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NEW YORK STATE - AERIE OFFICERS

1996-1997

State President Harry Stewart
Cortland 2191

State Vice President James Telban
Rochester 52

State Chaplain Kenneth Morrisey
Glens Falls 2486

State Secretary Wayne Monroe
Elmira 941

State Treasurer Ray Haggerty
Tonawanda 1411

State Conductor Robert Rostas
Lockport 825

State Inside Guard Harold Grant
Watertown 782

State Outside Guard Ellis Spencer
Addison 3904

Junior Past President Daniel O'Neil
Binghamton 2119

State Membership Director Robert Woodruff
Rochester 52

STATE TRUSTEES

Chr. Daniel O'Neil Binghamton 2119

Robert Yager Canajoharie 3846

Patrick Gray Toronto 2311

Bryan Welch Ithaca 1253

Harold Fields Rochester 52

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OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE CONVENTION

The 90th Annual Convention of the New York State/Eastern Ontario Fraternal Order of Eagles was officially opened at 1:00 P.M. on June 13, 1996 at the Best Western Lockport Inn.

Master of Ceremonies for the official opening was Duane Bruning who welcomed all. The colors were presented by the American Legion Color Guard, B. Leo Dolan Post #410. The National Anthems were sung by Donald Rettinger. The Invocation was given by State Chaplain James Telban.

Frank Rose, Lockport Aerie President, Ellen Gardner, Lockport Auxiliary President, Daniel O'Neil, State President, and Margaret Hodge, State Auxiliary President, welcomed everyone to Lockport and for a successful convention.

City of Lockport Mayor Kenneth D. Swan thanked New York State for selecting Lockport as the Convention location. He noted that the Eagles organization is always there whenever they need help. J.O. Thompson, Supervisor, Town of Lockport, extended his welcome and thanked the Eagles for their contributions to such organizations as Hospice, Mercy Flight, the Fire Department, etc. John Cole, Chief, Niagara County Sheriff's Department, stated that the Eagles is not just another service Club or self-serving organization, that it is a blue collar organization. He also noted that 50 years later, he wanted to thank the Eagles for sponsoring a baseball team. Henry B. Newman, Chief of Police for the City of Lockport, also welcomed everyone to the area and for a safe and good time.

In addition to the above, the following Grand Aerie representatives and NYS Officers were introduced and gave a few words: Wayne D. Clark, Grand Worthy Conductor from Virginia; Brenda Painter, Grand Auxiliary Eastern Division President from W. Virginia; Iris McDermott, Past Grand Madam President; Ray Haggerty, Eastern Regional President; and Patricia Fields, Eastern Regional President.

The ceremony closed at 1:00 P.M. until the start of the business meetings at 2:00 P.M. with the women meeting at the Best Western and the men meeting at the Aerie Home.

The Annual Banquet was held at the Aerie Home Saturday night. This was a great success due to the help of the kitchen crew and the Boy Scouts helping out.

After the meal, there was dancing and everyone had a great time till the wee hours of the morning. We parted company Sunday morning and headed home after a wonderful weekend due to the efforts of the Lockport Aerie. Everyone was making plans to go to Watertown in 1997.

1996 STATE CONVENTION

The New York State Aerie Convention was held in the home of the Lockport Aerie 825. This was kicked off by the Annual Bill Carrick Golf Tournament on Wednesday, June 12th. As usual, we had a large group tee off with headaches from the night before.

After the tournament, they all adjourned to the Aerie home for a great meal and plenty of libation. Prizes were awarded and all had a great time.

Registration began at the Aerie home on Thursday morning, June 13, 1996, at 9:00 A.M. The ladies registration was held at the Best Western on Transit Road. Registration was slow the first day, but we hoped it would pick up on Friday.

Opening ceremonies were held at the Best Western Lockport Inn at 1:00 P.M. on Thursday, after which the ladies stayed at the Lockport Inn for their first session and the men met at the Aerie home.

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FIRST SESSION

The first session was called to order in the home of Lockport Aerie 825 at 2:18 P.M., June 13, 1996 by State President Daniel O'Neil. State Chaplain James Telban gave the opening prayer.

Following the opening ritual ceremonies, the Roll Call of State Officer was held with all being in attendance. The Obligation, admission of new members, and Oath of Allegiance were given by PSP Robert Woodruff, Rochester Aerie 52.

PSP John Palmer, Canajoharie Aerie 3846, made a motion to defer from reading the Convention Committee appointments as each delegate had received a copy. This was seconded by James Telban, Rochester Aerie 52, and approved.

1995-1996 STATE CONVENTION COMMITTEES

BY LAW
Ray Haggerty, 1411

LEGISLATIVE
Robert Yager, 3846
Ray Howland, 782
Lou Osman, 2692

YOUTH GUIDANCE
Robert Butts, 941
Gary LaRuse, 782

CANCER RESEARCH
Robert Rostas, 825
Terry Smith, 782
Robert Rzoska, 2682

MAX BAER HEART FUND
James Telban, 52
Robert Lancaster, 52

SOCIAL SECURITY
Donald Cowan, 782
Peter Vaughn, 616

STATE SPEAKERS
Wayne Monroe, 941
Pat Gray, 2311

**MEMBER SECURITY
(NET GAIN)**
Robert Woodruff, 52
William Mulhullan, 3904

SCOUTING
Jim Harris, 616
Donald Beebe, 2191

JIMMY DURANTE FUND
Harold Grant, 782
Dennis Dudek, 2644

STATE BOWLING
Robert Sharkey, 52
William Knight, 2191

HOME AND FAMILY
Ellis Spencer, 3904
Frank Derr, 941

MEMORIAL FOUNDATION
Bryon Welch, 1253
Gary Jones, 2582

STATE ATHLETIC
Rick Farrell, 52
Make Fahey,

NOMINATING COMMITTEE
James Russell, 52
Don Rettinger, 2311
Robert Butts, 941
Richard Pottorff, 1253
Doug McDermott, 3904

STATE ARTHRITIS FUND
John Palmer, 3846
Bryon Trainor, 1253

PAST STATE PRESIDENTS
Al Hubbard, 2119
Art Gonyea, 2586

CREDENTIALS
Duane Bruning, 825

PUBLICITY
Robert yager, 3846
Michael Boorum, 1411

RESOLUTIONS
Bryan Welch, 1253
Harold Royer, 2586

IN MEMORIAM
Laverne Graham, 825
Thomas Gleason, 2191

ELECTION
Herb Farrell, 514

G.A. HOSPITALITY ROOM
Ellis Spencer, 3904
Harry Stewart, 2191

R.E.A.C.
William Bell, 781
Donald Yanchunis, 2586
Joe Newman, 2586

RITUALISTIC
William Bell, 781

BETTER HOME TOWNS
Dick Pottorff, 1253
Roger Vincent, 616

PARLIAMENTARIAN
Rudy S. Levy LL.B, 544

DIABETES
Joe Salisbury, 3846
Richard Travis, 3904

KIDNEY FUND
Kenneth Morrissey, 2486
Willis Warburton, 514

FINANCE AND BUDGET
Robert Rostas, 825
John Palmer, 3846

AUDITING
Robert Woodruff, 52

GOLDEN EAGLE FUND
Harry Stewart, 2191
Bernard Carpenter, 1253
Sal Ventura, 2692

JUDICIARY
Doug McDermott, 3904
Ron Maneeley, 782

BANQUET
Robert Woodruff, 52
Franklin Rose, 825

STATE FUND RAISING
Gordon Brenenstul, 2467
Howard Borehardt, 3610

STATE OF THE ORDER
Donald Cowan, 782
Carl Hartman, 2486

GRIEVANCE AND APPEALS
Ellis Spencer, 3904
Lee Parks, 1253

NEW AERIES
Doug McDermott, 3904
Norm Allen, 2692

PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES
Gordon Brenenstuhl, 2467
Tom Bartman, 616

BLOOD DONORS
Charles Bolio, 782

UNDER 35 CLUB
Dan Curcio, 52

300 CLUB
Al Hubbard, 2119

HALL OF FAME
Al Hubbard, 2119

MR. & MRS. BOWLING
Dan Curcio, 52

REPORT OF THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Read by Douglas McDermott, Chr., Addison Aerie 3904

RULES OF THE CONVENTION

Credentials for admission: Property 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 or any vote. Any thirty persons may demand a roll call on any questions, 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 Aerie home on Saturday, June 15, 1996, from 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. Only official ballots to be received. The count shall begin promptly at the close of the polls and continue to the completion thereof.

Delegates must present their credentials and ballots, depositing the latter in the ballot box, first ascertaining the number of voted 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 objections.

Hearing none, this report is

Respectfully submitted,

Doug McDermott, Chr., 3904
Ron Maneeley, 782

Brother McDermott moved for the adoption of this report. This was seconded by James Harris, Olean Aerie 616, and approved.

