chalk, 941
Lewis Howe, 2640

It was moved by Brother Raff that this resolution be referred to the State Aerie By-Laws Committee for their consideration. This was seconded by Al Hubbard, Binghamton Aerie 2119, and approved.

STATE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Read by State Secretary Laverne "Shorty" Weber, Lockport Aerie 825

Brother Delegates:

Once again, it is an extreme pleasure and privilege to give you this brief resume of the events and activities of the New York State Aerie for the past twelve months. We have had an outstanding year and we can look back with pride to the accomplishments we have enjoyed. I will only touch on the highlights, leaving the detailed reports to the chairmen of the various State Committees.

State President Donald Rettinger, "Bob" Woodruff, our State Membership Director and all of the State Leaders have a right to be proud of our membership campaign. For the first time since 1974-75, we have exceeded the 3000 new member goal. We not only passed our membership goal by 80 new members, but led the entire jurisdiction in new members ahead of last year. A happy note was the institution of our baby Aerie in Mascouche, Quebec, on October 20, 1984, with 64 Charter Members. Congratulations must go to Organizer Jean Paul Gariepy and all of our Quebec Brothers for making this possible and thus making New York a Bell Ringer State. We are proud of our baby and welcome you into our Fraternal Family. Taking away from our pride is the loss of Montreal Aerie 2130, North Montreal Aerie 3899 and Norwich Aerie 1043. These Charters were officially revoked during the past twelve months thereby dropping our State Family to 53 units.

The Grand Secretary's Annual Report shows that we have 16,222 members on the New York State Aerie rolls, which is up 48 from last year. However, as in the past, the Aeries reporting after the survey was taken were not included in the count.

Regardless of the high cost of all commodities, especially food, travel, lodging and supplies, I am happy to report a healthy financial status with a balance of \$11,060.83 in our State Aerie Fund. However, of this amount, \$5,330.27 is earmarked for the State Arthritis Fund and \$1,371.71 is earmarked for the Grand Aerie Hospitality Room leaving us a working balance of \$4,358.85. Once again, I want to impress on all of you that this was made possible only by the outstanding cooperation received from our State and Local Leaders. State President Donald Rettinger and his officers did their best to operate within the State Aerie Budget and results surely indicate they did an outstanding job. My congratulations to them. The State Secretary's financial report is on the Secretary's desk available for your inspection and will be included in the proceedings of this Convention.

A nice delegation of Aerie and Auxiliary members journeyed to Milwaukee to take an active part in the Grand Aerie sessions and enjoy the hospitality. The State hospitality room, as always, was superb and although no prizes were brought home, the New York State guys and gals left their mark in the Grand Aerie Parade. Carol Shay, of Elmira, was elected Grand Madam Vice President and yours truly "Shorty" Weber was re-elected Grand Trustee.

The Annual Fall and Spring State Officers' Conferences, held in Rotterdam and Lockport, were well-attended and most successful. Some of the highlights include the election of "Bob" Woodruff to serve as State Membership Director for 1985-86 and the selection of Binghamton as the site for the 1985 State Aerie and Auxiliary Convention. The 1985 State Mr. and Mrs. Bowling Tournament was awarded to Hornell and Watertown Aerie was selected to host the 1985 State Softball Tournament. The 1985 Fall State Officers' Conference will be held in the home of Elmira Aerie on September 21st and 22nd.

Reports received from our humanitarian funds again show the generosity of the New York brothers and sisters. As in the past, a parade of checks will be held for all funds throughout this convention. Because of your generosity, we have been able to present several grants to deserving institutions throughout the past year. Grants from the Heart Fund and Cancer Fund will be presented at the Convention Banquet Saturday evening. Your support to these funds have made New York one of the most generous States in the Jurisdiction.

I am happy to report that our State Athletic Programs are growing steadily. Participation in the State Softball, Bowling, Mr. and Mrs. Bowling and Golf Tournaments is increasing each year. The host Aeries must be commended for the excellent manner in which these events were conducted.

Your cooperation and continued support made possible the banner year we have enjoyed. There is nothing more satisfying than a job well done. Under the capable leadership of State President Rettinger, State Membership Director Woodruff and the cooperation and efforts of all of you really proved that it could be done. Without a question, our State President's slogan "DO IT WITH DON" became the inspiring force.

As I look to the year ahead, I see another banner year in the making. Under the capable leadership of our next State President Ray Haggerty and State Membership Director "Bob" Woodruff, the only way we can go is forward. With your continued support and all of us working together, we can make it happen.

In closing, my thanks must go to all the State Aerie Officers, State Membership Director Woodruff and his Directors, all Aerie Secretaries, State Treasurer Ken Decker and especially all of you out there in the field for the help and cooperation given my office throughout the year.

Extending my best wishes for a happy and successful convention and most of all, may you all have a pleasant and safe journey home. My thanks also to the Grand Aerie Representative for sharing this convention with us.

Respectfully submitted

Laverne "Shorty" Weber, 825
State Secretary

STATE SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL REPORT

RECEIPTS:	NOV.	MAY	TOTAL
State Per Capita Tax - Local Aeries.....	\$ 6,199.73	\$ 7,551.95	\$13,751.68
State Membership Department.....	3,860.00	4,691.00	8,551.00
State Fund Raising.....	250.00	125.00	375.00
State Legislative Committee.....	50.00	-0-	50.00
State Arthritis Fund.....	5,465.17	2,891.60	8,356.77

State Convention Credentials Committee	2,175.00	-0-	2,175.00
G.A. Hospitality Room and Parade	191.42	1,125.00	1,316.42
State Convention Advance - 1985	-0-	1,000.00	1,000.00
State Convention Credentials Committee	2,175.00	-0-	2,175.00
G.A. Hospitality Room and Parade	191.42	1,125.00	1,316.42
State Convention Advance - 1985	-0-	1,000.00	1,000.00
Bank Interest	235.05	394.96	630.01
State Auxiliary ad in G.A. Conv. Journal - 1984 .	100.00	-0-	100.00
State Auxiliary Ad in G.A. Conv. Journal - 1985 .	-0-	125.00	125.00
State Emblem Pins	351.00	-0-	351.00
State Auxiliary Convention Badges - 1985	-0-	-0-	-0-
Grand Aerie Parade Prize - 1984	-0-	-0-	-0-
Grand Aerie Charities	-0-	235.00	235.00
TOTAL:	\$18,877.37	\$18,139.51	\$37,016.88

EXPENDITURES:

	NOV.	MAY	TOTAL
State Secretary's Salary	\$ 466.50	466.50	933.00
State Treasurer's Allowance	50.00	50.00	100.00
State President's Visits - Rettinger	720.25	1,629.90	2,350.15
State President's Visits - Gonyea	50.00	-0-	50.00
Various Assignments	438.30	932.45	1,370.75
State Telephone and Telegraph	379.63	332.24	711.87
State Treasurer's Office Expense	53.80	54.40	108.20
State Membership Awards	1,000.00	659.31	1,659.31
State Convention Misc. Expense	2,396.10	-0-	2,396.10
State Officers Bond	26.25	-0-	26.25
Ad in G.A. Convention Journal - 1985	-0-	250.00	250.00
Ad in State Convention Journal - 1985	-0-	120.00	120.00
State Secretary's Office Expense	43.14	72.50	115.64
Fire and Police Awards Plaque - 1984	29.43	-0-	29.43
State Postage	271.59	325.80	597.39
Social Security Tax	68.50	69.50	138.00
Delegates to G. A. Convention - 1984	350.00	-0-	350.00
Canadian Debit	131.04	240.82	371.86
State Arthritis Fund Grants	-0-	5,000.00	5,000.00
State Legislative Committee Expense	-0-	-0-	-0-
Grand Aerie Hospitality Room Expense - 1984	892.02	-0-	892.02
State Printing	340.56	275.99	616.55
Floral Sprays	-0-	54.50	54.50
State Membership Meetings	886.27	969.75	1,856.02
State Membership Office Expense	93.92	79.28	173.20
State Officer's Fall Conference - Rotterdam	1,782.90	-0-	1,782.90
State Officer's Spring Conference - Lockport	-0-	1,788.17	1,788.17
Eastern Regional Conference Expense - Toronto	1,052.80	-0-	1,052.80
Grand Aerie Supplies	35.17	-0-	35.17
State Auxiliary Convention Advance - 1985	-0-	500.00	500.00
Printing State Convention Proceedings - 1984	-0-	1,971.33	1,971.33
State Convention Expense - 1985	-0-	166.46	166.46
State Convention Assignments - 1984	2,769.86	-0-	2,769.86
New York State Pins	1,173.52	-0-	1,173.52
Donation - Statue of Liberty Renovation	100.00	(100.00)	-0-
Grand Aerie Charities	-0-	235.00	235.00
Bank Charges	-0-	-0-	-0-
TOTAL:	\$15,601.55	\$16,143.90	\$31,745.45

RECAPITULATION

Balance as of June 1, 1984	\$ 5,789.40
Receipts	37,016.88
Total	42,806.28
Expenditures	31,745.45
Balance as of May 31, 1985	\$ 11,060.83
Earmarked Funds as of May 31, 1985	
State Arthritis Fund	\$5,330.27
G.A. Hospitality Room	\$1,371.71

A motion was made by Brother Weber that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by James Telban, Rochester Aerie 52, and approved.

FIRST REPORT OF THE BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Given by Kenneth Decker, Ithaca Aerie 1253

Brother Delegates:

Except for the resolution referred to this committee at this session, no amendments to the State By-Laws have been received. The resolution will be taken under consideration by this committee and a report will be given at the session tomorrow. The committee will be meeting again Friday and Saturday mornings.

Respectfully submitted

Arthur Gonyea, Chr. 2486

Kenneth Decker, 1253

William Carrick, 544

A motion was made by James Russell, Rochester Aerie 52, seconded by Richard Pottorff, Ithaca Aerie 1253 that the report be adopted as read. Motion carried.

STATE TREASURER'S REPORT

Read by State Treasurer Kenneth Decker, Ithaca Aerie 1253

To the Officers and members of the New York State Aerie assembled at our 79th Annual State Convention in Rochester, New York, I submit the following report as a true balance of the New York State Aerie account as of May 31, 1985. This account is verified by the auditors of the Tompkins County Trust Co. of Ithaca, New York.

Balance - June 1, 1984	\$ 5,789.40
Receipts	37,072.48
Total	42,861.88
Disbursements:	
Checks #270 through #481	31,419.17
Canadian Debit	381.73
Total	\$ 31,801.15
Receipts	\$ 42,861.88
Disbursements	31,801.15
Balance - May 31, 1985	\$ 11,060.73

Respectfully submitted

Kenneth B. Decker
State Treasurer

A motion was made by Brother Decker that this report be adopted as given. This was seconded by Wilbur Button, Olean 616, and approved.

REPORT OF THE PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Read by Harold Fields, Chr., Rochester Aerie 52

Brother Delegates:

All of the news media in the Rochester area, newspapers, television stations and radio stations, were contacted and informed of this Convention. They were told about our purpose and ideals and the presentation of grants to be presented at this convention.

We are pleased to report that we have received some publicity from the Gates-Chili News.

We wish to thank the Town of Gates for the use of their Town Hall facilities during this Convention.

Special efforts will be put forth with the hope that the rest of the news media will give this Convention some coverage and publicity.

Respectfully submitted

Harold Fields, Chr., 51
David Mullen, 2486
David Wilson, 2640

It was moved by Brother Fields, seconded by Mason Parker, Schenectady Aerie 514, that the report be adopted as read. Motion carried.

Under Good of the Order, State President Donald Rettinger introduced Grand Aerie Chaplain Lester Zimmerman. Brother Zimmerman gave an enlightening talk on the membership of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and asked that all join together and look with respect at the symbol of the Eagle. He asked that everyone support the new officers who will be elected prior to the end of the convention. Brother Zimmerman's keen sense of humor and wit ended a most enjoyable presentation.

A number of announcements were then made with regard to committee meetings, the Ritualistic Competition, hospitality rooms and banquets. There being no further business for the day, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 PM until Friday, June 21st, at 10:00 AM.

STATE OFFICERS' BANQUET

The Annual State Officers' Banquet was held in the Edwardian Room in the Holiday Inn on Thursday Evening June 20th, beginning at 6:30 PM. All State Officers were in attendance and the State Membership Director "Bob" Woodruff and Zone Directors Thornton, Becker and Grandchamp. Also among those present were Past State Presidents Monroe, McNally, Graham, Gregory, Lane, Carrick and Gonyea. Guests at the banquet were Grand Aerie Chaplain Les Zimmerman and Grand Trustee "Shorty" Weber. Following the serving of a delicious dinner, a short State Officers meeting was held.

SECOND SESSION

The second session of the 79th Annual State Convention was convened on Friday, June 21, 1985 at 10:05 AM by State President Donald Rettinger.

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

REPORT OF THE GRAND AERIE HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Read by William Carrick, Chr., Empire Aerie 544

Brother Officers and Delegates:

It is with great pleasure that I would like to thank every one who had a part in making the raffle for the Grand Aerie Hospitality Room the great success that it was. To all of you who sold chances, Aeries and Auxiliaries and to my co-chairmen, Bob Woodruff, Wayne Monroe, Jim Russell and Doug McDermott, my thanks for a superb job. The net taken in was \$1,025.00 and the winner was Kathryn Woolson of Delphi Falls, New York.

We, of New York, will again be proud of our hospitality room. As of now, there is earmarked for this purpose a total of \$1,371.71. We are looking forward to seeing many of you in Denver and are also looking forward to the parade in which we shall be taking part. An invitation is extended to all of you to join us.

Respectfully submitted

William Carrick, Chr. 544
Robert Woodruff, 52
James Russell, 52

It was moved by Brother Carrick that the report be adopted as presented. This was seconded by James Harris, Olean Aerie 616, and approved.

REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

Read by Herbert Farrell, Cr., Schenectady Aerie 514

It is this committee's proud pleasure to report that another feature has been placed in our Eagle hats this year. The Memorial Foundation, through the medium of the Golden Eagle Fund is initiating a fight against what has been called "The Disease of the Century". A disease that is a maddening march through mental deterioration characterized by forgetfulness, slower speech, the inability to make simple decisions, acute forgetfulness, hatred of loved ones, then apathy and finally death. This disease is the Alzheimer's Disease.

The Memorial Foundation has made \$100,000.00 available immediately for research in \$5,000.00 grants. Through research, a brain scan has been developed to diagnose this disease. Before that, the only diagnosis was by autopsy. Obviously too late a diagnosis of a disease to research a cure on living people. Now that it can be diagnosed early, it is up to people helpers, The Eagles, to support research as we have of every other worthy cause.

Be proud of being an Eagle and part of this worthy cause.

A word to membership chairmen and Eagle producers. The benefits from the Memorial Foundation, to Aerie and Auxiliary members who are law enforcement officers, paid or volunteer firemen or members of the armed forces, can be a valuable tool in bringing in new members. Literature may be obtained by writing to the Grand Aerie Programs and Activities Department, 2401 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53233. Use this free information in your membership recruitment.

This committee extends its thanks to State President Donald Rettinger for affording us the opportunity of serving on this committee this year.

Respectfully submitted

Herbert Farrell, Chr. 514
Ralph Verno, 52
Walter Robords, 2640

It was moved by Brother Farrell, seconded by Roger Grandchamp, St. Lin Aerie 3897, that the report be adopted as read. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE BLOOD DONORS COMMITTEE

Read by Gordon Brenenstuhl, Chr., Hoosick Falls Aerie 2467

Brother Delegates:

We, on this committee, would like to take this opportunity to urge everyone in this room to go back to their home Aerie and do their utmost to set up a Blood Donors Program.

Contact your local Red Cross unit. There are few requirements you have to meet. Nearly every member can give blood if they are over 18 years of age and are in good health. If you do your job by furnishing the donors, the Red Cross will do the rest.

Blood, whether a pint or several pints, is more and more becoming a matter of life or death to so many in our society today. There are many types of blood and supply of all must be available when it is needed. The small amount we give periodically to the Red Cross will not be missed and will be replaced in our bodies by nature. But, if we do not give even the pint, it will not be available for someone in time of a crisis.

So, when you get back home, please call the Red Cross and encourage your members to give life to someone desperately in need by giving just a pint of blood.

Respectfully submitted

Gordon Brenenstuhl, Chr., 2467
Frederick Romano, 52
Dan Pritchard, 941

A motion was made by Brother Brenenstuhl that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Robert Brenenstuhl, Hoosick Falls Aerie 2467 and approved.

REPORT OF THE SCOUTING COMMITTEE

Read by Robert Butts, Chr., Elmira Aerie 941

Grand Aerie Representatives, State Officers and Brother Delegates:

This committee has received several reports from Aeries that are involved in sponsored a Boy or Girl Scout Troop and we would like to read the highlights to you.

Chautauqua Aerie 2145 is doing an outstanding job in sponsoring troops of handicapped and retarded youths. In years past, these boys and girls could never even hope to be scouts. The members of Chautauqua Aerie not only make these youth believe they can do anything other youth can, but they are seeing them do it.

Rochester Aerie 52 sponsors Troop #452 which was formed in 1973. We understand that a number of these boys have reached the rank of Eagle Scout. These scouts are not only involved in their community but also help in many projects at the club.

Lockport Aerie 825 sponsors Troop #82 formed in 1982. These boys are also involved in helping a number of Aerie and Auxiliary functions and with activities in the community.

Hoosick Falls Aerie 2467 sponsors both a Boy and Girl Scout Troop.

Addison Cub Scout Pack #81 held their first meeting April 4, 1985, at the Freeman Fire Hall. Special guests at this meeting were scouting coordinator Doug McDermott and Ellis Spencer, President of Addison Aerie 3904, who is the sponsor of the pack, Both Doug and Ellis were presented with Certificates of Appreciation signed by all the Cub Scouts and the committee members that were present. The Cubs participated in their first annual bowl-a-thon.

Although no report was forthcoming, we understand Empire Aerie 544 is also sponsoring a troop.

Scouting is one of the greatest things to happen to the youth of America. It teaches them discipline, the difference between right and wrong and how to be prepared. This committee urges all Aeries to become involved in scouting.

Respectfully submitted

Robert Butts, Chr., 941
Al Forkel, 52
Donald Craig, 825

A motion was made by William Christensen, Elmira Aerie 941 that the report be adopted as presented. This was seconded by Duane Dennison, Hornell Aerie 2640, and carried.

SECOND REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 2

Read by Harold Fields, Chr., Rochester Aerie 52

Brother Delegates:

The following resolution is presented on behalf of the Grand Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles:

WHEREAS, a number of Aeries in the Fraternal Order of Eagles have lost their Charter and their Aerie number, and

WHEREAS, new Aeries starting in the same vicinity have a difficult time getting liquor, bingo and raffle licenses, and

WHEREAS, if an Aerie, after being Instituted with a new number, could get an Aerie number which had been assigned to an Aerie which had previously existed in that vicinity, it could obtain liquor, bingo and raffle licenses sooner and easier, and

WHEREAS, it is difficult for an Aerie to survive without these licenses, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we add a new section to the Statutes to be known as Section #36.2.1 to read as follows:

"The Grand Worthy President shall have the power to re-issue an Aerie number which had been previously assigned to an Aerie which had formerly been in existence in the vicinity of a recently Instituted new Aerie to that recently Instituted new Aerie upon request of that Aerie, provided however that the Aerie making the request shall guarantee no outstanding indebtedness to the Grand Aerie."

Respectfully submitted

Harold Fields, Chr., 52
Arthur Raff, 544
Duane Bruning, 825
Joseph Chalk, 941
Lewis Howe, 2640

It was moved by Brother Fields that this resolution be rejected and that the Grand Aerie be so notified. This was seconded by Al Hubbard, Binghamton Aerie 52 and carried.

Resolution No. 3

Read by Harold Fields, Chr., Rochester Aerie 52

Brother Delegates:

This resolution is also being presented on behalf of the Grand Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles:

WHEREAS, there are many Aeries existing with very few members, and
WHEREAS, these Aeries need help in order to make them an active Aerie again, and
WHEREAS, this could possible be accomplished by re-opening their Charter which would give them the opportunity to attract new members and officers, now
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we add a new section to the Statutes to be known as Section #39.3.3 to read as follows:

“The Grand Worthy President shall have the power to re-open the Charter of an Aerie if so requested by the State or Provincial Aerie Executive Board. And if the Charter is so opened the Grand Aerie Membership Department shall proceed with re-organization in the same manner as when a new Aerie is organized.

When a minimum of fifty charter applicants have been obtained for re-organization the Aerie shall be re-instituted as a new Aerie except that all members in good standing of the Aerie at the time of the Charter opening shall be included on the Charter list. The Aerie whose Charter is re-opened may appeal this action in the same manner as prescribed in Section #39.3 of these Statutes.”

Respectfully submitted
Harold Fields, Chr., 52
Arthur Raff, 544
Duane Bruning, 825
Joseph Chalk, 941
Lewis Howe, 2640

A motion was made by Brother Fields that this resolution be adopted as read and that the Grand Aerie be so notified. This was seconded by Theodore Eldridge, Hornell Aerie 2640 and approved.

REPORT OF THE STATE BOWLING COMMITTEE

Read by Al Hubbard, Chr., Binghamton Aerie. 2119

Worthy State President and Brother Delegates:

Once again it is our pleasure to report that the 38th Annual State Bowling Tournament held in Oneonta, New York was another outstanding Eagle Event. The Officers and members of Oneonta express their thanks for the opportunity to host this event and also wish to thank all who participated if or their cooperation.

The tournament was very successful with 151 teams entered. There were 374 doubles, 785 singles and 716 all events.

At the Annual State Bowling Association meeting held in Oneonta on June 9th, 1985, Lockport Aerie 825 was selected to host the 39th tournament in 1986.

A sad note during the tournament was the death of Tournament Secretary Dar Ganley. Will you all join me in a moment of silent prayer in his memory.

Following is the financial report for the 38th annual tournament.

**FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE 1985
NEW YORK STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT**

RECEIPTS:

Balance as of January 1, 1985 \$ 2,743.70
Voided Checks, 1984 Tournament 49.00
Total Receipts form Entry Fees 15,230.35
TOTAL \$18,023.05

EXPENDITURES:

Gus Lampo Holiday Lanes, 6880 games at \$1.00 per game \$ 6,880.00
Tournament Sec'y (Dar Ganley-Dave Wakin- 6880 games @ 15¢ per game 1,032.00
Dave Wakin, Scorekeepers, 6880 games at 10¢ per game 688.00
Dave Wakin, Clerical - Writing prize money checks 15.00
Total Prize Money 5,404.30
Bowling Directors Annual Meeting (Oneonta) 631.30
Joseph Kibler, Bowling Association Secretary, Salary 50.00
Joseph Kibler, Office Supplies, Postage, Telephone 19.20
Overpayment Bowling Entry Fee (Louis Bower) 3.60
Floral Spray for Dar Ganley 26.50
TOTAL \$14,749.90

RECAPITULATION

Balance January 1, 1985 \$ 2,743.70
Total Receipts 15,279.35
TOTAL \$18,023.05

TOTAL EXPENDITURES 14,749.90

BALANCE - June 20, 1985 **\$ 3,273.15**

Respectfully submitted
Al Hubbard, Chr., 2119
Al Thornton, 2311
Norman Allen, 2692

It was moved by Brother Hubbard that the report be approved as read. This was seconded by Alvin Garren, Binghamton Aerie 2119 and approved.