ORDER OF BUSINESS - THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 1996

1. OPENING EXERCISES
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 CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE
9. REPORT OF THE STATE PRESIDENT
10. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
11. REPORT OF THE STATE SECRETARY
12. FIRST REPORT OF THE BY-LAWS COMMITTEE
13. REPORT OF THE STATE TREASURER
14. REPORT OF THE SCOUTING COMMITTEE
15. REPORT OF THE NEW AERIES COMMITTEE
16. REPORT OF THE PUBLICITY COMMITTEE
17. REPORT OF THE STATE FUND RAISING
18. REPORT OF THE HOME AND FAMILY COMMITTEE
19. REPORT OF THE BETTER HOME TOWNS COMMITTEE
20. REPORT OF THE SPEAKERS COMMITTEE
21. GOOD OF THE ORDER
22. RECESS

ORDER OF BUSINESS - FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 1996

1. OPENING EXERCISES
2. REPORT OF THE G.A. HOSPITALITY ROOM COMMITTEE
3. REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION COMMITTEE
4. REPORT OF THE BLOOD DONOR COMMITTEE
5. FIRST REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE
6. REPORT OF THE STATE BOWLING COMMITTEE
7. REPORT OF THE BY-LAWS COMMITTEE
8. REPORT OF THE STATE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
9. REPORT OF THE IN MEMORIAM COMMITTEE
10. REPORT OF THE STATE ATHLETIC COMMITTEE
11. REPORT OF THE HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE
12. REPORT OF THE 300 CLUB
13. SECOND REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE
14. REPORT OF THE STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR
15. REPORT OF THE STATE ARTHRITIS FUND COMMITTEE
16. REPORT OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY COMMITTEE
17. REPORT OF THE DIABETES FUND COMMITTEE
18. REPORT OF THE UNDER 35 CLUB
19. REPORT OF THE MR. & MRS. BOWLING COMMITTEE
19. NOMINATION OF OFFICERS
18. RECESS

ORDER OF BUSINESS - SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 1996

1. OPENING EXERCISES
2. REPORT OF THE YOUTH GUIDANCE COMMITTEE
3. REPORT OF THE CANCER RESEARCH COMMITTEE
4. REPORT OF THE R.E.A.C. COMMITTEE
5. REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE
6. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
7. REPORT OF THE JIMMY DURANTE FUND COMMITTEE
8. SECOND REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE
9. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
10. REPORT OF THE STATE BANQUET COMMITTEE
11. REPORT OF THE NET GAIN COMMITTEE
12. REPORT OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE FUND COMMITTEE
13. REPORT OF THE KIDNEY FUND
14. REPORT OF THE PROGRAM ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE
15. REPORT OF THE MAX BAER HEART FUND COMMITTEE
16. FINAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS 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 ELECTION COMMITTEE
21. REPORT OF THE GRIEVANCE AND APPEALS COMMITTEE
22. REPORT OF THE RITUALISTIC COMMITTEE
23. INSTALLATION OF THE STATE AERIE OFFICERS
24. ADJOURNMENT

Brother Al Hubbard, Binghamton Aerie 2119, made a motion to dispense from reading the proceedings of the previous convention due to the fact that all had received a copy. This was seconded by Charles Straub, Glens Falls Aerie 2486, and approved.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

State Secretary Wayne Monroe presented the following communications for disposition by the Delegates:

From Richard Travis, Secretary, Addison Aerie 3904, placing a bid for the Spring Conference for 1997. Approved by Executive Board.

From Larry Robillard, Secretary, Glens Falls Aerie 2486, requesting to host the 1998 Eagles Convention. Approved by Executive Board.

From Raymond Howland, President, and Donald Cowan, Secretary, Watertown Aerie 782, placing a bid for the 1997 State Convention. Approved by Executive Board.

From Susan Reynolds and Shari Hartley of Arnot Ogden Medical Center thanking the Fraternal Order of Eagles for their contribution to the Children's Miracle Network. Filed.

From Lewis H. Reed, Asst. to the Grand Worthy President, announcing the visitations to New York State by the Grand Worthy President. Filed.

From George Ziebol, Grand Worthy President, and E.L. "Bud" Collett, Chairman, Board of Grand Trustees, announcing the approval of the Board of Grand Aerie Trustees that the Program & Publications Commission support the resolution for the law change which will be submitted at the State/Provincial Aerie Convention in 1996 and requesting support for this law change.

From the Committee to Elect Wayne D. Clark requesting support of Brother Clark for advancement in the Grand Aerie Chairs.

Financial Report from Lewis H. Reed, Financial Advisor. Filed.

From Sid Place, PWP announcing that Brother Thomas L. McGrath wishes to continue serving the Fraternal Order of Eagles as a Grand Aerie Officer and requesting support of NYS. Approved by Executive Board. To be sent to the Grand Aerie Office.

Resolution supporting Wayne D. Clark as a Grand Aerie Officer. To be voted on under Special Order of Business.

From James Barba, President/CEO of Albany Medical Center, thanking the Eagles for the 1995 grant of \$5,000 from the Max Baer Heart Fund. Filed.

From Virginia Gilbert, Director, RSVP Program, Albany, NY, thanking the Eagles for their donation. Filed.

From Walter E. Larue, Eagle Village, Bradenton, FL, requesting any donations to update Eagle Village Unit #33.

Wayne H. Monroe
State Secretary

FIRST REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Read by Robert Sharkey, Rochester Aerie 52

Brother Delegates:

Following is a partial report of the Credentials Committee:

Grand Aerie Representatives	3
State Officers	14
Past State Presidents	14
Delegates	35
Alternates	0
Past Worthy Presidents	49
TOTAL VOTES	150
Total Credentials Issued	58

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald A. Stickney, Chr. 825
Charles Poyfair, 825
Donald Kolek 825
Robert Sharkey, 52
Harold Fields, 52

Brother Sharkey moved for the adoption of this partial report. This was seconded by Mulhollen, Addison Aerie 3904, and approved.

Brother Monroe announced that Rudy Levy, Middletown Aerie 544, would act as Parliamentarian during the Convention.

STATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Read by State President Daniel O'Neil, Binghamton Aerie 2119

Brothers:

I would like to thank Bob Woodruff, John Palmer, and Gordy Brenenstuhl for their hard work and travel in helping other trouble Aeries. We have to do all we can to keep our existing Aeries and these Brothers did a great job.

I would like to thank all the State Officers who have followed me throughout the State this year. It gives

you a great feeling to see you there each week. I wish you all the best of luck in the future.

I would like to thank Al Hubbard for his support over the years along with all the Past State Presidents.

To my successor, Harry, I wish you the best for your year and will support you and help you in any way I can. I'll never forget this year. Thank you for this opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel O'Neil
State President

It was moved by Al Hubbard, Binghamton Aerie 2119, that this report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Robert G.T. Yager, Canajohorie Aerie 3846, and approved.

Under Special Order of Business, State President O'Neil introduced Wayne Clark, Grand Worthy Conductor. Brother Clark stated it was a pleasure to travel for the Grand Aerie, however, noted it was an honor to be requested by the host. Brother O'Neil then introduced Thomas McGrath, PGOA, who said that he has much brotherly love for New York State. He noted that both he and Brother Clark are going before the Grand Aerie Committee and asked for everyone's support. He thanked everyone for the opportunity to address the group.

STATE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Read by Wayne H. Monroe, Elmira Aerie 941

It only seems like yesterday that Worthy President Daniel O'Neil took office. Dan did a fine job as our leader making a lot of visits to Aeries promoting membership and fraternalism.

Our financial year was pretty good but we are running tight on money. With the \$.75 per member or \$1.50 a year going into effect, maybe we can build up a little cushion to work with. I have tried to cut down on phone calls, office supplies and mailings.

Our membership didn't quite reach the goal that Danny had set but we did well having only one goose egg in the State. This is quite an accomplishment in itself.

I didn't realize it until the Spring Conference that I had been in office 10 years, but like Danny said about this year, the time really flies by. I hope that we will all get behind Harry in the ensuing term. I know that he has made several plans to put into action so it looks like a banner year coming up.

A survey has been issued to John Palmer & Charlie Straub for Amsterdam, NY. They will be pushing to get a new Aerie for Harry which would be great.

I want to thank all of you for your input and guidance this last year. I will try to keep up with everything and maybe our membership will roll to a good year.

I'd like to thank my daughter Bib and my wife Fran for their great help during the year. This worked out great because I'd talk to Biff and know I wouldn't have an answer back because all he wants is food and sleep, which is probably what we all want.

My thanks to all and I know it will be a great year with everybody's friend, Harry.

Fraternally Yours,

Wayne H. Monroe
State Secretary

STATE SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL REPORT

May 25, 1995 - May 25, 1996

Receipts:	November	May	Total
Gr. Aerie Per Capita Tax	\$ 1,989.00	\$ 2,056.00	\$ 4,045.00
Aux. 1/2 Page Ad	147.50	147.50	295.00
Arthritis Fund	6,000.10	1,555.00	7,555.10
Conv. Registration Fees	340.00		340.00
State Per Capita Tax	5,740.01	5,826.50	11,566.51
Interest	186.50	214.99	401.49
Hornell Transfer	7.00	32.00	39.00
Hawaii - Palmer	210.00		210.00
Aux. Conv. Badges	225.00	--	225.00
300 Club	394.10	2,336.00	2,730.10
Past Pres. Ad Conv. Book	46.95		46.95
Lockport Adv.	1,000.00		1,000.00
TOTAL	\$15,029.21	\$13,424.94	\$28,454.15
Expenditures:	November	May	Total
Pres. Visitations	\$ 650.60	\$ 906.00	\$ 1,556.60
Other Visits	128.85	96.00	224.85
Membership Visits	407.57	758.70	1,166.27
Secretary's Salary	750.00	750.00	1,500.00
Membership Awards	793.57	464.00	1,257.57
Binghamton Convention	277.60	--	277.60
P.P. Reg. at Conv.	160.00	--	160.00
Pres. Thanks	100.00	--	100.00
Xerox	889.07	585.99	1,475.06
Reg. Committees	85.00	--	85.00
Hall of Fame Plaques	50.58	--	50.58
Conv. Journal Printing	944.67	100.00	1,044.67
Treasurer's Allowance	114.00	114.00	228.00
Palmer G.A. Reg.	25.00	--	25.00
P.P. Pin	306.03	--	306.03
Bing. Conv. Del.	2,251.73	--	2,251.73
Bing. 3 Dinners	45.00	--	45.00
G.A. Conv. Ad	295.00	--	295.00
G.A. Supplies	17.02	--	17.02
Conv. Printing	54.53	--	4.53
G.A. Bond	26.25	--	26.25
P.P. Trip to Louisville	350.00	--	350.00
941 Tax	114.74	114.74	229.48
990 Tax	50.00	--	50.00
Newsletter	358.94	184.50	543.44
State Telephone	70.61	201.15	271.76
Printing	274.35	2.25	276.60
Mailing	66.00	79.22	145.22
Office	12.09	--	12.09
Louisville Advance	1,000.00	--	1,000.00
Palmer Honolulu	210.00	--	210.00
G.A. Conv.	80.20	--	80.20
300 Club Printing	71.00	--	71.00
Spring-Fall Conf.	1,565.20	1,602.20	3,167.40
Regional	405.00	--	405.00
Flowers	37.45	53.50	90.95
Officer Badges	48.35	--	48.35
Arthritis Grant	--	6,000.00	6,000.00
Aux. 1/2 Pg. Ad	--	500.00	500.00
Las Vegas	--	216.00	216.00
PP Ad for Conv.	65.00	--	65.00
300 Club Winner	1,000.00	1,000.00	

Kerbein Printing	1,074.71	1,074.71
Bing. Conv.-Palmer	169.00	169.00
TOTALS	\$13,414.08	\$15,036.96
		\$28,451.04

Balance as of May 25, 1996 - \$16,329.51.

Brother Robert Woodruff, Rochester Aerie 52, moved for the adoption of this report. This was seconded by James Telban, Rochester Aerie 52, and approved.

FIRST REPORT OF THE BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Given by Ray Haggerty, Chr., N. Tonawanda Aerie 1411.

Brother Haggerty advised that he has not received any proposed changes to the State By-Laws as of this time.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Haggerty, Chr., 1411

Brother Haggerty moved for the adoption of this report, which was seconded by Harold Grant, Watertown Aerie 782, and approved.

STATE TREASURER'S REPORT

Read by State Treasurer Ray Haggerty, N. Tonawanda Aerie 1411

State Officer, Grand Representatives and Delegates:

I hereby submit the following Treasurer's Report for 1995-96:

Bank balance - May, 20, 1996	\$15,109.45
Deposits -	\$29,925.34
Interest -	389.44
	<u>30,314.78</u>
SUB-TOTAL	\$45,424.23
Expenditures	<u>29,483.99</u>
Balance	\$15,940.24
Outstanding Checks	388.78
Bank Balance - May 20, 1995	\$16,329.02

The above account has been verified by the Customer Service Representative at the Lockport Savings Bank.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Haggerty, 1411

State Treasurer

Brother Haggerty moved for the adoption of this report. This was seconded by Joseph Salisbury, Canajoharie Aerie 3846, and approved.

Brother Robert Woodruff, Rochester Aerie 52, asked how much of the money was State money and how much was for the Arthritis Fund. Brother Haggerty advised that he deposits all checks and does not keep them separate. Brother Woodruff requested that when Brother Haggerty read the report, that he report on what the actual amount is for NYS and how much is for the Arthritis Fund. Brother Haggerty stated approximately \$12,000 for Arthritis and approximately \$5,000 for the State Aerie.

REPORT OF THE SCOUTING COMMITTEE

Read by James Harris, Chr., Olean Aerie 616

Grand Aerie Representatives, State Officers, Brother Delegates, Brothers:

Be Prepared is the motto of the Boy Scouts. This is an organization of young boys and their leaders. They have their meetings and camping trips and earn merits and badges. This helps them to become better citizens of our country.

They, too, seem to get through their lives and some become Presidents of companies and of our grand country.

As of today, we have no new reports, but if anyone has a report, please get to me or Donald Beebe and we will give another report tomorrow.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Harris, Chr., 616
Donald Beebe, 2191

It was moved by Brother Harris that this partial report be adopted as presented. This was seconded by Douglas McDermott, Addison Aerie 3904, and approved.

REPORT OF THE NEW AERIES COMMITTEE

Read by Douglas McDermott, Chr., Addison Aerie 3904

Grand Aerie Representatives, State President Danny, State Officers, and my Brothers:

It is my pleasure to report that a survey has been completed, approved by the State Executive Board and Grand Aerie for Past State Jr. President John A. Palmer and Zone Three Director Charlie Straub to organize an Aerie in the Amsterdam area. John and Charles have started laying the ground work to get this new Aerie organized for this upcoming 1996-97 Eagle year. Let's all get behind them so that incoming President Harry Stewart will have a "Bell Ringer Year!"

Our newest Aerie in the State, Keeseville, got off to a great start and is doing very well.

I'd like to remind everyone if you'd like a survey for a new Aerie, please let me know. My address and phone number are: 7775 State Route 417, Addison, NY 14801, 607-359-3880.

Good luck John and Charlie! If there's anything we can do to assist, please let us know.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas McDermott, Chr., 3904
Norman Allen, 2692

It was moved by Brother McDermott to approve this report as given. Brother Harry Stewart, Cortland Aerie 2191, seconded this motion. All approved.

REPORT OF THE PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Read by Robert G.T. Yager, Chr., Canajoharie Aerie 3846

Grand Aerie Representatives, State President Danny, State Officers, and my Brothers:

Internal publicity with the State Reporter went well this year. We published 11 issues of the Reporter with most issues about 8-10 pages in length. Thanks to everyone who sent in articles.

I believe the State Aerie was kept well informed. Thanks to John Palmer and Debbie Bartlett for publishing the paper for us this year. Once the Report was put together, I gave it to them to copy, collate, staple, fold, put in envelopes, sort for mailing, and take it to the Post Office. They sure made my job easier. Thanks to Tammy Osmon for typesetting the newsletter for us. It added a nice touch to the overall looks.

For the upcoming year, John will be the Editor. Remember to send in your articles for publication before

the first of each month to John. As explained in the June issue, I've enjoyed putting out the State Aerie News and will miss it.

External publicity still needs to be improved. Before we start to push ourselves in the public's eye, we need to take a close look at our operations. I'm willing to work closely with each Aerie to improve your public image and gain the publicity we need. With better publicity, we can expect membership to grow.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert G.T. Yager, Chr., 3846

Brother Yager moved for the approval of this report, which was seconded by Charles Straub, Glens Falls Aerie 2486, and approved. Brother Straub then asked for a round of applause for Brother Yager for a job well done.

REPORT OF THE STATE FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

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

Grand Aerie Representatives, State Officers, Brother Delegates:

Brother Brenenstuhl advised that this Committee was set up to raise a few extra dollars from the different Aeries in the State. He stated that he has not communicated with all of the Aeries, however, has received \$5.00 from Brother Woodruff.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon Brenenstuhl, Chr., 2467

Howard Borehardt, 3610

Brother Brenenstuhl moved for the adoption of this partial report, advising he would report more tomorrow. This was seconded by Harold Grant, Watertown Aerie 782, and approved.

REPORT OF THE HOME & FAMILY COMMITTEE

Read by Joe Newman, Chr., Saratoga Springs Aerie 2586.

Brothers:

The Fraternal Order of Eagles has been referred to as "The Family Fraternity" since its founding in 1898 on the Seattle waterfront. Our founding fathers sought to help their neighbors and to "lessen the ills of mankind." Ever since that birth of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, we have emphasized the family unit and have sought ways to strengthen family ties.

Each year, the Fraternal Order of Eagles dedicates the time between Thanksgiving and Christmas as Home and Family Month and, most recently, Grand Chaplains Linda Heffner of Maryland and Fred Smith of Michigan were in charge of the international Home and Family Program. They asked every local Eagles unit to seek the cooperation of other local service and fraternal groups to join the Eagles in highlighting the importance of the family unit. They suggested the holding of special family breakfasts and presenting an Eagle Family of the Year plaque to the family who contributed the most to the Aerie and the Auxiliary during the past year.

Strengthening the family unit naturally includes the prevention of all forms of abuse of family ties. To this end, our NY State Aerie and Auxiliary Presidents Danny O'Neil and Margaret Hodge zeroed in on child abuse this last year. They sold "Child Abuse" buttons from one end of New York State to the other. They also served as mixologists for an hour at the Spring Conference and were generously given by the Ithaca Aerie all of the hour's receipts, \$215.25, for their Child Abuse Program.

The local Aeries throughout New York State had many family related activities during this past year. Events found at most of the Aeries were Mother's Day and Father's Day breakfasts. A novel idea was the Mother's Day barbecue dinner Cobleskill last May that entire families were invited to attend. A very small listing of the family related activities throughout NY Eagledom is Kid's Christmas parties at Cortland,

Keesville, and Lockport, Christmas baskets for needy families from Troy and Saratoga Springs, an Ithaca Auxiliary rummage sale to benefit Youth Guidance Projects (Girl and Boy Scouts and Camp Iroquois for Retarded Children), a "last blast of summer" family picnic at Cortland, kids Saturday morning bowling at Schenectady, support of Little League and Babe Ruth baseball teams by Troy and Saratoga Springs, and an August family picnic at Glens Falls.

Special thanks go to the Troy's Secretary, Bill "Frog" Wensley and Cortland's Secretary, Tom Clark, for the very detailed reports they sent that documented their respective Aerie's youth and family programs.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Newman, Chr. 2586

Brother Ellis Spencer, Addison Aerie 3904, moved for the adoption of this report which was seconded by L. Ken Morrissey, Glens Falls Aerie 2486, and approved.

It was then noted that Watertown Aerie 782, the Elks and the American Legion helped a family with bills for a boy having a kidney transplant. Over \$12,000 was raised for the family.

REPORT OF BETTER TOWNS COMMITTEE

Read by Richard Pottoroff, Chr., Ithaca Aerie 1253

Grand Aerie Representatives, State Aerie Officers, My Brothers:

Many activities such as visiting the ill and shut-ins, honoring the local fire fighters and law officers, presenting civic awards, sponsoring youth athletic organizations such as baseball, football and soccer teams, bring the community together.