Brother Hubbard congratulated everyone on the marvelous job done during this bowling tournament and to the Committee for their hard work. State President Rettinger reiterated by stating that this was one of the best run tournaments he ever attended.

SECOND REPORT OF THE BY-LAW COMMITTEE

Given by Kenneth Decker, Ithaca Aerie 1253

Brother Delegates:

The only change received by this committee is the one referred to us at yesterday's session. I will read it now for your information only, again at the session tomorrow at which time action will be taken by this body.

WHEREAS: The State Membership Director performs an important role in the continuing operation of the State Aerie through his coordination of and supervision of, all campaigns to bring in new members, and

WHEREAS: At the present time he has no voice in the State Executive Committee where he could contribute important information, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the State Membership Director become an official member of the State Executive Committee with equal vote and privileges.

Respectfully submitted

Arthur Gonyea, Chr., 2486

Kenneth Decker, 1253

William Carrick, 544

A motion was made by Brother Decker that this partial report be adopted as given. This was seconded by Earle Willis, Maple Leaf Aerie 2311. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Read by Elliott Becker, Chr., Empire Aerie 544

Grand Aerie Representatives, State Officers and Brother Delegates:

It was back in April at our Spring State Officers Conference that I first reported to you about the concerns by Grand Worthy President Russell Clark over the potential increase in the cost of mailing for non-profit organizations. There could be as much as a 144 percent increase for third class, from 5.2 cents up to 12.5 cents. These increases would take effect the first of October this year. I don't have to tell you that it is going to cost your Aerie a tidy sum of money. Grand Worthy President Clark suggests that we all write our Representatives in Congress urging them to reconsider such an increase.

On another note, you all know drinking and driving is becoming a big issue in New York State and throughout the country. I believe we all agree that someone that has been drinking should not get behind the wheel of an automobile. This should be a major concern of all Presidents, trustees and club managers. The Dram Shop Act holds the bartender and establishment liable if you serve alcoholic beverages to someone and the individual then gets in an automobile accident and injures or kills someone. Ask your insurance agent about Dram Shop coverage before it is too late.

Respectfully submitted

Elliott Becker, Chr., 544

Robert Sabourin, 52

William Corcoran, 2486

Brother Kenneth Decker, Ithaca Aerie 1253, moved that the report be adopted as read.

This was seconded by Robert Sabourin, Rochester Aerie 52, and approved.

REPORT OF THE IN MEMORIAM COMMITTEE

Read by Vincent Sharf, Chr., Buffalo Aerie 46

My Brother Delegates:

In the midst of our proclivities and comradeships, we pause to pay remembrance to our beloved dead.

They were dear to us and we loved them as brothers. Charters throughout the State are draped in their memory. Time does not permit our incantation of individual names.

Let us remember what Charles Dickens wrote: "The pure, the bright, the beautiful that stirred our hearts in youth. The impulses to wordless prayer, the streams of love and truth. The longing after something lost, the spirits yearning cry. The striving after better hopes, these things can never die.

If we could just for one moment see into the vastness of eternity, most of us would change our ways to make the best of all our days, said Charles Dennison.

So it is with 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 46, to offer prayer for all our beloved dead.

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

We, your committee, proposed that the 1985 State Convention be closed in memory of Past State President Robert Hood, Elmira Aerie 941, and that a half page in the State Proceedings be dedicated to this action.

Respectfully submitted

Vincent Sharf, Chr., 46

Chester Halliday, 46

Milton Evans, 941

It was moved by Brother Sharf that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Charles Straub, Glens Falls Aerie 2486, and approved.

Under a Special Order of Business, State President Rettinger introduced Eastern Regional President John Demko. Brother Demko said he was delighted to be at the New York Convention and thanked all for their hospitality. He also stressed camaraderie among fellow brothers and in helping new members feel like they are an important part of the Aerie they are joining. He wished everyone a successful convention and a safe journey home.

REPORT OF THE STATE ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

Read by Mark LaRue, Chr., Olean Aerie 616

Worthy State President and Brother Delegates:

This committee again is happy to report that the participation in sports activities in local Aeries and in our State Tournaments is on the rise.

The State Softball Tournament held in Addison on August 18th and 19th, 1984 was well-attended and eleven teams were entered in the contest. Although the weather was not

favorable, a fun weekend was had by all. Addison Aerie took top honors and the Ralph Pauly Traveling Trophy went to Addison.

The Mr. and Mrs. Bowling Tournament, hosted by Binghamton Aerie during October, 1985 was equally as enjoyable and successful. Congratulations are in order for the guys and gals from Binghamton for the fine manner the tournament was conducted.

This past Wednesday, June 19, 1985, 56 Eagle Golfers made their way to the Bremer Golf Course to take part in the Annual Pre-Convention Golf Tournament. Although we all got wet and some of us were not able to complete the course, we did have a good time. Winners for the low gross category were: Paul Makowicz with 79, Buzz Ryan with 86 and Nick Scrabill with 86. In the low gross category Tony Voisonette shot a 72, Joe Szatkowski 74 and George McGrain 74. High Gross was taken by Jim Harris with 139. The Kenny Decker Traveling Trophy went to Elmira Aerie.

This committee, on behalf of all the brothers participating in the tournament, wish to donate \$100.00 to the Max Baer Heart Fund in memory of Dar Ganley from Oneonta who died while serving as Bowling Tournament Secretary.

Respectfully submitted

Mark LaRue, Chr., 616
Dave Wakin, 1260
Ray Sage, 52

It was moved by Brother LaRue that the report be adopted as given. This was seconded by James Telban, Rochester Aerie 52, and approved.

REPORT OF THE POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS COMMITTEE

Read by David Shay, Co-Chr., Horseheads Aerie 3818

Brother Delegates:

High drama takes place daily in almost every city in the State of New York. Every hour of every day our firefighters and police officers risk their lives in the line of duty. More than ever before men and women in these professions are being exposed to a higher degree of danger and the statistics are alarming.

Due to today's economy, more and more municipalities are reducing the number of police officers and firefighters in the departments. This lack of manpower does not only exist in paid departments. Volunteer departments are facing the same problem. Recruiting individuals to fill the ranks is not an easy task.

The Fraternal Order of Eagles, through the Memorial Foundation, provides medical and educational assistance to children of Aerie and Auxiliary members who are either police officers or firefighters and lose their life in the line of duty. Information and literature on the Memorial Foundation can be obtained from the Grand Aerie Programs and Activities Department in Milwaukee. It is up to us to get this information out to the potential member.

For a number of years, New York State Aerie has had a program to honor heroism in the police and firefighters professions. Each year a plaque is presented to a policeman and a fireman for an act of heroism. The recipient does not have to be a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Recommendations for the award must originate with the local Aerie and supportive documentation of the act, such as newspaper clippings or department reports, must accompany the recommendation. These recommendations are forwarded to the State Secretary and the recipient chosen by the State Executive Board at the Spring Conference.

This year's recipient for the Police Award is Constable Donovan from Toronto and the recipient for the Firefighter Award is George Guest from Ithaca. At this time I would like to ask my Co-Chairman, Earle Willis, to ready the Police Award Plaque and Louis DiRienzo, Jr. to read the Firefighter Award Plaque.

This committee recommends that the newly elected Worthy President each year appoint a Police and Fireman Awards Committee and that such committee be given the same stature as the chairmen of all other committees.

Respectfully submitted

David Shay, Co. Chr., 3818
Earl Willis, Co. Chr., 2311
Louis DiRienzo, Jr., 2692

A motion was made by Brother Shay, seconded by James Hartnagle, Glens Falls Aerie 2486, that the report be adopted as read. Motion carried.

SECOND REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Read by Ronald Stickney, Chr., Lockport Aerie 825

Brother Delegates:

This is the second report of the Credentials Committee:

Grand Aerie Representatives	3
State Officers	13
Past State Presidents	10
Delegates	87
Alternates	3
Past Worthy Presidents	100
Total Vote	266
Total Credentials Issued	138

Brother Stickney moved that this partial report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Dana Leisk, Maple Leaf Aerie 2311, and approved.

REPORT OF THE STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Read by Robert Woodruff, State Membership Director, Rochester Aerie 52

Worthy State President and Brother Delegates of New York and Eastern Canada:

What can be left to say on membership after what happened in 1984-1985. You were asked to "DO IT WITH DON" and you surely "DID IT WITH DON" by posting a great State total of 3080 new members and one new Aerie. The bell will ring loud and clear for quite a while in New York State and Eastern Canada. You made it happen. You brothers who worked so hard in your individual Aeries, district and zones can stand proud as you have made State President Don's goals become a reality.

Producers awards were many. There were 41 ten member and over producers and 130 or more three members in one month producers. The top individual produced for the year was George Johnson from Watertown Aerie 782 with 32 new members. Runner-up was Roger Dupras from LaSalle Aerie 3976 with 28 new members followed by W. Backus of Watertown with 27 and Clarence Burg from Depew-Lancaster with 25 new members. All these brothers received cash awards and plaques for their efforts. Several of the brothers came so close to

that 25 Member Producer Club. Watertown Aerie 782 ran away with most of the honors this year. They received five Monthly Producer Plaques, the State President's Trophy, the police and Fireman's Plaque in Zone 2, the Past State President's newly crowned Membership Cup for April honors, the Ralph E. Pauly Membership Award for most members in May and for the second consecutive year captured the State Membership Trophy for the most members during the year. They proved to all of us that it can be done with a little effort and a new Aerie home.

I am happy to report that there were 42 Quota Aeries during the year. Following are the members of the Quota Aerie Group for 1984-1985:

Watertown #782	Quota	x 18	Niagara Falls #88	Quota
Dunkirk #2447	"	x 9	Schenectady #514	"
LaSalle #3976	"	x 9	Olean #616	"
Ferme Neuve #4043	"	x 8	Lockport #825	"
Corning #2299	"	x 7	Ithaca #1253	"
Hoosick Falls #2467	"	x 4	Tonawandas #1411	"
Saratoga Springs #2586	"	x 4	Binghamton #2119	"
St. Lin #3897	"	x 4	Chautauqua #2145	"
Utica #97	"	x 3	Endicott #2269	"
Ossining #1545	"	x 3	Maple Leaf #2311	"
Cortland #2191	"	x 3	Glens Falls #2486	"
Mississauga #3806	"	x 3	Fort Hamilton #2621	"
Horseheads #3818	"	x 3	Hornell #2640	"
Terrebonne #3981	"	x 3	Johnson City #2644	"
Auburn #96	"	x 2	Cobleskill #2695	"
Gloversville #482	"	x 2	Nassau #3128	"
Middletown #544	"	x 2	St. Jerome #3176	"
Depew-Lancaster #2692	"	x 2	Rotterdam #3610	"
Lansingburgh #3773	"	x 2	Canajoharie #3846	"
Shawinigan #3810	"	x 2	Addison #3904	"
Rochester #52	"	Quota	Mont Laurier #3993	"

I believe our membership and awards program has been proven fruitful, and for this, I must give credit to our Zone and District Directors. These are the guys that pushed their Aeries to the utmost with the "DO IT WITH DON" theme. For me to say anyone person, Aerie or Zone did it all would be a mistake. As we watched the State total grow we could see everyone was doing their part and made it a team effort. My congratulations and thanks to all of you.

To our good Canadian Brother, Jean Paul Gariepy, who was instrumental in the institution of Mascouche Aerie 4100 with 64 charter members, we say thank you. We must also give credit to our super State Ambassador, "Do It With Don Rettinger", who has covered every avenue and street in New York State and Eastern Canada to promote our great Fraternity. For all who have met Don in his travels truly know what his ideals and dreams for our great New York State Aerie were last June and he went out and did his utmost. Thanks Don, you made believers of us all in 1984-85.

Before I lower the curtain for the membership year, I would be remiss if I did not personally thank all people in the State Membership Department for the job they did this year. To Big Al, Harry, Frank, Elliott and Roger, my thanks for your help during the year. You and your District Directors did your homework. To each and every Membership Director in the local Aeries, thanks for the big push. To the Past State Presidents, the State Officers, and last but not least, to all of you Brothers our sincere thanks in making our goals become a reality.

To our incoming State President Ray Haggerty, I pledge to you 110 percent in whatever you have planned for 1985-1986 and under your capable leadership, I know it will be as easy as it was this past year. The Membership Department is ready to meet the challenge.

And now my brothers, I must close and pay my debt to "Do It With Don" by having that one and only drink on the 3000 plus year and then its back to the grapefruit wagon again. You see, I can divorce myself from Brother Don after today but I have to continue my marriage to my lovely wife Shirley and my family.

Thank you for your attentiveness to my report and may New York continue forward for many more years. God bless our great New York State Family and may we remain together for a long time.

Respectfully submitted

Robert "Woody" Woodruff
State Membership Director

It was moved by Brother Woodruff that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Al Hubbard, Binghamton Aerie 2119, and approved.

Following the adoption of the report, Brother Woodruff gave out several individual producer awards. Brother Lane expressed appreciation to Brother Woodruff for such a fine job as State Membership Director.

REPORT OF THE NEW AERIES COMMITTEE

Read by James Telban, Rochester Aerie 52

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

During the past year there has been a lot of activity around the State and Eastern Canada with respect to forming new Aeries. We are happy to report that one new unit was brought into our New York State Family this past year.

Mascouche Aerie 4100, located in the Province of Quebec, was instituted on October 20, 1984, with 64 Charter Members on the roster. The organizer was Jean Paul Gariepy.

It is also our pleasure to report that there is still much activity going on in Wayland, New York, where 26 members have been signed up. In Oshawa, Ontario, 19 members have been signed and surveys are out in Livonia and Watkins Glen, New York. It is our hope that these units will be instituted during 1985-1986.

New Aeries are vital to our organization. Let us all go back home and investigate the possibility of organizing a new Aerie in our vicinity.

Respectfully submitted

Douglas McDermott, Chr., 3904
Edwin Drake, 1253
Charles Straub, 2486

A motion was made by Douglas McDermott, Addison Aerie 3904, that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by James Russell, Rochester Aerie 52, and approved.

Under Special Order of Business, Laverne "Shorty" Weber introduced Brother Al Lane of Tarrytown Aerie 1042, and Past State Secretary, to make a presentation. Brother Lane presented State President Rettinger with the bell signifying him reaching his goal on new members, along with the establishment of a new Aerie. Brother Rettinger expressed his pleasure in receiving the award and thanked Brother Lane for being his "right-hand-man." State President Rettinger rang the bell several times and received a standing ovation for a job well done.

REPORT OF THE STATE ARTHRITIS COMMITTEE

Read by Wilbur Button, Chr., Olean Aerie 616

Brother Delegates:

On behalf of the members on this committee and myself, I want to thank State president

Donald Rettinger for the opportunity to serve on this committee. As you know, this is a State Aerie project only.

As on May 31, 1985, the balance in the fund is \$5,330.27. This is only made possible by the generous donations from Aeries and Auxiliaries in the New York State Jurisdiction.

One grant was presented during 1984-85 to Guthrie Clinic, Elmira, New York in the amount of \$5,000.00 and I had the pleasure of presenting the check.

This committee has recommended that a \$5,000.00 grant be given to the Orthopaedic and Arthritic Hospital Foundation in Toronto, Ontario. This recommendation has been approved by the State Executive Board on June 20, 1985.

Thank you again, my brothers, for your generous donations and for the privilege of serving as Chairman of this committee. Let us now have the Parade of Checks after which we will give you a complete and final report.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE ARTHRITIS FUND

JULY 1, 1984 - MAY 31, 1985

New York State Auxiliary	\$ 1,098.00
Elmira Aerie 941	300.00
Lockport Aerie 825	100.00
Schenectady Aerie 514	314.50
Watertown Aerie & Auxiliary 782	300.00
Rochester Aerie 52	1,735.00
Hoosick Falls Aerie 2467	50.00
Elmira Aerie 941	300.00
State Aerie Committee	506.60
TOTAL	\$ 4,704.10

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AT THE CONVENTION

New York State Auxiliary	\$ 1,093.45
Rochester Aerie and Auxiliary 52	600.00
Elmira Aerie 941	350.00
Olean Aerie 616 Softball Team	100.00
Endicott Aerie 2269	200.00
Tonawandas Aerie 1411	125.45
Maple Leaf Aerie 2311	860.50
Olean Aerie 616	650.00
Hornell Aerie 2640	100.00
Empire Aerie 544	100.00
Boiling Pot Aerie 3846	25.00
Binghamton Aerie 2119	50.00
Olean Aerie 616 Breakfast Gang	164.80
TOTAL	\$ 4,419.20
Previous Contributions	\$ 4,704.10
State Convention Donations	4,419.20
OVERALL TOTAL	\$ 9,123.50

Respectfully submitted
 Wilbur Button, Chr., 616
 Richard Pottorff, 1253
 Thomas Sullivan, 2486

A motion was made by Brother Button, seconded by Roger Grandchamp, St. Lin Aerie 3987, that the report be adopted as presented. This was approved.

Under Special Order of Business, Lester Zimmerman, Grand Chaplain, presented State President Rettinger with a clock plaque in recognition by the Grand Aerie membership department for surpassing last year's membership total. Brother Rettinger thanked Brother Zimmerman for the plaque and stated that he could not have done it alone and thanked all the brothers for their support during the past year.

REPORT OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY COMMITTEE

Read by Edward Seuling, Olean Aerie 616

Grand Aerie Representatives, State Officers and Brother Delegates:

With the social security benefits improving every year, there are now thirty-five million men, women and children receiving monthly benefits. This total includes about 2.9 million disabled workers and 2 million of their dependents. About 2.8 million children of deceased workers receive monthly benefits along with approximately 4 million widows and widowers. Total benefits amount to approximately 9 billion dollars monthly making it our government's most successful social program.

With increases coming each year to keep up with inflation and increased earnings, Congress is in the process of raising the retirement age from sixty-five to sixty-seven. This will help bolster the trust fund and make it more solvent. Other changes that Congress passed is a fifteen-month freeze on medicare reimbursements for physician's services and hospital care. However, this freeze is only temporary. If sky-rocketing health care costs are to be controlled, Congress must come up with a more comprehensive program that places realistic limits on how much hospitals and physicians can raise their fees. The monthly premium for medicare Part B is increased from \$14.60 to an estimated \$21.30 in 1987.

The Social Security Administration strongly urges all recipients to have their monthly checks deposited directly in their own bank. In addition to saving the system many thousands of dollars, it is a protection against loss or theft and your money will always be available in your account. To arrange for direct deposit, fill out form SF-1199 available at your financial institution. Completion of this form only authorizes direct deposit and only you, or someone authorized by you, can withdraw from your account.

Anyone nearing the age of retirement or for some other reason feel they are eligible to receive benefits should contact their local Social Security Office. The personnel in these offices will explain the procedures necessary to apply and tell you if you qualify. They will also tell you approximately how much you will receive in monthly benefits. Anyone planning to retire should contact the office at least three months in advance so that payments will start on retirement.

Your Social Security Committee recommends that membership of every local Aerie discuss the proposed changes and write your Congressmen and Senators to support these changes that will make the Social Security System solvent for our children and future generations.

August 14th, 1985 marks the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Social Security Act by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. We urge that this delegation support Empire Aerie 544 in the Annual Ceremony at Hyde Park on Sunday, August 11, 1985.

Respectfully submitted
 Laverne Graham, Chr. 825
 Alfred Smith, 1253
 Edward Seuling, 616

Brother Seuling moved that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Harold long, Olean Aerie 616, and approved.

Following the report, Brother Lane provided an informative talk on the Social Security Act. He stated that New York State Aerie had decided to have their own special New York celebration at Hyde Park entitled, "The Hyde Park Celebration" with aid from state and National Organization. He noted that a motion had been passed on the State floor to only celebrate this event every five years, however, after the financial aid was depleted Middletown Aerie had continued to provide this ceremony at Hyde Park each year. Brother Lane stated that the Grand Aerie has offered to help and assist in this 50th Anniversary and asked that each Aerie support Middletown in their quest to continue this yearly celebration. He asked that each Aerie have some sort of delegation to go to Hyde Park on August 11th. Brother Lane suggested that the State Aerie allow up to \$150.00 to Middletown Aerie to conduct this year's service at Hyde Park and asked for everyone's cooperation. The ceremony will be held on August 11th, 1985 and letters will be sent to each Aerie. Expenses for this celebration include flowers for the gravesites, flags, etc. Brother Lane concluded stressing the exemplary efforts by Middletown in continuing this ceremony.

A motion was made by Brother Lane, Tarrytown Aerie 1042, that \$150.00 be allowed Middletown Aerie for expenses for this year's Hyde Park Ceremony. This was seconded by James Russell, Rochester Aerie 52, and carried.

REPORT OF THE UNDER 35 CLUB COMMITTEE

Read by Dana Leisk, Chr., Maple Leaf Aerie 2311

Grand Aerie Representatives, State Officers and Brother Delegates:

As of this date this committee knows of only one Aerie that has an Under 35 Club. This club is known as "Maple Leaf's Young" in Maple Leaf Aerie 2311.

This club was organized in January, 1984 and in its short priod of existance has been very successful in their activities, such as dances and dinners, to raise money for the various charities within the City of Toronto. They now have a total of twenty members and are trying to recruit more.

It is the feeling of this committee that all Aeries should encourage and support an Under 35 Club. This is a way of getting the younger members involved in the working of the Aerie and helps them understand what the Fraternal Order of Eagles is all about. Through the Under 35 Club, they will be better prepared to lead their Aeries in the future.

Respectfully submitted

Dana Leisk, Chr. 2311
John Bartolotta, 52
William Dobbs, 941

It was moved by Brother Leisk that this report be adopted as presented. This was seconded by Robert Conn, Gloversville Aerie 482, and approved.

REPORT OF THE STATE FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

Given by Kenneth Decker, Chr., Ithaca Aerie 1253

Brother Delegates:

Another year has passed and I am happy to report that the New York State Aerie financial picture is in the black due to the excellent manner the State Aerie Financial Officers have

managed the funds.