On the other hand, we also must promote the Eagle slogan, "People Helping People." Let your community know what the Aerie is all about. Advertise your donations in the newspapers in your town. Give help to people such as baskets of food to the need, gifts to kids at Christmas and Thanksgiving, or anytime the need arises.

It's people like you, taking an active part in your home town, that makes this a better world. 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Pottoroff, Chr., 1253

Roger Vincent, 616

Brother Pottoroff moved for the adoption of this report. Brother Terry Jones, Saratoga Springs Aerie 2586, seconded the motion. Approved.

REPORT OF THE STATE SPEAKERS COMMITTEE

Read by Pat Gray, Depew Aerie 2692

Brothers:

This year, our speaker will be Wayne Clark, G.A. Conductor. Anyone who has been to a Convention has met and talked with Wayne. He has done a lot for Eagledom and his efforts have established many new Aeries in the State of Virginia.

Also on the agenda will be our own P.S.P. Ray Haggerty who, at this time, is Eastern Regional President. He has done a good job in the position and is doing a great job representing the New York State Aerie in his many travels.

Bob Woodruff, Past Regional President, will be the Master of Ceremonies at the State Banquet. He does a fine job and I'm sure he'll continue to do so on Saturday night.

All in all, it looks like a good weekend for all of New York State and our visiting Brothers. Good luck and I'm looking forward to the next three days.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Monroe, Chr., 941

Pat Gray, 2692

Brother Gray moved for the approval of this report. This was seconded by Harold Grant, Watertown Aerie 782, and approved.

Under the Good of the Order, Brother Woodruff advised that he will be holding a planning meeting regarding holding a school for State Secretary's and State Trustees.

There being no further business for the day, the meeting was recessed at 3:25 P.M. until Friday, June 14, 1996 at 10:00 A.M.

SECOND SESSION

The second session of the 90th Annual State Convention was convened on Friday, June 14, 1996 at 10:05 A.M. by State President Daniel O'Neil.

The Roll Call of State Officers was held with all being in attendance. The Obligation, admission of new members, and Oath of Allegiance were given by Brother Laverne Graham, Lockport Aerie 825.

FINAL REPORT OF THE SCOUTING COMMITTEE

Given by James Harris, Chr., Olean Aerie 616

Brothers:

Brother Harris advised that no further reports had been received for Scouting. He advised that Lockport Aerie 825 does have Boy Scout Troop 82 with 7 Eagle Scouts. He stated that graduate Scouts have become members of the Aerie.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Harris, Chr., 616

Donald Beebe, 2191

It was moved by Brother Harris that this final report be adopted as presented. This was seconded by Ray Howland, Watertown Aerie 782, and approved.

FINAL REPORT OF THE STATE FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

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

Grand Aerie Representatives, State Officers, Brother Delegates:

At the present time, financially we need all the money we can raise in order to keep State Officers traveling to Aeries and people in the Membership Department. We are not asking for any specific amount. We will be contacting the Aeries later on.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon Brenenstuhl, Chr., 2467

Howard Borehardt, 3610

Brother Brenenstuhl moved for the adoption of this final report. This was seconded by Patrick Gray, Depew Aerie 2691, and approved.

REPORT OF THE G.A. HOSPITALITY ROOM COMMITTEE

Grand Aerie Representatives, Eastern Regional President Ray, State President Danny, State Officers, and my Brothers:

It is my pleasure to report that everything for the Grand Aerie hospitality room in Vegas is in its final organizational steps. The room has been reserved and will be in the Maxim Resort Hotel. If any Aerie or member would like to donate something, a few members will be driving out. Anyone wishing to volunteer bartending, please let us know.

Any comments, questions, etc., please see Harry Stewart or myself.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellis Spencer, Chr., 3904
Harry Stewart, 2191

It was moved by Brother Spencer to approve this report as given. This was seconded by Harold Grant, Watertown Aerie 782 and approved.

REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

Read by Bryan Welch, Chr., Ithaca Aerie 1253

Grand Aerie Representatives, State Officers, Brother Delegates:

In preparing for this report, I looked over the reports from the 1993, 1994 and 1995 Convention and every year the same report is given. This year, instead of telling you what the Memorial Foundation is, I would like to explain what it does.

The Eagle motto is "People Helping People." The Memorial Foundation helps the families of those who made the ultimate sacrifice to do just that. Our Brothers and Sisters who are Policemen, Fire Fighters and EMT's and give their lives in the line of duty do so knowing that their children's educational, medical and dental needs will be met.

The Memorial Foundation may not have the notoriety of the Cancer Fund or the Jimmy Durante Fund, but it is our chance to repay our own and let us not forget that charity begins at home.

I would ask for your continued support of the Memorial Foundation as one of our finest efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan Welch, Chr., 1253
Gary Jones, 2586

Brother Welch moved for the adoption of this report. Brother Robert Sharkey, Rochester Aerie 52, seconded the motion. Approved.

REPORT OF THE BLOOD DONORS COMMITTEE

Read by Charles Bolio, Chr., Watertown Aerie 782

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

Before I start my report, I would like to ask if anyone here received blood or had a loved one receive a transfusion in the last year. If so, you should be even more aware of the need for blood donors.

For several years, I have had the hone of serving as your Chairman for Eagle Blood Donors. At first, my home Aerie was hosting a weekly blood bank and every year I was able to report on the success of this project. I also would occasionally receive something from another Aerie that would make my report worthwhile.

Recently, due to a minor medical problem, I was told that I could no longer be a donor. This placed me in the large percentile of people unable to donate and only made me more aware of the importance that everyone that can give, do so.

Last year, I asked everyone who planned on giving blood during the year to stand. Many of you stood up

and made that pledge, yet, not one Aerie has reported to me, or anyone else, that their membership had participated in this program.

At this time, I would once again like to ask everyone who gave blood last year to stand and be recognized for your efforts. The only other thing I would ask is that you continue to do so regularly. Knowing that you are out there doing your part will help keep this Brother happy.

Fraternally Submitted,
Charles Bolio, Chr., 782

Brother Bolio moved for the adoption of this report. This motion was seconded by Charles Straub, Glens Falls Aerie 2486, and approved.

FIRST REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Read by Bryan Welch, Chr., Ithaca Aerie 1253

Brothers:

The following is the proposed amendment to Section 91.5 of the Statutes of the Grand Aerie:

Current Law:

Section 91.5 - A majority of votes shall be necessary for election except where there are more than two (2) candidates for any one (1) office in which instance a plurality of all votes cast for such office shall elect. Where more than one (1) officer is to be elected for any one (1) office, no ballot shall be counted for any candidate for such office unless the member casting such ballot shall have voted for a number of candidates equal to the number to be elected to such office. In the event of a tie vote for any office, the result shall be settled by lot.

Proposed Change:

Section 91.5 - A majority of votes shall be necessary for election except where there are more than two (2) candidates for any one (1) office in which instance a plurality of all votes cast for such office shall elect. Where more than one (1) officer is to be elected for any one (1) office, all ballots shall be counted, except where the number of candidates voted for is greater than the number to be elected to such office. In the event of a tie vote for any office, the result shall be settled by lot.

Brother Welch advised that as the law currently reads, a member may find himself voting for someone he does not know just to fill his ballot. It is also possible that a member may be forced to vote for someone he does not feel is qualified for office just to fulfill his obligation to cast a ballot.

Brother Harry Stewart, Cortland Aerie 2191, moved for the adoption of this partial report. Brother James Telban, Rochester Aerie 52, seconded the motion. Approved.

REPORT OF THE STATE BOWLING COMMITTEE

Read by Robert Sharkey, Chr., Rochester Aerie 52

Grand Aerie Officers, State Officers, Brother Delegates:

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1996 NYS BOWLING TOURNAMENT

RECEIPTS:

Balance as of June 7, 1995	\$ 2,566.50
Tournament Advance (Depew)	300.00
1996 Tournament Entry Fees	8,817.00
	\$11,683.50

EXPENDITURES:

1995 October Meeting (Depew) - Printing	\$ 65.93
Director's & Secretary's Expenses	308.84

Prize Money - 1996 Tournament	2,424.00
Lancaster Lanes (3015 @ \$1.60)	4,824.00
Tournament Secretary (T. Gorney)	452.25
Score Keeping	301.50
Check Writing	10.00
Mailing Expenses	28.00
1996 June Mtg., Director's & Secy's. Expenses	357.28
1995 June Convention (T. Gorney)	134.00
\$ 8,905.80	

RECAPITULATION:

Balance as of June 7, 1995	\$ 2,566.50
Receipts	<u>9,117.00</u>
	\$11,683.50
Total Expenditures	<u>8,905.80</u>
Balance as of June 2, 1996	\$ 2,777.70

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Sharkey, Chr., 52
William Knight, 2191

Brother Sharkey moved for the approval of this report. Brother Ray Howland, Watertown Aerie 782, seconded the motion. Approved.

FINAL REPORT OF THE BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Given by Ray Haggerty, Chr., N. Tonawanda Aerie 1411.

Brother Haggerty advised that he has not received any proposed changes to the State By-Laws as of this time.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Haggerty, Chr., 1411

Brother Haggerty moved for the adoption of this report, which was seconded by Robert Woodruff, Rochester Aerie 52, and approved.

Under the Good of the Order, Brother O'Neil introduced Wayne Clark, Grand Worthy Conductor, who thanked everyone for their generosity and hospitality and invited every to the south.

Brother Monroe then advised that it was time to honor our outgoing President. He then presented Brother Daniel O'Neil with his Past State President's Pin, advising him to wear it proudly. He was also presented with his Past State President's Certificate, Past State President's Gold Card, and a small purse for a job well done.