Due to the continual rising costs of all necessary items, this committee feels that any and all donations to the State Aerie Fund are more than welcome.

During the past year the following donations were received:

Rochester Aerie 52	\$ 25.00
Empire Aerie 544	50.00
Olean Aerie 616	100.00
Tonawandas Aerie 1411	100.00
Maple Leaf Aerie 2311	100.00
TOTAL	\$375.00

If there are any checks for the State Fund we will accept them at this time.

Respectfully submitted

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

A motion was made by Brother Decker, seconded by Mark LaRue, Olean Aerie 616, that the report be adopted as given. This was approved.

REPORT OF THE HOME AND FAMILY COMMITTEE

Read by Robert Rostas, Chr., Lockport Aerie 825

State Officers and Brother Delegates:

One of the ideals of the Fraternal Order of Eagles is the fact that many of our programs are built around our homes and our families. I do not think that the Eagles would be the type of organization it is without the home and family concept.

The majority of our wives and mothers belong to the auxiliaries. There are many of us that have sons, daughters and even grandsons and grand-daughters that have become members, second and third generation Eagles. We must be doing something right because if we were not I am quite sure that this membership progression would not be happening.

A majority of our clubs conduct family-oriented activities such as outings, picnics, campouts and various other parties. Friendships developed among family members participating in these Eagle activities carry on in all types of outside organizations.

This is a trend we must carry on. If we use the "Club" as a central focal point for all these family-oriented activities we will be making stronger family ties and a stronger organization with all working in the same direction for the same goals.

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

Respectfully submitted

Robert Rostas, Chr., 825
Thomas Kauffman, 52
Norman Schmeichel, 1411

It was moved by Brother Rostas that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Charles Straub, Glens Falls Aerie 2486, and approved.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Read by William Carrick, Chr., Empire Aerie 544

Brother Delegates:

The nominating committee received a total of sixteen letters from Aeries backing their favorite son as a candidate for State Office. The letters were reviewed and all candidates were interviewed. After much deliberation and consideration, this committee presents as our selection for State officers for they year 1985-1986, the names of the following brothers:

State President Ray Haggerty, Tonawandas Aerie No. 1411
 State Vice President Al Hubbard, Binghamton Aerie No. 2119
 State Chaplain Gordon Brenenstuhl, Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467
 State Secretary Laverne "Shorty" Weber, Lockport Aerie No. 825
 State Treasurer Kenneth Decker, Ithaca Aerie No. 1253
 State Conductor Wilbur Button, Olean Aerie No. 616
 State Inside Guard James Russell, Rochester Aerie No. 52
 State Outside Guard Douglas McDermott, Addison Aerie No. 3904
 State Trustee Robert Butts, Elmira Aerie No. 941
 State Trustee Donald Cowan, Watertown Aerie No. 782
 State Trustee Elliott Becker, Empire Aerie No. 544
 State Trustee Duane Bruning, Lockport Aerie No. 825

We did receive one letter which was rejected. Toronto Aerie submitted a letter recommending Don Rettinger for a second term as State President. With all due respect to Brother Don, this committee felt one year with "Do It With Don" was enough.

Respectfully submitted
 William Carrick, Chr., 544
 Robert Woodruff, 52
 Laverne Graham, 825
 Wayne Monroe, 941
 Owen McNally, 2621

A motion was made by Brother Carrick that the report of the nominating committee be adopted as read. This was seconded by Robert Sabourin, Rochester Aerie 52, and approved.

Following the adoption of the report, State President Rettinger called for nominations from the floor. The only contest was for the office of State Trustee. Francis Lavance, Glens Falls Aerie 2486, was nominated by Arthur Gonyea, Glens Falls Aerie 2486. Brother LaVance expressed his appreciation for the nomination but declined at this time. There being no further nominations. State President Rettinger declared the nominations closed and that there would not be an election.

It was moved by Wayne Monroe, Elmira Aerie 941, seconded by Robert Woodruff, Rochester Aerie 52, that the State Secretary cast one ballot for all the State Officers as presented by the nominating committee. This was approved. State Secretary Weber cast one ballot for all the uncontested officers and State President Rettinger declared them duly elected.

A number of announcements were made with respect to committee meetings, hospitality rooms and the Past State President's Luncheon. State President Rettinger then recessed the second session of the convention at 11:58 AM until Saturday, June 22, 1985, at 9:30 AM.

THIRD SESSION

The third session of the 79th Annual Convention of the New York State Aerie was called to order at 9:40 AM, Saturday, June 22, 1985, by State President Donald Rettinger.

The obligation and oath of allegiance to the new members were given by Past State President Kenneth Decker, Ithaca Aerie 1253. Roll call of State Officers was held with all in attendance.

REPORT OF THE YOUTH GUIDANCE COMMITTEE

Read by James Russell, Chr., Rochester Aerie 52

Brother Delegates:

As we have received no reports from any Aerie, this will be a short report. However, even though we have not received reports we believe that the majority of Aeries in the New York Jurisdiction are involved with the youth in their community in one way or another.

The practice of supporting and being involved with our youth has proven to be one of the most essential and important activities in the Fraternal Order of Eagles. This is accomplished by supporting family activities such as Christmas with Santa, an Easter Egg hunt and Family Days at our Aerie homes. We can also sponsor a Boy Scout or Girl Scout Troup, Little League Baseball, Pop Werner Football and soccer teams.

Our youth are one of the greatest resources of our Nation. We must do our utmost to give a helping hand in supporting these youth. Remember, keep the youth active and we have our next generation of Eagles

Respectfully submitted
 James Russell, Chr., 52
 Donald Derx, 616
 Alvin Garren, 2119

It was moved by Brother Russell, seconded by Duane Dennison, Hornell Aerie 2640, that the report be adopted as read. This was approved.

REPORT OF THE CANCER RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Read by Elliott Becker, Chr., Empire Aerie 544

Grand Aerie Representatives, State Officers and Brother Delegates:

I am very proud, as are the other committee members, to have had the opportunity to serve the New York State Aerie on the Art Ehrmann Cancer Fund. I am especially proud to serve as its chairman.

I am happy to report that over \$8,000.00 has been donated to the fund so far this year by the Aeries and Auxiliaries from the New York State Jurisdiction. This includes donations for Muscular Dystrophy and Kidney.

The number of cancer cases are expected to double during the next half century unless a major breakthrough in cancer prevention is found through research. It is estimated that a total of 37,781 people lost their lives to cancer last year. Let's all remember this at our next fund-raising event. Let's all help to find that prevention.

We will now have the parade of checks and we thank you very much for your generosity. Let's top last year's total. A complete financial report is attached to this report.

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

AUGUST 1, 1984 - MAY 31, 1985

NO.	LOCATION	CANCER RESEARCH	KIDNEY FUND	MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY
46	Buffalo	\$	\$ 13.00	\$
52	Rochester	60.00	616.05	300.00
88	Niagara Falls		50.00	
97	Utica	391.00	25.00	

482	Gloversville	150.00		
514	Schenectady	520.94	245.00	
544	Middletown	147.50	35.00	
616	Olean	55.00		
782	Watertown	500.00	500.00	
825	Lockport	265.00	300.00	
941	Elmira	872.00	100.00	
1022	North Tarrytown	45.00		
1253	Ithaca	270.50	115.00	
1260	Oneonta	25.00		
1411	Tonawandas	160.00	145.00	
2119	Binghamton	50.00	50.00	50.00
2145	Jamestown	10.00		
2191	Cortland	15.00	15.00	
2269	Endicott	60.00	10.00	
2299	Coming	300.00	300.00	
2447	Dunkirk	25.00	25.00	
2467	Hoosick Falls		25.00	
2621	Brooklyn	25.00	25.00	
2640	Hornell	200.00	50.00	
2644	Johnson City	200.00	150.00	
2692	Depew	100.00	80.00	
3128	Elmont	25.00		
3818	Horseheads	25.00		
3846	Canajoharie		5.00	
3904	Addison		25.00	
3155	Fort Erie, Ontario	25.00	50.00	
	New York State	564.70	50.00	
TOTALS		\$ 5,011.64\$	2,984.05\$	350.00

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AT CONVENTION

	CANCER RESEARCH	KIDNEY FUND	MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY
Rochester Aerie 52	\$ 600.00		
Empire Aerie 544	100.00		
Olean Aerie 616	450.00		
Elmira Aerie 941	300.00		
Oneonta Aerie 1260	200.00		
Binghamton Aerie 2119	50.00		
Endicott Aerie 2269	200.00		
Maple Leaf Aerie 2311	1,771.58		
Glens Falls Aerie 2486	542.39		
Fort Hamilton Aerie 2621	50.00		
Depew-Lancaster Aerie 2692	2,550.00	2,500.00	
Boiling Pot Aerie 3846			25.00
Cash	5.00		
TOTALS	\$ 6,844.97	\$ 2,550.00	\$ 25.00
Previous Contributions	\$ 5,011.64	\$ 2,984.05	\$ 350.00
Convention Donations	6,844.97	2,550.00	25.00
TOTALS	\$ 11,856.61	\$ 5,534.05	\$ 375.00

Respectfully submitted

Elliott Becker, Chr., 544
Robert Brenenstuh, 2467
Arthur Gonyea, 2486

A motion was made by Brother Becker that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by William Bell, Watertown Aerie 782, and approved.

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

Read by Joseph Cangialosi, Rochester Aerie 52

Grand Aerie Officers, State Officers and Brother Delegates:

Throughout the New York State Jurisdiction, there are presently seventeen Aeries that have an active R.E.A.C. Club within their Aerie. Members of these clubs are retired Eagle Members from the Aerie and Auxiliary. R.E.A.C. Club are authorized by the Constitution and Statutes to elect their own officers, have their own by-laws and maintain its own treasury. R.E.A.C. Clubs are subject to the jurisdiction of the Aerie.

This committee has reports from Rochester, Elmira, Glens Falls, Ithaca and Hoosick Falls. Members of these clubs look forward to their meetings and activities. The majority of the meetings and activities are held in the afternoon for the benefit of the members and can also be a big boost to the Aerie's afternoon business.

By organizing a R.E.A.C. Club in your Aerie, you provide a place for the older members to come and keep involved in the activities of the Aerie. Many of them do not come to meetings because they don't like to go out at night.

Information about starting a R.E.A.C. Club is available from the Grand Aerie programs and Activities Department in Milwaukee. Why not start one in your Aerie.

Respectfully submitted

Arthur Gonyea, Chr., 2486
Joseph Cangialosi, 52
Francis Crowley, 941

It was moved by Brother Cangialosi that the report be adopted as presented. This was seconded by Joseph LaBlanc, Rochester Aerie 52, and carried.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

Read by Ray Schnell, Chr., Olean Aerie 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, 1985 was \$11,060.83.

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

Respectfully submitted

Ray Schnell, Chr., 616
Nicholas Hoffman, 482
Charles Poyfair, 825

It was moved by Brother Schnell, seconded by Ray Haggerty, Tonawandas Aerie 1411, that the report be adopted as read. This was approved.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

Read by Wayne Monroe, Elmira Aerie 941

Brother Delegates:

This committee in behalf of our members, again take this opportunity to congratulate and commend our State Officers for a job well done and living within the budget presented to them a year ago. We know that under the economy today, the cost of doing business is still on the rise making it more and more difficult for our financial officers.

After a careful and lengthy study of the State Aerie financial activities, with consideration given to these rising costs, we hereby submit the following budget for the year 1985-1986.

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS:

Balance June 1, 1985	\$11,060.83
State Per Capita Tax	12,000.00
State 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	2,500.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	\$35,560.83

ESTIMATED EXPENSES:

State Secretary's Salary	\$1,000.00
State Treasurer's Allowance	100.00
State President's Visitations	2,000.00
Various Assignments	1,500.00
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 Expense	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 and Grand Aerie Convention Journals	400.00
State Conferences (Spring and 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	2,500.00
State Officers Bond	50.00
State Legislative Committee	200.00
Contingency Fund	7,610.83
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENSES	\$35,560.83

Respectfully submitted

Robert Woodruff, Chr., 52
Wayne Monroe, 941
Ray Haggerty, 1411.

Brother Monroe moved that this report be adopted as given. This was seconded by Al Forkel, Rochester Aerie 52, and carried.

REPORT OF THE JIMMY DURANTE FUND

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

Grand Aerie Representatives, State Officers and Brother Delegates:

The members of this committee thank State President Don Rettinger for the privilege of serving on this committee.

As of the present time, the contributions to the Jimmy Fund from the Aeries and Auxiliaries in the New York State Jurisdiction total \$4,712.75. This includes donations to the Bob Hope High School and to Childhelp - U.S.A.

It appears only three grants were presented during the past year and they are as follows: Niagara Orleans Special Olympics, Mental Health Association in Cattaraugus County, Inc., and the Convalescent Hospital for Children in Rochester. More grants are available, so please get the applications made out and submit them.

Our sincere thanks and appreciation for all the previous contributions received. Let us now have the parade of checks and with your help we will top last year's total.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE JIMMY DURANTE CHILDREN'S FUND

AUGUST 1, 1984 THROUGH MAY 31, 1985

Middletown Aerie 544	\$ 100.00
Elmira Aerie 941	1,073.00
Tarrytown Aerie 1042	25.00
Hornell Aerie 2640	200.00
Fort Erie Aerie 3511	25.00
Horseheads Aerie 3818	25.00
Addison Aerie 3904	50.00
Niagara Falls Auxiliary 88	25.00
Gloversville 482	10.00
Schenectady Auxiliary 514	100.00
Middletown Auxiliary 544	708.50
Olean Auxiliary 616	25.00
Lockport Auxiliary 825	125.00
Elmira Auxiliary 941	100.00
Tarrytown Auxiliary 1042	20.00
Ithaca Auxiliary 1253	168.20
Oneonta Auxiliary 1260	210.05
Tonawandas Auxiliary 1411	25.00
Binghamton Auxiliary 2119	50.00
Jamestown Auxiliary 2145	25.00
Cortland Auxiliary 2191	15.00
Corning Auxiliary 2299	300.00
Dunkirk Auxiliary 2447	25.00
Brooklyn Auxiliary 2621	25.00
Hornell Auxiliary 2640	110.00
Johnson City Auxiliary 2644	260.00
Depew-Lancaster Auxiliary 2692	65.00
Fort Erie Auxiliary 3155	50.00
Watertown Aerie & Auxiliary 782	500.00
Tonawandas Aerie & Auxiliary 1411	248.00
State Aerie & Auxiliary	125.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,712.75

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AT THE CONVENTION

Rochester 52	\$ 600.00
Schenectady 514	300.00
Empire 544	100.00
Olean 616	450.00
Lockport 825	720.00
Elmira 941	400.00
Oneonta 1260	200.00
Binghamton 2119	50.00
Endicott 2269	200.00
Maple Leaf 2311	797.00
Glens Falls 2486	194.94
Fort Hamilton 2621	50.00
Depew-Lancaster 2692	1,200.00
Elmont 3128	1,000.00
Rotterdam 3610	100.00
Boiling Pot 3846	350.00
TOTAL	\$ 6,711.94
Previous Contributions	\$ 4,712.75
State Convention Donations	\$ 6,711.94
OVERALL TOTAL	\$ 11,424.69

Respectfully submitted

Al Hubbard, Chr., 2119
Ken Campbell, 616
Raymond Henry 2644

A motion was made by Brother Hubbard that the report be adopted as given. This was seconded by Earle Willis, Maple Leaf Aerie 2311, and approved.

FINAL REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Read by Duane Bruning, Lockport Aerie 825

Brother Delegates:

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

WHEREAS, we have all had an enjoyable time in the City of Rochester, New York and

WHEREAS, the meetings were educational, interesting and rewarding to our members assembled, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the delegates of this convention express their appreciation for the outstanding hospitality shown by Rochester Aerie and Auxiliary throughout this Convention.

Respectfully submitted

Harold Fields, Chr., 52
Arthur Raff, 544
Duane Bruning, 825
Joseph Chalk, 941
Lewis Howe, 2640

It was moved by Brother Bruning that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by James Hartnagle, Glens Falls Aerie 2486, and approved.

REPORT OF THE BY-LAW COMMITTEE

Read by Kenneth Decker, Ithaca Aerie 1253

Brother Delegates:

This is the final reading of the suggested change to the State Aerie By Laws.

WHEREAS, the State Membership Director performs an important role in the continuing operation of the State Aerie through his coordination of and supervision of all campaigns to bring in new members and at the present time has no voice in the State Executive Committee where he could contribute important information, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the State Membership Director become an official member of the State Executive Committee with equal vote and privileges.

It is the recommendation of this committee that Section 1.2 of the State Aerie By Laws be amended to include the State Membership Director as a member of the State Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted

Arthur Gonyea, Chr., 2486
Kenneth Decker, 1253
William Carrick, 544

It was moved by Brother Decker that this amendment to the State Aerie By Laws be adopted as read. This was seconded by Vincent Scharf, Buffalo Aerie 46, and approved.

Under a Special Order of Business, State President Rettinger introduced Jr. Past State President of the State of Pennsylvania Robert Wahls. Brother Wahls thanked everyone for having him at the convention and stated all were doing a great job. He wishes Brother Haggerty a good year and wished everyone the best for a great convention. State President Rettinger then introduced Grand Secretary D.D. "Doc" Dunlap. Brother Dunlap stated he was very pleased for the donations to the charities and for the fine work New York is doing. He asked all to support Brothers Weber and Zimmerman in the Grand Aerie. Brother Dunlap continued to give an excellent talk on fraternalism and stated he was happy to be in New York and wished everyone a successful convention.

REPORT OF THE BANQUET COMMITTEE

Read by Raymond Sage, Chr., Rochester Aerie 52

Brother Delegates:

The Annual Convention Banquet will be held at the Holiday Airport Inn this evening, Saturday, June 22, 1985, starting promptly at 6:30 PM.

The Master of Ceremonies will be Past State President William "Bill" Carrick.

Our sincere thanks to the Rochester Committee and the staff at the Holiday Inn for their fine cooperation given this committee in finalizing the banquet.

Respectfully submitted

Raymond Sage, Chr., 52
William Christensen, 941
Bill Mullhaland, 3904

It was moved by Brother Sage that the report be adopted as given. This was seconded by Al Hubbard, Binghamton Aerie 2119, and approved.

REPORT OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE FUND

Read by Mike Lopez, Chr., Glens Falls Aerie 2486

Grand Aerie Representative and 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 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 giving during the parade of checks.

Respectfully submitted

Mike Lopez, Chr., 2486
Michael Sheridan, 52
Richard Root, 3904

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

AUGUST 1, 1984 - MAY 31, 1985

NO.	LOCATION	AMOUNT
52	Rochester	\$ 791.36
88	Niagara Falls	100.00
97	Utica	200.00
514	Schnectady	116.50
544	Middletown	50.00
616	Olean	100.00
825	Lockport	125.00
941	Elmira	100.00
1042	Tarrytown	45.00
1043	Norwich	200.00
1253	Ithaca	175.00
1260	Oneonta	192.10
1411	Tonawanda	354.08
2119	Binghamton	50.00
2191	Cortland	15.00
2269	Endicott	100.00
2299	Corning	25.00
2447	Dunkirk	25.75
2467	Hoosick Falls	115.00
2486	Glens Falls	300.00
2640	Hornell	200.00
2644	Johnson City	100.00

2692	Depew	75.00
3818	Horseheads	25.00
3904	Addison	125.00
TOTAL		\$3,704.79

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AT THE CONVENTION

Rochester Aerie 52	\$ 600.00
Empire Aerie 544	100.00
Olean Aerie 616	100.00
Binghamton Aerie 2119	50.00
Endicott Aerie 2269	200.00
Glens Falls Aerie 2486	390.45
Rotterdam Aerie 3610	150.00
Boiling Pot Aerie 3846	25.00
State Committee (Mike Lopez)	400.00
TOTAL	\$2,215.45
Previous Contributions	\$3,704.79
State Convention Donations	2,215.45
OVERALL TOTAL	\$5,920.24

It was moved by Brother Lopez that the report be adopted as given. This was seconded by Alvin Garren, Binghamton Aerie 2119, and approved.

REPORT OF THE BETTER HOME TOWN COMMITTEE

Read by Duane Dennison, Chr., Hornell Aerie 2640

Brother Delegates:

One of the surest ways to make a better Home Town is to have an active committee in your home Aerie and living up to the Eagle's slogan, "People Helping People".

There are many things we can do to help make our Home Town a better place for ourselves, our children and everyone in general. We should take time to visit those that are unable to come to the club. The ones that in hospitals, nursing homes or just confined at home. Let them know what is going on at the club and let them know we are interested in their welfare.

We should get involved in our community by attending public meetings and sponsoring various youth programs such as hockey, softball, football and the like. Honor the leaders in your community, the Firemen, Policemen or an outstanding citizen.

In Hornell Aerie, one of our biggest projects is the Fathers' Day Dinner. We honor the oldest and the youngest members and present them with a token of appreciation. We, like many other Aeries, sponsor an annual blood bank and have family picnics and family programs. Families that work and play together, stay together.

Grants are available for sponsoring a blood pressure clinic or CPR instructions. More information is available from the Grand Aerie.

To sum it all up, an active Better Home Town Committee is important in your Aerie and this committee urges all Aeries to become involved if you are not already. It's people like you taking an active part in you home town that make this a better world.

Respectfully submitted

Duane Dennison, Chr., 2640
John Barnas, 52
Robert Conn, 482

A motion was made by Brother Dennison, seconded by Alvin Garre, Binghamton Aerie 2119, that the report be adopted as read. This was approved.

REPORT OF THE PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Read by Stanley Singer, Chr., Utica Aerie 97

Brother Delegates:

Programs and activities are a vital part of our organization. Without these our Aeries will fall by the wayside.

Good chairmen and committees are needed to make any program or activity a success. Aeries such as Glens Falls and Utica are trying it. Have a chairperson and committee made up of both Aerie and Auxiliary members for each function. This gets more people involved and makes for a smoother operation.

Become involved in the local activities. March in the parades, let your community know you exist. Watertown and Glens Falls join in the Christmas Parade each year. If there is a local drive, such as a Zoo Improvement Drive, get involved. Have a function just for this project.

Frank Hover, Zone 3 Director, is trying inter-club activities. A two-day bus trip took about 60 brothers and sisters on a visit to every Aerie in the Zone. Hopefully this will become an annual activity. Then there was the Zone Family Picnic. There were games, prizes, food and liquid refreshments for all. This was well-attended.

The golf course at Utica Aerie will be opening in about a month for duffers. By next year they should be in full swing and hopefully can get something going in the Zone and the State.