REPORT OF THE STATE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Read by Robert G.T. Yager, Chr. Canajoharie Aerie 3846

Grand Aerie Representatives, Eastern Regional President Ray, State President Danny, State Officers, and my Brothers:

This year has been a very busy year for legislation and government relations. Here are the highlights:

BELL JAR VENDING MACHINE

The law was passed last year to legalize the dispensing of bell jar tickets from vending machines. In August, we contacted the Racing and Wagering Board to find when we could start buying machines since the law was passed. They told us the rules and regulations had to be completed first. In December, we again confronted the Board and the response was, "it is a law that you can use the machines but we still

have no rules and regulations." The Lockport Eagles contacted me a few months ago about this issue. I added Leo Connelly from Racing and Wagering on the phone and he was of the same opinion that we were (the State Legislature passed the law that we could sell from machines). On May 7th, I received a fax from Chairman Bilinski with the proposed rules and regulations. Once this information goes public, there will be a 45 day response period and then they will be enacted. Send in your comments to the Racing and Wagering Board. Please let me know if you see anything you'd like changed.

BELL JAR

Our relationship with the Racing and Wagering Board has been strained since the new Chairman was temporarily appointed. The service that we were used to has all but been taken away from us. After having a discussion with the Chairman, he assured me that he does not want to work with us.

Senate Bill 7376, introduced by Senator Larkin, looked like a bill that we could really get behind with six changes. The changes are:

1. Change the penalty from a three year license suspension to that parallel with the SLA.
2. Allow transfer of tickets with a waiver from the Board.
3. Leave Leo, Bruce and Darrell as a part of the new enforcement team.
4. Change gross to net.
5. Make this bill a sunset bill so we have the control.
6. Have amnesty period for those Aeries who haven't obtained their bell jar license yet.

Senator Larkin invited us to his office to express our concerns. We expressed our concerns and he ignored our suggestions. This bill passed the Senate late Tuesday night. Assemblyman Crowley has the bill and must act on it today if he wants it passed. To defeat this bill, I called the State Adjutant of the American Legion, Dick Pedro, and explained what this would mean to all of our organizations if passed (The American Legion has over 200,000 members in New York State). He is just as upset as we are over this development. Even if this does get passed today, we still have plenty of recourse to stop this newest government intervention.

RAFFLES

The on and off laws governing raffles are again on as noted in a letter from Senator DeFrancisco to Assemblyman Robach. It appears they want raffles legalized as soon as they can. Racing and Wagering came out with rules and regs for raffles. We just might have legal raffles soon in this State.

TAX RELIEF

Some Aeries like the Saratoga Aerie that sponsors amateur sports competition and/or a number of other qualifiers, may give an exemption from sales tax on heating oil.

There are many more pieces of legislation that are being looked at as I speak here today. If anyone is interested in looking at them, I'll leave them on the table for your viewing.

I've enjoyed working on the Legislative Committee this year and I think we Eagles have made a difference!

Respectfully submitted,

Robert G.T. Yager, Chr., 3846
Ray Howland, 782
Lou Osman, 2692

Brother Charles Straub, Glens Falls Aerie 2486, moved for the adoption of this report. Brother Al Hubbard, Binghamton Aerie 2119, seconded the motion. Approved.

It was questioned whether we should continue with the raffles, however, Brother Yager stated that he cannot recommend this as it is breaking the law. Brother Straub then stated that a Brother Yager deserved a round of applause for his work on this Committee, which was given.

As it has been questioned where we stand financially, Brother Monroe then advised that as of May 25th,

there is \$12,343.82 in the Arthritis Fund and \$15,940.73 in the General Fund. The State Aerie General Fund contains \$3,596.61. He also asked that Aeries send in their per capita tax on time.

REPORT OF THE IN MEMORIAM COMMITTEE

Read by LaVerne Graham, Chr., Lockport Aerie 825

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

At this time, it is appropriate that we pause in our busy schedule of State business and social activities to remember our beloved dead. Although they are not with us, their memory lingers on.

Abraham Lincoln once said, "To live in the hearts of those we leave behind is not to die."

We miss the touch of a friendly hand, a warm smile, the reassuring look, and the sound of a familiar voice, but the echo of all this resounds through the halls of our memories.

I propose that the 1996 Convention be closed in memory of all the deceased Aerie members and that a half page in the proceedings be dedicated to this action.

Brother Graham then asked all to stand for a moment of silence for our deceased Brothers and for our most recently deceased Brothers, Wes Barnes, Duane Kugler, and Vince Scharf.

Respectfully submitted,

LaVerne Graham, Chr., 825
Thomas Gleason, 2191

It was moved by Brother Graham that this report be approved as given. This was seconded by James Harris, Olean Aerie 616, and approved.

REPORT OF THE STATE ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

Read by Mike Fahy, Olean Aerie 616

Grand Aerie Representatives, State Officers, Brother Delegates:

On Wednesday, June 12, 1996, the Annual Bill Carrick Memorial Golf Tournament took place at the Lockport Niagara County Gold Course. Under threatening skies, State President Danny O'Neil, who claims "never to have hit a golf ball in his life," cracked a 200 plus yard drive right down the center of the first fairway.

Even though the course was pretty much under water, 65 Brother and Sister Eagles, or "ducks and even some Canadian geese" showed up to supposedly play golf. Instead, they ended up playing something similar to water polo. Don Rettinger was glad that Sharkey was teeing off about an hour after him because he left his hard hat back in Canada.

After everyone finished playing, we returned to the Lockport Aerie for food, drink and prizes. The traveling trophy, plus 2 plaques, were given out, one to Barb Newman for the ladies low gross, and John Sullivan for the men's low gross. John will also take the Ken Decker Traveling Trophy up to Watertown for next year.

The Golf Committee, consisting of Dick Groves, Larry Hasley, Duane Dunlap, Mike Griesser, and Scotty Gordon, did a find job and we wish Watertown the best of luck next year in putting on a great tournament.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Curcio, Chr., 52
Mike Fahy, 616

Brother Pat Gray, Depew-Lancaster Aerie 2692, moved for the approval of this report. Brother Harry Stewart, Cortland Aerie 2191, seconded the motion. Approved.

REPORT OF THE HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE

Read by Al Hubbard, Chr., Binghamton Aerie 2119

Grand Aerie Representatives, State Officers and Brother Delegates:

This year, the Hall of Fame Committee met at the Spring Conference held in Ithaca, NY, at which time the Committee reviewed two letters for consideration for the Hall of Fame. After due consideration, both letters were accepted.

The first letter reviewed was from the Lansingburg Aerie 3773 for Edward J. Whelan. The second letter was from Binghamton Aerie 2119 for Alvin Garren.

We also picked the following Past State Presidents:

Robert Woodruff, 52
Donald Rettinger, 2311
Ray P. Haggerty, 1411

This Committee wishes to thank the Aeries who were kind enough to send a letter and we hope more will be received next year.

Thank you Worthy President for the honor and privilege of chairing this Committee and also thanks to the Committee of Douglas McDermott, Robert Woodruff, and Gordon Brennstuhl.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Hubbard, Chr., 2119
Douglas McDermott, 3904
Robert Woodruff, 52
Gordon Brennstuhl, 2467

It was moved by Brother Hubbard and seconded by Ellis Spencer, Addison Aerie 3904, to approved this report. Carried.

REPORT OF THE 300 CLUB

Read by Al Hubbard, Chr., Binghamton Aerie 2119

Grand Aerie Representatives, State Officers and Brother Delegates:

The last 300 Club drawing was held in Ithaca, NY at the Spring Conference with only 210 tickets sold. This was the second year that we did not sell all 300 tickets.

At that meeting, I suggested that we reduce the price of these tickets to \$10.00 each and have two drawings a year. This was approved by the delegates at the meeting. Drawings will be at the Fall and Spring Conference Meetings.

I want to thank all who sold and those who bought the 300 Club Tickets. The big winners were as follows:

Richard Travis	\$1,000.00 - Addison, 3904
Don R. Slug	500.00 - Corning, 2299
Betty Fitzgerald	250.00 - Lockport, 825
Pearl Telban	250.00 - Rochester, 52

I would also like to thank my wife for helping with this task of recording all the names and numbers so we could have a complete list of all who bought. Again, THANKS to all.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Hubbard, Chr., 2119

Brother Hubbard moved for the approval of this report. Brother Harold Grant, Watertown Aerie 782, seconded the motion. Approved.

Brother Hubbard then read the following new prize list, with the cost of each ticket being \$10.00:

- 1 - \$500.00
- 1 - \$250.00
- 2 - \$125.00
- 2 - \$ 75.00
- 2 - \$ 50.00
- 4 - \$ 25.00
- 10 - \$ 15.00

Brother Hubbard then moved that this new list be approved. Brother Harold Grant, Watertown Aerie, 782 seconded the motion. Approved.

Under Special Order of Business, Brother Robert Rostas then made a motion for NYS to support Wayne Clark for Grand Aerie Office. This was seconded by Brother Robert Woodruff, Rochester Aerie 52, and approved.

Brother Ken Morrisey the moved that NYS support Robert Wahls for Grand Aerie Office. Brother Charles Straub, Glens Falls Aerie 2486, seconded the motion. Approved.

SECOND REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Read by Ron Stickney, Chr., Lockport Aerie 825

Brother Delegates:

Following is a partial report of the Credentials Committee:

Grand Aerie Representatives	3
State Officers	14
Past State Presidents	14
Delegates	39
Alternates	1
Past Worthy Presidents	54
TOTAL VOTES	160
Total Credentials Issued	65

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald A. Stickney, Chr. 825
Charles Poyfair, 825
Donald Kolek 825
Robert Sharkey, 52
Harold Fields, 52

Brother Stickney moved for the adoption of this partial report. This was seconded by Al Hubbard, Binghamton Aerie 2119, and approved.

REPORT OF THE STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Read by Robert Woodruff, Membership Director, Rochester Aerie 52

Grand Aerie Officers, State President Dan, State Officers, Past State Officers, Brother Delegates, and All Visitors:

After the floor show last night, this report by your State Membership Department will wrap up the 1995-1996 year.

Our Grand Aerie quota of 1,176 new members was surpassed and we reached a final total of 1,456. We gave it a good run, but fell a little short against the fine leaders of the State Auxiliary.

Our monthly membership promotion awards again were numerous, along with the 21 Aeries who made their quotas. The balance of the monthly awards will be handed out at our State Membership Meeting later today.

To State President Dan, sorry "boss" for not making your goals or bringing in a Bell Ringer. Again this year, we say thanks to the fine editorial staff for putting out all the news in our State Reporter. John Palmer, Debbie, and GT, you have our thanks from the Membership Department.

To all the producers, we also say thanks and to the Zone Directors and District Directors, your efforts in your zones were great. Thanks again.

For 1996-1997, we now have to roll the numbers for Brother Harry. So Brothers, let's load up new members monthly and keep the numbers moving at full speed. I know we can and so does Brother Harry.

In closing Brothers, thanks for again giving me another year as your Membership Director. I will give it 110% along with the rest of the State Membership Department.

Prizes Awarded for 1995-1996

Early Bird Coffee Mugs	135
3 Member Beer Mugs	125
5 Member Money Clips	64
(21) Quota Aeries (same)	21
10 Member Wallets	21

Grand Aerie return to State Aerie - \$4,067.00
Top 25 Member Producers - Lou Zammiello - Utica #97
Top Producer for Year - Lou Zammiello - Utica #97

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Woodruff, 52
State Membership Director

Brother Woodruff moved for the adoption of this report. Brother Ron Maneely, Watertown Aerie 782, seconded the motion. Approved.

REPORT OF THE STATE ARTHRITIS FUND COMMITTEE

Read by John Palmer, Chr., Canajoharie Aerie 3846

Grand Aerie Officers, State Officers, Brother Delegates:

We would like to thank State President Danny O'Neil for giving us the honor of serving on this Committee.

Balance on hand as of June 13, 1996 - \$12,343.82.

Grants were given this year to:

Lockport Hospital	\$2,000.00
Coudersport Hospital	\$2,000.00
Albany Medical Center	\$2,000.00

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE ARTHRITIS FUND
1995-1996**

Rochester Aerie 52	\$ 1,114.10
Endicott Aerie 2269	100.00
Binghamton Aerie 2119	400.00
Tonawanda Aerie 1411	100.00
Lockport Aerie 825	250.00
Olean Aerie 616	200.00
Watertown Aerie 782	400.00
Elmira Aerie 941	3,205.00
State Auxiliary	1,301.00
Middletown Aerie 544	500.00
Olean Auxiliary 616	5.00
TOTAL	\$ 7,575.10

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AT THE CONVENTION

Addison Aerie 3904	\$ 300.00
Binghamton Aerie 2119	300.00
Rochester Aerie 52	1,100.00
Boiling Pot	1,000.00
Olean Aerie 616	200.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,900.00
Previous Balance	\$12,343.82
State Convention Contributions	<u>2,900.00</u>
Balance as of June 14, 1996	\$15,243.82

Respectfully submitted,

John A. Palmer, Chr., 3846
Ed Brown, 1253

Brother Palmer moved for the adoption of this report. This motion was seconded by Robert G.T. Yager, Canajoharie Aerie 3846, and approved.

REPORT OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY COMMITTEE

Read by Donald Cowan, Watertown Aerie 782

Grand Aerie Representative Wayne, Eastern Regional President Ray, State President Danny, State Officers, and My Brothers:

Brother Eagle, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, signed into law sixty one years ago a law that helped older Americans to live better. Since then, many changes have been made to the system. Some say these changes are going to bankrupt the trust fund and it appears they are right. We need to support Congress in making these much needed changes.

Contact the Social Security Office near you if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Cowan, Chr., 782
Peter Vaughn, 616

It was moved by Brother Cowan and seconded by Al Hubbard, Binghamton Aerie 2119, that this report be adopted. Approved.

Brother Hubbard stated that he feels we should go to Congress with the Grand Aerie to see what can be done about not having Social Security by the year 2001. He stated that Social Security is being given to individuals who should not be getting it. Brother Cowan also advised that he read an article that prisoners are receiving Social Security and feels that they should not be doing so.

REPORT OF THE DIABETES FUND COMMITTEE

Read by Joe Salisbury, Chr., Canajoharie Aerie 3846

Grand Aerie Representatives, Worthy State President Dan, State Officers Past and Present, Delegates, and Brothers All:

Imagine starting your day each morning to the sharp pain of a hypodermic needle. Unfortunately, that's what 1-1/2 million men, women and children have to do each day in the United States alone. To these men, women and children, the sharp pain from the hypodermic needle is a blessing because this is their daily dose of insulin, the only thing that keeps them alive.

Diabetes has become the third leading cause of death, by disease, in this nation alone today. There are two main types of Diabetes:

Insulin Dependent (Type I) Diabetes which usually occurs in children and young adults and can only be treated by insulin injection and proper meal planning, and

Non-Insulin Dependent (Type II) Diabetes which usually occurs in adults over 40, especially the obese. The treatment for this type is exercise and proper meal planning, the emphasis being on exercise, and sometimes prescribed medication from the doctor.

If one of your parents, brothers, or sisters has Type I Diabetes, your chances of eventually developing this type is 5-8%. In Type II, you have a 10-20% chance of becoming a Diabetic.

Diabetics are at risk of serious health problems such as heart disease, stroke, kidney disease and/or failure, blindness, nerve damage, and infection which could lead to gangrene with foot and leg amputation.

I have seen, first hand, how Diabetes can take the energetic, vital, self-sufficient person and turn them into someone dependent on others, practically unable to care for themselves. I, therefore, urge each and every Aerie to contribute to the Robert W. Hansen Diabetes Fund, no matter how large or small, so that research can be continued to find possible ways to prevent and cure this terrible disease. There are far too many lives at risk from Diabetes and insulin is only a TREATMENT.

I would like to present this check in the amount of \$1,000.00 to the Diabetes Fund on behalf of Canajoharie Aerie 3846.

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AT THE CONVENTION

Canajoharie Aerie 3846	\$1,000.00
Rochester Aerie 52	100.00
Addison Aerie 3904	300.00
Glens Falls Aerie 2486	1,000.00
TOTAL	\$2,400.00

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Salisbury, Chr., 3846
Richard Travis, 3904

Brother Salisbury moved for the adoption of this report. This motion was seconded by Pat Gray, Depew Aerie 2692, and approved.

REPORT OF THE UNDER 35 CLUB

Read by Dan Curcio, Chr., Rochester Aerie 52

Grand Aerie Representatives, State Officers, Brother Delegates:

Watertown Aerie 782 has recently started an Under 35 Club. This young group of Eagles has held numerous events such as dances and pizza & wings night, and have run several raffles. Currently, they are

reviewing applications for two (2) scholarships which will be presented.

The Under 35 Club will also handle all youth activities at the Annual Family Picnic. Several events are planned for the new Eagle year.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Curcio, Chr., 52

It was moved by Brother Ray Howland, Watertown Aerie 782, moved for the adoption of this report. This was seconded by Harold Grant, Watertown Aerie 782, and approved.

REPORT OF THE NYS MR. & MRS. BOWLING

Brothers:

The 1995 Mr. & Mrs. Bowling Tournament was held in Watertown, NY on the first 3 weekends of October, 1995. There were 29 teams entered; 55 doubles & 103 6-game combos.

At the November Meeting held in Watertown, prizes were awarded and Charlie Bolio from Watertown #782 was elected as a 3-year Director. There was only one bid for the 1996 Tournament and that was from Ithaca #1253, so that is where the '96 Tournament will be held. It will be the first 3 weekends of October, 1996.

For the '95 Tournament, first prize for team event went to The 4 Explorers from Watertown #782, with a score of 2,335. First place for doubles went to Norma & David Davenport, also from Watertown #782, with a score of 1,198. First place for 6 game combo for men went to Curt Heavy from Johnson City #2644, with a score of 1,285. First place 6 game combo for women went to Marie O'Dell from Hoosick Falls #2467, with a score of 1,272.

The beginning balance for the Tournament was \$497.85. Deposits for Tournament entries for team, doubles, and 6 game combos were \$2,137.00, making a total of \$2,634.85. Total Tournament expenses were \$1,853.71, leaving a balance of \$590.27 in the Mr. & Mrs. Bowling Account.

The Watertown hospitality, as always, was excellent.

Ithaca will be getting information out soon to Aeries & Auxiliaries for the '96 Tournament. They, too, will make sure you have a good time.

If we want to keep this Tournament going, we need more participation. You don't have to be a high average bowler. Just send in an entry, show up, and have a good time. Only one person from each couple has to be an Eagle member, male or female. If you have a friend who is not a member, talk him or her into coming to the Tournament to bowl. They might have such a good time that they'll want to join the Eagles.

I know if you enter just one year, you'll want to keep returning because it is much fun and the host Aerie & Auxiliary will see that you enjoy their hospitality.