Of course, we have many Aeries who are active in sponsoring Little Leagues, Scout Troops, Pee-Wee Football and so forth. Members enjoy co-ed bowling, men's bowling, golf and pool. Canajoharie Aerie has enjoyed a co-ed card playing tournament for the past couple of years.

If your Aerie has had a successful activity, share it with us. Maybe we could try it in our own club.

This is a family-oriented organization. We should strive to have more programs for the whole family to participate in. R.E.A.C. is going strong in some clubs, maybe others could do as well with Junior Eagles.

The Grand Aerie has all kinds of literature that can be used in the Aeries. Just write and request them.

Remember, you get out of your Aerie exactly what you put into it. Get active, get on a committee and help make our programs and activities interesting.

Respectfully submitted

Stanley Singer, Chr., 97
Joseph LaBlanc, 52
Harold Long, 616

It was moved by Brother Singer, seconded by Laverne Graham, Lockport Aerie 825, that the report be adopted as read. This was approved.

REPORT OF THE MAX BAER HEART FUND

Read by James Telban, Chr., Rochester Aerie 52

Brothers Delegates:

We would like to thank State President Don Rettinger for the privilege of serving on this important committee.

As we all know, heart disease has no favorites. Hopefully ongoing research is helping all of us to deal with it more effectively. With your continued support and through research we will eventually conquer this dreaded disease.

Through the generosity of all the Aeries and Auxiliaries throughout the State, over \$6,000.00 has been contributed so far this year. This goes to show that the brothers and sisters from New York and Eastern Canada are truly "PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE".

This committee wishes to thank everyone who helped support this fund with their time, energy and dollars. 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, 1982 - MAY 31, 1985

NO.	LOCATION	HEART FUND	DIABETES FUND
52	Rochester	\$ 1,419.50	\$ 941.00
88	Niagara Falls	50.00	
97	Utica	451.65	25.00
482	Gloversville	5.00	10.00
514	Schenectady	111.50	314.50
544	Middletown	953.50	
616	Olean	437.20	25.00
782	Watertown	500.00	702.00
825	Lockport	295.00	280.00
941	Elmira	1,072.00	100.00
1042	Tarrytown	45.00	
1253	Ithaca	450.00	114.00
1260	Oneonta	60.46	25.00
1411	Tonawandas	369.65	50.00
2119	Binghamton	50.00	
2145	Jamestown	25.00	
2191	Cortland	15.00	15.00
2269	Endicott	10.00	15.00
2299	Corning	310.00	100.00
2447	Dunkirk	25.00	25.00
2467	Hoosick Falls	15.00	15.00
2621	Brooklyn	25.00	
2640	Homell	100.00	30.00
2644	Johnson City	500.00	282.00
2692	Depew	75.00	65.00
3155	Fort Erie	25.00	50.00
3771	Troy		5.00
3818	Horseheads	25.00	
3846	Canajoharie		5.00
3904	Addison	200.00	25.00
State	New York State	125.00	167.00
TOTALS		\$ 7,745.46	\$ 3,385.50

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AT THE CONVENTION

	HEART FUND	DIABETIS FUND
Rochester Aerie 52 (Golf Tournament)	\$ 100.00	\$
Rochester Aerie 52	600.00	
Schenectady Aerie 514	300.00	
Empire Aerie 544	100.00	
Olean Aerie 616	500.00	
Elmira Aerie 941	150.00	
Oneonta Aerie 1260	200.00	
Binghamton Aerie 2119	50.00	
Endicott Aerie 2269	200.00	
Depew-Lancaster Aerie 2692	1,692.00	2,058.00
Maple Leaf Aerie 2311	1,184.76	
Glens Falls Aerie 2486	285.60	
Fort Hamilton Aerie 2621	50.00	50.00
Rotterdam Aerie 3610	100.00	
TOTAL	\$ 6,512.36	\$ 2,108.00
Previous Donations	\$ 7,745.46	\$ 3,385.50
State Convention Donations	6,512.36	2,108.00
OVERALL TOTAL	\$14,157.82	\$ 5,493.50

Respectfully submitted
James Telban, Chr, 52
Ian Carry, 2311
Kenneth Wormley, 3904

A motion was made by Brother Telban that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Owen McNally, Fort Hamilton Aerie 2621, and approved.

FINAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Read by Ronald Stickney, Chr., Lockport Aerie 825

Brother Delegates:

The following is the final report of the Credential Committee:

Grand Aerie Representatives	4
State Officers	13
Past State Presidents	10
Delegates	92
Alternates	3
Past Worthy Presidents	107
TOTAL VOTES	266
Totl Credentials Issued	148

Respectfully submitted
Ronald Stickney, Chr. 825
Wesley Barnes, 616
Charles Poyfair, 825
Francis LaVance, 2486
John Lewis, Jr., 2640

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

COMPLETE LIST OF REGISTERED DELEGATES

Delegate	Aerie	Delegate	Aerie
1 Donald Rettinger	2311	76 Nicholas Hoffman	482
2 James Telban	52	76 Owen McNally	2621
3 John E. Lewis	2640	77 Dave Shay	3818
4 Ronald Stickney	825	78 Louis A. Dirienzo, Jr.	2692
5 Charles Poyfair	825	79 Jack Kincaid	616
6 Wesley Barnes	616	80 Kenneth J. Clause, Sr.	88
7 Francis LaVance	2486	81 Frank J. Hover	3610
8 Laverne Weber	825	82 Roger DuPras	3976
9 Alfred Forkel	52	84 Roger Grandchamp	3176
10 Thomas R. Kauffman	52	84 Vincent M. Scharf	46
11 Kenneth Decker	1253	85 Chester P. Halliday	46
12 Al Hubbard	2119	86 George Wallach	3128
13 Alfred W. Lane	1042	87 Arthur Artino	3128
14 John Barnas	52	88 Duane Dennison	2640
15 Wayne Monroe	941	89 Charles Straub	2486
16 Walter Manry	2640	90 Gorden Brenenstuhl	2467
17 Joe Newman	52	91 Ken Campbell	616
18 Bill Carrick	544	92 W.E. Button	616
19 William Callahan	52	93 Norman Allen	2692
20 Fredrick Romano	52	94 Robert Butts	941
21 Al Thornton	2311	95 Mark W. LaRue	616
22 Douglas McDermott	3904	96 Harold A. Long, Jr.	616
23 Laverne Graham	825	97 Joseph C. LeBlanc	52
24 Kenneth Wormley	3904	98 Harry Woodruff	52
25 Ted Eldridge	2640	99 Bruce G. Ward	2447
26 Walter Robords	2640	100 Melvin Murphy	2447
27 David E. Wilson	2640	101 Wesley Backus	782
28 Donald Craig	825	102 Harold "Skip" Grant	782
29 Arthur D. Oakley	2644	103 Patrick J. Cooney	1545
30 Raymond Shenery	2644	104 Billy Christensen	941
31 Arthur Raff	544	105 Dick Pottorff	1253
32 Elliott S. Becker	544	106 Edwin T. Drake, Jr.	1253
33 James Russell	52	107 William Lydle	1253
34 David Wakin	1260	108 Mace L. Parker	514
35 Herbert C. Farrell	514	109 Charles Haflett	941
36 Don A. Derx	616	110 Bill Bobbs	941
37 Martin Hoyt	52	111 Ed Seuling	616
38 Ray P. Haggerty	1411	112 Andre Wolff	3176
39 Rene Lessard	3176	113 Robert Deghne	3176
40 Richard B. Root	3904	114 Paul Messler	3897
41 William Mulhollen	3904	115 Romeo Piche	3897
42 Fred Osborne	3904	116 Ronald Lahoie	3176
43 Ellis Spencer	3904	117 Lewis Howe	2640
44 Thorney Dawson	2269	118 George Destardins	3176
45 Robert Sabourin	52	119 Jules Neron	3176
46 Mike Sheridan	52	120 Harry Stewart	2191
47 Joseph E. Cangialosi	52	121 Robert Byron	2191
48 Salvatore Ventora	2692	122 Mauriel Helmer	782
49 Arthur L. Gonyea	2486	123 Donald J. Cowan	782
50 Mike Lopez	2486	124 Ian Carry	2311
51 Thomas V. Sullivan	2486	125 Dana R. Leisk	2311

52 Bob Woodruff	52	126 Herbert Olmsted	1260
53 John Bartolotta	52	127 Carl Trietley	1411
54 Cecil Moshier	825	128 Duane B. Kugler	825
55 Jim Harris	616	129 John Pearson	544
56 Ralph J. Verno	52	130 Ralph Chipman	544
57 Vernon Sullivan	3155	131 Daniel Pritchard	941
58 Duane Bruning	825	132 Francis Crowley	941
59 Alvin B. Garren	2119	133 Paul Sampson	2486
60 Robert Brenenstuhl	2467	134 Donald W. Wemple, Sr.	514
61 David Mullen	2486	135 Joseph Chalk	941
62 William P. Corcoran	2486	136 Richard E. Knapp	941
63 William Zygas	97	137 Raymond Schnell	616
64 Stanley Singer	97	138 Arthur J. Cichon	2692
65 William J. Bell	782	139 Robert Sharkey	52
66 Donald Gregory	97	140 John D. Cady	1575
67 Raymond J. Sage	52	141 George Mahoney	515
68 Earle Willis	2311	142 Robert Rostas	825
69 John A. Palmer	32846	143 Alfred Smith	1253
70 William Poole	3846	144 Robert Appgar	1253
71 James A. Hartnagle	2486	145 Gerard DeRouchie	782
72 Milton T. Evans	941	146 George E. Johnson	782
73 Harold Fields	52	147 William "Al" Ray	2311
74 Robert J. Conn	482	148 Larry P. Karsky, Sr.	2692

REPORT OF THE PAST STATE PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE

Read by Laverne Graham, Chr., Lockport Aerie 825

Brother Delegates:

The Annual Past State President's Luncheon was held on Friday, June 21, 1985 in the Gold Key Restaurant.

Ten Past State Presidents were in attendance along with Grand Aerie Chaplain Lester Zimmerman, Eastern Regional President John Demko and Laverne "Shorty" Weber.

After a delicious luncheon, a short business session was held. It was the unanimous decision of the Past State Presidents to admit outgoing State President Donald Rettinger as a member in the club. Congratulations were extended to Brother Don for the outstanding year and for the accomplishments he achieved as State President.

Brief remarks were given by Les Zimmerman, Grand Chaplain and John Demko, Eastern Regional President. Both congratulated New York on having such a fine year. Brother Lane congratulated Brother Decker for attending 52 State Conventions and for the fine job he has done over the years.

Respectfully submitted

Laverne Graham, Chr., 825

Donald Gregory, 97

Arthur Gonyea, 2486

It was moved by Brother Graham that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Alvin Garren, Binghamton Aerie 2119, and carried.

REPORT OF THE STATE OF THE ORDER COMMITTEE

Read by Wayne Monroe, Elmira Aerie 941

Brother Delegates:

We, the members of the State of The Order Committee, wish to thank State President Donald Rettinger. all his officers and committee chairmen for a job well done this past year. Congratulations are also in order for State Membership Director Robert "Woody" Woodruff and his zone and district directors for having their department so well organized. You did a fantastic job this past year.

To our new State President Ray Haggerty, you must meet the challenge for the coming year. We know you will and we are all looking forward to another banner year. I know the past state Presidents will extend to Brother Ray and his Officers the same cooperation as they have for so many years.

As members of this committee, we wish to thank State President Rettinger for the privilege of serving on this committee.