1995 MR. & MRS. TOURNAMENT PRIZE WINNERS

		TEAM EVENT		
The 4 Explorers	Mike Converse	Watertown 782	2335	\$100.00
Lance Snacks	Bob Diemond	Ithaca 1253	2327	85.00
Kathy's Clowns	Charles Bolio	Watertown 782	2297	75.00
Two Clubs	Ed Lanning	Watertown 782	2296	52.50
Rollers	Andy Nazak	Johnson City 2644	2296	2.50
4 Friends	Bob Sharkey	Rochester 52	2288	25.00
Misfits	Ruth Briggs	Addison 3904	2266	16.00
		DOUBLES		
Norma Davenport	David Davenport	Watertown 782	1198	\$ 70.00
Glenna Shaw	Bernie Carpenter	Ithaca 1253	1194	60.00

Dottie Hile	Bill Burton	Ithaca 1253	1192	50.00
Joyce Park	Les Park	Ithaca 1253	1185	40.00
Linda Heavy	Curt Heavy	Johnson City 2644	1183	35.00
Mike Converse	Linda Converse	Watertown 782	1181	29.00
Kathy Stevens	Pete Coon	Hoosick Falls 2467	1181	29.00
Rick Sayers	Karen Fiske	Watertown 782	1179	26.00
Shirley Laylaw	Lloyd Laylaw	Ithaca 1253	1178	23.00
Maryann Sciarabba	Bob Sharkey	Rochester 52	1178	23.00

MEN'S 6 GAME COMBO

Curt Heavy	Johnson City 2644	1285	\$25.00
Duwayne Boesiger	Horseheads 3818	1262	18.00
Mike Converse	Watertown 782	1256	15.00
Gordon Tuttle	Addison 3904	1224	13.00
Mike Fausel	Ithaca 1253	1204	12.00
Bernie Carpenter	Ithaca 1253	1184	11.00
Bob Sharkey	Rochester 52	1177	10.00

LADIES 6 GAME COMBO

Marie O'Dell	Hoosick Falls 2467	1272	\$25.00
Dottie Hile	Ithaca 1253	1243	18.00
Donna Johnston	Watertown 782	1236	15.00
Maryann Sciarabba	Rochester 52	1234	13.00
Carol Florance	Johnson City 2644	1217	12.00
Karen Fiske	Watertown 782	1211	11.00
Sue Corbett	Watertown 782	1200	10.00

MR. & MRS. BOWLING TOURNAMENT FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS OF NOVEMBER 19, 1995

INCOME

Beginning Balance	\$ 497.85
Deposits-1995 Tournament	\$2,137.00
TOTAL	\$2,643.85

EXPENSES

Ridgeview Lanes (Lineage)	
666 Games @ \$1.00	\$ 666.00
Prize Fund	
Team	\$ 406.00
Doubles	385.00
6 Game Combo	208.00
TOTAL	1,665.00
Postage	
Entry Blanks to Aeries & Team Captains	33.28
Postage	
Confirmation 20 @ \$.20	4.00
Certified Postage	
Money Orders & Checks to W. Monroe	6.28
Postage	
Notification of Prizes & Meeting	9.60
Phone Calls	2.35
Secretary's Salary - 666 Games @ \$.20	133.20
TOTAL	\$1,853.71
TOTAL INCOME	\$2,634.85
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,853.71

ENDING BALANCE	\$ 781.14
Leona Bell - Director's Checks	190.17
TOTAL ENDING BALANCE	\$ 590.97

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Curcio, Chr., 52

Brother Curcio moved that this report be adopted as presented. This motion was seconded by James Telban, Rochester Aerie 52, and approved.

Brother Curcio then announced that the Softball Tournament will be held in Olean this year.

The meeting was then recessed at 11:30 A.M.

The meeting reconvened at 11:40 A.M. Brother O'Neil then introduced Tom McGrath, PGOA, who thanked Lockport for their hospitality and for being invited to the Past State President's dinner last evening. He congratulated Danny for an excellent job and thanked him for his efforts. He noted that the Brothers should be very proud of Harry Stewart.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Read by Richard Pottoroff, Chr., Ithaca Aerie 1253

Brother Delegates:

10 letters were received from local Aeries recommending Brothers for State Office. At a meeting of the Nominating Committee, during which all potential nominees were interviewed, we now present our selection for State Office during 1996-1997:

Junior Past President	Daniel O'Neil, Binghamton Aerie 2119
State President	Harry Stewart, Cortland Aerie 2191
Vice President	James Telban, Rochester Aerie 52
State Secretary	Wayne Monroe, Elmira Aerie 941
State Treasurer	Ray Haggerty, Tonawanda Aerie 1411
State Chaplain	Kenneth Morrissey, Glens Falls Aerie 2486
State Conductor	Robert Rostas, Lockport Aerie 825
State Inside Guard	Harold Grant, Watertown Aerie 782
State Outside Guard	Ellis Spencer, Addison Aerie 3904
State Trustee	Robert Yager, Canajoharie Aerie 3846
State Trustee	Patrick Gray, Depew-Lancaster Aerie 2692
State Trustee	Bryan Welch, Ithaca Aerie 1253
State Trustee	Harold Fields, Rochester Aerie 52

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Pottoroff, Chr., 1253
 Donald Rettinger, 1411
 Douglas McDermott, 3904
 Robert Butts, 941

Brother Pottoroff moved for the approval of this report. Gary Jones, Saratoga Springs Aerie 2586, seconded the motion. Approved.

Following the adoption of this report, State President Daniel O'Neil called for nominations from the floor, which there were none. Brother Douglas McDermott, Addison Aerie, Addison Aerie 3904, moved that the Secretary cast one ballot to close the nominations. Donald Rettinger, Toronto Aerie 2311, seconded the motion. Approved.

Brother Robert Woodruff, Rochester Aerie 52, then moved that the Nominating Committee be disbanded

from all further duties. Brother Raymond Haggerty, N. Tonawanda Aerie 1411, seconded the motion. Approved.

State President Daniel O'Neil then recessed the second session of the Convention at 11:52 A.M. until Saturday, June 15, 1996, at 9:30 A.M.

THIRD SESSION

The third session of the 90th Annual State Convention was convened on Saturday, June 15, 1996 at 9:34 A.M. by State President Daniel O'Neil.

The Roll Call of State Officers was held with all being in attendance. The Obligation, admission of new members, and Oath of Allegiance were given by Brother Laverne Graham, Lockport Aerie 825. At that time, Brother O'Neil advised that Kenneth Morrissey, Glens Falls Aerie 2486, had donated \$1,000 to the Diabetes Fund.

REPORT OF THE YOUTH GUIDANCE COMMITTEE

Read by Gary LaRose, Watertown Aerie 782

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

Our future is in our youth so we must be their mentors and set examples as to how they should live their lives. We can do this by sponsoring youth clubs such as hockey teams, football teams, Little League teams, scouting, and drug abuse counseling. We at Aerie 52 also contribute to Home on the Range for homeless children. We should financially support other programs which will help our youths.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Lancaster, Chr., 52
 Gary LaRose, 782

It was moved by Brother LaRose and seconded by Harold Grant, Watertown Aerie 782, that this report be adopted. Approved.

REPORT OF THE CANCER RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Read by Robert Rostas, Chr., Lockport Aerie 825

Grand Aerie Representatives, State Officers, Our "Esteemed" Past State Presidents, Delegates, and Brothers:

The thought of the word "cancer" is very scary, to say the least. You all have been touched by this dreaded disease in one way or another, whether it was a relative, a Brother or Sister Eagle, a fellow worker, a neighbor, or a friend.

Every day, the monies raised by all of you are helping to bring cancer under control through research. Many dollars are needed to continue this valuable research. Hopefully, some day we will be able to say, "We won the fight."

I have not received a report from the Grand Aerie on contributions since August, 1995. I also have not received any reports from any Aerie in New York State as to their efforts in fund-raising for cancer research. I can report that Lockport Aerie & Auxiliary, in a joint donation, sent in a check to the Art Ehrmann Cancer Fund for \$341.00. I do hope that other Aeries have made significant donations and have just not reported them.

Just this morning, I received a contribution summary from our State Secretary. New York State Aeries have donated \$970.00, New York Auxiliaries \$880.00, and Joint donations of \$665.00, for a total of \$2,515.00 for cancer research.

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AT THE CONVENTION

Tonawanda Aerie 1411	\$ 100.00
Johnson City Aerie 2644	100.00
Ithaca Aerie 1253	103.00
Olean Aerie 616	200.00
Binghamton Aerie 2119	300.00
Addison Aerie 3904	300.00
Depew Aerie 2692	<u>1,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$2,103.00
Previous Contributions	\$2,515.00
Convention Contributions	<u>2,103.00</u>
TOTAL	\$4,618.00

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Rostas, Chr., 825
Terry Smith, 782
Robert Rzoska, 2692

It was moved by Brother Rostas that this partial report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Kenneth Morrissey, Glens Falls Aerie 2486, and approved.

The total from the parade of checks was given by Brother Rostas who moved for the adoption of this final report. Harold Grant, Watertown Aerie 782, seconded the motion. Approved.

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

Read by Joseph Newman, Chr., 2586

Brothers:

R.E.A.C. (Retired Eagles Activity Club) is a Club of members from both the Aerie and Auxiliary and its objective is to provide additional activities for senior Eagles. R.E.A.C. Club exist currently at Tonawanda, Elmira, Saratoga Springs, Glens Falls, and Rochester.

Saratoga Springs has some sixty plus members and meets the third Sunday each month. This R.E.A.C. unit includes some members from neighboring Aeries who do not currently have R.E.A.C. Clubs. A sample of their activities are bus trips to Atlantic City, the hosting of a Summer pavilion clam team or pig roast, and a Christmas Party.

Elmira boasts of a R.E.A.C. membership of 70-80 men and women. They have Tuesday monthly meetings which usually include a guest speaker with a topic of interest to seniors. Past speakers have presented material on medical insurance, investments for seniors, and social security matters. Special activities include a summer picnic and an annual Christmas Party.

Rochester has had a large and very active R.E.A.C. for many years and being the oldest, it is the Grand Daddy of New York's R.E.A.C. Clubs. Since its founding by Bill Callahan, it has grown significantly to a present membership that is approaching 400 men and women Eagles. Their current activities include large quarterly dinners, monthly meetings, and many one-day and five-day bus trips.

Tonawanda's R.E.A.C. just celebrated its 20th anniversary (April, 1996). They have about 70 members and they meet during the first and third week of each month. Their activities are many and varied. Bingo is popular. They have fundraisers and enjoy several bus trips each year.

Glens Falls is active with Tuesday monthly meetings and summer picnics and an annual Christmas Party.