Respectfully submitted

Donald Gregory, Chr., 97

Wayne Monroe, 941

Owen McNally, 2621

Arthur Gonyea, 2486

Arthur Cichon, 2692

It was moved by Brother Monroe that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Owen McNally, Fort Hamilton Aerie 2621, and approved.

After the adoption of the report, Brother Dave Shay, Horseheads Aerie 3818, made a motion that it be on record that members of this convention support Grand Aerie Representatives "Shorty" Weber and Lester Zimmerman in their bid to continue in the Grand Aerie. This was seconded by Charles Straub, Glens Falls Aerie 2486 and approved.

Under Special Order of Business, State Secretary Weber asked permission to make a presentation. Brother Weber introduced Brother Harry Woodruff and asked him to come to the podium to make a presentation to State President Rettinger. Brother Woodruff presented Brother Rettinger with his Past State President's Certificate, his Past State President's Lapel Pin, his Past State President's Gold Card and a small purse in appreciation for his fine tenure as State President.

State President Rettinger expressed his thanks and gratitude for the fine gifts and the opportunity of serving as State President. He then gave his wholehearted support to his successor Ray Haggerty.

Brother Haggerty then spoke regarding the Grand Aerie Convention. He stated that the New York State colors for the salute to the Grand Aerie Convention will be blue and white and that the State wanted their own flags and poles to be presented in the parade. He stated that three flag poles with flags and eagles for the top of each would be sent to the Grand Aerie Convention. He noted that the flags were donated by Quebec and thanked everyone who will be attending to make the parade a success.

The Grand Aerie Representatives "Doc" Dunlap, Grand Secretary, Lester Zimmerman, Grand Chaplain, Robert Wahls, Past State President from Pennsylvania and John Demko, Eastern Regional President thanked the delegation for their wonderful hospitality and congratulated all on an outstanding convention.

REPORT OF THE SPEAKERS COMMITTEE

Read by Laverne "Shorty" Weber, Chr., Lockport Aerie 825

Brother Delegates:

As in the past, we have been blessed with outstanding speakers throughout this convention. The City, County and Town Officials gave us a warm welcome and information of points of interest in the Rochester Vicinity at our opening session. Our thanks must go to the Grand Aerie for sending us such distinguished Officials as Grand Secretary D.D. "Doc" Dunlap, Grand Chaplain Lester Zimmerman and Eastern Regional President John Demko. They did an outstanding job and we were most happy to have them share the convention with us. We are also pleased that Bob Wahls, Jr. Past State President from Pennsylvania, was able to be with us.

We express our thanks and appreciation to the Rochester Committee for making the arrangements to have the Public Officials with us and for all their help in making this convention successful.

Respectfully submitted

Laverne Weber, Chr., 825
Alfred W. Lane, 1042
Kenneth Decker, 1253

Brother Weber moved that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by James Russell, Rochester Aerie 52, and approved.

REPORT OF THE GRIEVANCE AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

Read by Wesley Barnes, Chr., Olean Aerie 616

Brother Delegates:

This committee is pleased to report that no complaints or grievances have been received during this convention. This committee feels this convention was successful and that the delegates enjoyed the sessions and hospitality. We also wish to thank State President Don Rettinger for the opportunity to serve on this committee.

Respectfully submitted

Wesley Barnes, Chr., 616
Marty Hoyt, 52
Walter Manry, 2640

Brother Barnes moved that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Earle Willis, Maple Leaf Aerie 2311, and approved.

Following the adoption of the report, State President Rettinger announced that the Ritualistic Committee would make its report at the Convention Banquet. He also thanked the Election Committee for being available although they were not needed during this convention.

Earle Willis, Maple Leaf Aerie 2311, thanked State President Rettinger for handling such well-run meetings during the convention which was unanimous by all present with a standing ovation for Brother Rettinger.

Brother Rettinger thanked all and stated he had enjoyed the year very much. He then tated that there would be a short recess until 12:30 PM at which time the ceremony for the installation of the new officers would be held.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The installation ceremony was open to the general public. The State Presidents Degree Team did the installation. Installing Officers were: Laverne "Shorty" Weber, Installing President; Alfred W. Lane, Installing Secretary; Robert Woodruff, Installing Conductor; Arthur Gonyea, Past President; Laverne Graham, Chaplain; Arthur Cichon, Vice President and Wayne Monroe, Chairman.

The following brothers were installed into office with Past State President McNally as proxy for State Secretary "Shorty" Weber.

Jr. Past State President Donald Rettinger, Maple Leaf Aerie 2311
State President Ray Haggerty, Tonawandas Aerie 1411
State Vice President Al Hubbard, Binghamton Aerie 2119
State Chaplain Gordon Brenenstuhl, Hoosick Falls Aerie 2467
State Secretary Laverne "Shorty" Weber, Lockport Aerie 825
State Treasurer Kenneth Decker, Ithaca Aerie 1253
State Conductor Wilbur Button, Olean Aerie 616
State Inside Guard James Russell, Rochester Aerie 52
State Outside Guard Douglas McDermott, Addison Aerie 3904
State Trustee Robert Butts, Elmira Aerie 941
State Trustee Donald Cowan, Watertown Aerie 782
State Trustee Duane Bruning, Lockport Aerie 825
State Trustee Elliott Becker, Empire Aerie 544

Following the close of the ceremony, Brother Weber and Brother Monroe congratulated the newly installed officers and Brother Monroe then presented the newly installed State President Ray Haggerty. Brother Haggerty thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve as State President and then introduced his wife and members of his family who were present. Brother Haggerty outlined his goals for the upcoming year and asked for everyone's support.

Grand Secretary D.D. "Doc" Dunlap, Grand Chaplain Lester Zimmerman and Eastern Regional President John Demko all offered their congratulations to the newly installed officers and wished them well for a fine year ahead and told them to wear their badges with pride and good health.

There being no further business, Brother Monroe offered a closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 1:18 PM.

STATE CONVENTION BANQUET

The Joint State Convention Banquet was held in the Ballroom of the Holiday Inn-Airport at 6:30 PM Saturday, June 22, 1985. Past State President William "Bill" Carrick served as Toastmaster. Approximately 400 persons were in attendance. The invocation was given by Father Gerald Dunn, Pastor of St. Theodore's Church in Rochester. The Officers for 1985-1986 of the State Aerie and State Auxiliary were introduced. Donald Rettinger and Helen Schwartz, outgoing State Presidents, thanked all for their support and encouragement during their term and for the wonderful hospitality they had received during their visitations. They asked everyone to give the same support to their successors. The newly installed State Presidents, Ray Haggerty of Tonawandas Aerie 1411 and Marianne Barnes of Olean Auxiliary 616, expressed their thanks for the honor to serve as State President and outlined their programs for their year and wished everyone a safe journey home. State Membership Director Robert Woodruff handed out a number of awards and presented Watertown Aerie 782 with the State Membership Trophy as High produced for the year.

A \$5,000.00 grant, from the Art Ehrmann Cancer Fund, was presented to Rochester General Hospital Foundation, Inc., Rochester, N.Y., by Madam State President Marianne Barnes and a \$5,000.00 grant, from the Max Baer Heart Fund, was presented to Department of Cardiology in Rochester.

Concluding a most beautiful and enjoyable program were the excellent addresses given by Past Grand Madam President Bonnie Quatkemeyer, Grand Secretary D.D. "Doc" Dunlap and Grand Chaplain Lester Zimmerman. All talked on the programs of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and congratulated New York for an excellent job. They also congratulated the new officers and wished them the best for the ensuing year.

REPORT OF THE STATE RITUALITIC COMMITTEE

Given by Roger Grandchamp, Chr., St. Jerome Aerie 3176

Grand Aerie Officers, Delegates and Ladies and Gentlemen:

Three teams competed in the Ritualitic competition this year. Following are the results:

Glens Falls 2486	97.8%
Elmira 941	96.2%
Lockport 825	94.1%

I wish to thank State President Don Rettinger for the privilege to serve as chairman of this committee.

Respectfully submitted

Roger Grandchamp, Chr, 3176
 Alvin Garren, 2119
 James Telban, 52
 Daniel O'Niel, 2119
 John Lewis, Jr., 2640

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

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

Respectfully submitted

Laverne "Shorty" Weber
 State Secretary

In Loving Memory of

ROBERT HOOD

Elmira Aerie No. 941

State President

1965 - 1966

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
	1985 — Rochester

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

1*	JOHN J. HARRINGTON, Brooklyn 393	1907-08
2*	JOHN J. HARRINGTON, Brooklyn 393	1908-09
3*	FREDRICK HUGHES, Yonkers 473	1909-10
4*	FREDRICK HUGHES, Yonkers 473	1910-11
5*	JAMES CONLAN, Buffalo 46	1911-12
6*	JAMES CONLAN, Buffalo 46	1912-13
7*	GEORGE B. BEDFORD, Syracuse 53	1913-14
8*	GEORGE B. BEDFORD, Syracuse 53	1914-15
9*	JOHN F. MALONEY, Watertown 782	1916-16
10*	JOHN F. COLE, Binghamton 1118	1916-17
11*	GEORGE E. MORGAN, Buffalo 46	1917-18
12*	WILLIAM KENEALY, Rochester 52	1918-19
13*	JOSEPH M. SCHERER, Long Island City 1509	1919-20
14*	THOMAS G. WELSH, Elmira 941	1920-21
15*	FRANK X. BERNHARDT, Buffalo 46	1921-22
16*	THOMAS J. HICKEY, Syracuse 53	1922-23
17*	JOSEPH STREICHER, Buffalo 46	1923-24
18*	JOHN F. McGRATH, New York 40	1924-25
19*	MICHAEL H. SWEENEY, Binghamton 1118	1925-26
20*	WILLIAM B. HUTCHINSON, Buffalo 46	1926-27
21*	MICHAEL H. SWEENEY, Binghamton 1118	1927-28
22*	WILLIAM DODSON, Olean 616	1928-29
23*	WILLIAM MENTZINGER, Rockaway Beach 1544	1929-30
24*	CHARLES J. MENGLER, Elmira 941	1930-31
25*	WILLIAM ALF. Buffalo 46	1931-32
26*	WALTER E. McGRATH, New York 40	1932-33
27*	ALBERT LEONARD, Geneva 95	1933-34
28*	ERNEST J. MAHONEY, Rochester 52	1934-35
29*	JOHN P. SAXER, Buffalo 46	1935-36
30*	JOHN T. SHORTELL, Olean 616	1936-37
31*	CHARLES G. MARALDO, Staten Island 543	1937-38
32*	RAYMOND R. BARBER, Ithaca 1253	1938-39
33*	WILLIAM H. MOSTYN, Rochester 52	1939-40
34*	WILLIAM H. MOSTYN, Rochester 52	1940-41
35*	R. LESLIE McDERMOTT, Lockport 825	1941-42
36*	CHARLES J. DOLZEN, Schenectady 514	1942-43
37	KENNETH DECKER, Ithaca 1253	1943-44
38*	HENRY KOHAUT, Yonkers 0473	1944-45
39*	JOHN R. TAGGERT, Buffalo 46	1945-46
40	GEORGE GREEN, Gloversville 482	1946-47
41*	FRANCIS H. BRECHUE, Auburn 96	1947-48
42*	EDWARD M. KAMAS, Elmira 941	1948-49
43	PAUL M. AYERS, Lockport 825	1949-50
44*	DONALD MANZER, Utica 97	1950-51
45*	CHARLES 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 GARRICK, 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
78	DONALD RETTINGER, Maple Leaf 2311	1984-85