Our R.E.A.C. Clubs provide our senior members with activities to occupy the extra time that usually

comes with retirement and of equal importance is that the special activities have a common interest to our senior Eagles.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Newman, Chr., 2586
William Bell, 782
Donald Yanchunis, 2586

Brother William Bell, Watertown Aerie 782, moved for the adoption of this report. Brother Harold Grant, Watertown Aerie 782, seconded the motion. Approved.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

Read by Robert Woodruff, Chr., Rochester Aerie 52

Grand Aerie Representatives, State Officers, Brother Delegates:

We have spent a considerable amount of time and effort examining the books and records of both the State Secretary and the State Treasurer. After many hours of diligently plodding through these records, we find all books and accounts are in proper financial order, with both the State Secretary's and the State Treasurer's books balancing with the monthly bank statements. The balance in our account as of May 31, 1996 was \$16,329.51.

We commend Brothers Monroe and Haggerty for the continued fine manner in which they are handling the financial affairs of the State Aerie.

Robert Woodruff, Chr., 52
Robert Rostas, 825

Brother Woodruff made a motion to approve this report. This was seconded by Robert Butts, Elmira Aerie 951, and approved.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Read by Robert Rostas, Chr., Lockport Aerie 825

Grand Aerie Representatives, State Officers, Past State Presidents, Delegates and Brothers:

The following is the proposed budget for NYS for 1996-1997:

Balance as of June 1, 1996	\$16,329.51
Bank Interest	362.47
State Per Capita Tax	11,742.95
State Membership from Grand Aerie	4,820.00
State Convention Advance	1,000.00
State Fund Raising	-0-
State Convention Credentials	1,782.00
	\$36,036.93

Estimated Expenses:

State Secretary's Salary	\$ 1,500.00
Membership Meetings	2,500.00
Membership Awards	2,500.00
Membership Office Expenses	200.00
State Convention Assignments	2,500.00
State President's Assignments	1,800.00
Various Assignments	1,500.00
State Spring/Fall Conference	3,500.00
Regional Conference	1,000.00
State Secretary's Office Operation (phone, printing, postage)	3,000.00
State Convention	1,500.00
Grand Aerie Convention Hospitality Room	2,500.00

State Auxiliary Advance	500.00
Miscellaneous State Convention Expenses	3,000.00
Grand Aerie Convention Delegates	700.00
State/Grand Aerie Ads	450.00
Social Security Taxes	200.00
State Treasurer's Salary	250.00
State Office Bond	50.00
Grand Aerie Supplies	200.00
Contingency Fund	7,526.89
TOTAL	\$36,876.89

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Rostas, Chr., 825
John Palmer, 3846

Brother Rostas moved for the adoption of this report. This motion was seconded by Charles Straub, Glens Falls Aerie 2486, and approved.

REPORT OF THE JIMMY DURANTE FUND

Read by Harold Grant, Chr., Watertown Aerie 782
Worthy State President O'Neil, Grand Aerie Representatives, Eastern Regional President Ray, State Officers, past and present, Delegates, Brother Eagles:

First of all, I would like to thank State President Danny O'Neil for letting me chair this important fund. The Eagles have always been there for help to the children, as well as our many other important donations.

I would like to, here and now, apologize for not being able to put forth my best effort on this project. As everyone knows, my wife went through two rather serious surgeries and I was needed at home to care for her. I sincerely apologize to our State President and to my Brothers.

The Grand Aerie has sent me two reports which bring us up to March 12, 1996. This year's total, so far, is \$125,698.26. Last year's total was \$550,436.61. We fell short by \$424,738.35 nationally. This fact struck me very hard as it shows every State is behind, but we have the reports only to March. Maybe the next two months may give us a higher total.

I know that we have lost Aeries and the economy isn't the greatest, but we can still hold our heads high and keep working for this cause which means a lot to the future and the children, who, themselves, may join this great Fraternity and carry on our work.

With the assistance of Brother Dennis Dudek, Johnson City Aerie 2644, we will now have the parade of checks which will raise New York's total of \$1,894.78 to a higher point.

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AT THE CONVENTION

Olean Aerie 616	\$ 500.00
Depew Aerie 2682	1,000.00
Addison Aerie 3904	300.00
Rochester Aerie 52	100.00
Ithaca Aerie 1253	103.00
Tonawanda Aerie 1411	100.00
Binghamton Aerie 2119	300.00
Johnson City Aerie 2644	100.00
TOTAL	\$2,503.00
Previous Contributions thru March, 1996	\$1,894.78
Convention Contributions	2,503.00
TOTAL	\$4,397.78

Respectfully submitted,

Harold A. Grant, Chr., 782
Dennis Dudek, 2644

Brother Grant moved for the adoption of this partial report. Brother Gary LaRose, Watertown Aerie 782, seconded the motion. Approved.

After the conclusion of the parade of checks, the final total was announced by Brother Grant who then moved for the adoption of this final report. Patrick Gray, Depew Aerie 2692, seconded the motion. All in favor.

FINAL REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Read by Bryan Welch, Chr., Ithaca Aerie 1253

Brothers:

The following is the proposed amendment to Section 91.5 of the Statutes of the Grand Aerie:

Current Law:

Section 91.5 - A majority of votes shall be necessary for election except where there are more than two (2) candidates for any one (1) office in which instance a plurality of all votes cast for such office shall elect. Where more than one (1) officer is to be elected for any one (1) office, no ballot shall be counted for any candidate for such office unless the member casting such ballot shall have voted for a number of candidates equal to the number to be elected to such office. In the event of a tie vote for any office, the result shall be settled by lot.

Proposed Change:

Section 91.5 - A majority of votes shall be necessary for election except where there are more than two (2) candidates for any one (1) office in which instance a plurality of all votes cast for such office shall elect. Where more than one (1) officer is to be elected for any one (1) office, all ballots shall be counted, except where the number of candidates voted for is greater than the number to be elected to such office. In the event of a tie vote for any office, the result shall be settled by lot.

Brother Welch advised that as the law currently reads, a member may find himself voting for someone he does not know just to fill his ballot. It is also possible that a member may be forced to vote for someone he does not feel is qualified for office just to fulfill his obligation to cast a ballot.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan Welch, Chr., 1253
Harold Royer, 2586

Brother Welch moved for the adoption of this resolution. Brother Harold Grant, Watertown Aerie 782, seconded the motion. Approved.

Under Special Order of Business, Brother O'Neil introduced Wayne Clark, Grand Worthy Conductor, who wanted to express his deep appreciation for the resolution on his behalf at yesterday's meeting. He wished Harry the best of luck and congratulated Danny O'Neil and his Officers for a job well done. He thanked the Program Committee for the thoughtful program they planned. He expressed his deepest appreciation for the host Aerie for their wonderful hospitality. He closed by saying, "Virginia is for lovers, but I love New York."

Also under Special Order of Business, Brother Charles Straub advised that they only had one letter from Glens Falls for the 1998 Convention. The Executive Board took a vote and approved for the Convention to be held in Glens Falls in 1998. Also, the State Executive Board approved for the Spring Conference to be held in Addison, NY on April 18, 19 & 20, 1997.

REPORT OF THE STATE BANQUET

Given by Robert Woodruff, Chr., Rochester Aerie 52

Brothers:

Brother Woodruff advised that he will not be the MC this evening, that Brother Donald Rettinger will act as toastmaster. He stated that the hall is ready for this evening. He thanked Lockport for extending this honor to him at the Fall Conference and wished everyone a great time this evening.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Woodruff, Chr., 52
Franklin Rose, 825

Brother Woodruff moved for the adoption of this report. Brother James Telban, Rochester Aerie 52, seconded the motion. Approved.

REPORT OF THE NET GAIN COMMITTEE

Read by William Mulhollen, Addison Aerie 3904

Grand Aerie Officers, State Officers, Past State Officers, Brother Delegates and Visitors:

What's a sure sign of progress when a visitor or future applicant visits your Aerie - that blue and yellow banner that says, "Net Gain."

By keeping quality membership a motto in your Aerie, along with a clean and well run Aerie, is a great way to promote and maintain membership to a high degree. Brothers, membership security is not just catching up with delinquent members, but operating your Aerie according to the Rules and Regulations and everyone doing their job sure helps.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Woodruff, Chr., 782
William Mulhollen, 3904

It was moved by Brother Mulhollen that this report be approved as read. This was seconded by Gary Jones, Saratoga Springs Aerie 2586, and approved.

REPORT OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE FUND

Read by Harry Stewart, Chr., Cortland Aerie 2191

Grand Aerie State Officers and Delegates:

As the Golden Eagle Chairman, I regret to inform you that we have a decrease this year in the Golden Eagle and Alzheimer Funds. So, my Brothers, I think it would be a good idea if everyone went back to their Aeries and started a campaign to raise monies for these funds.

The Golden Eagle Fund has donated thousand dollar grants to charitable organizations, primarily for the aged. Over 2,079 grants have been made. This doesn't include larger grants given at the Grand Aerie Convention.

To date, we have taken in from New York State Aeries & Auxiliaries: Golden Eagle Fund \$3,110.32, and Alzheimer Fund - \$1,438.65.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GOLDEN EAGLE & ALZHEIMER FUNDS 1995-1996

No.	Location	Golden Eagle	Alzheimer
2119	Binghamton Auxiliary	\$ 20.00	\$ 100.00

2145	Jamestown Auxiliary		25.00
3610	Schenectady Aerie	225.00	
1815	North Port Aerie	89.30	
88	Niagara Falls Auxiliary	100.00	25.00
2145	Jamestown Auxiliary	25.00	
544	Middletown Aerie	500.00	318.00
544	Middletown Auxiliary	123.00	
1042	Terrytown Auxiliary	25.00	
3904	Addison Auxiliary	253.02	100.00
482	Gloversville Auxiliary	110.00	10.00
825	Lockport Auxiliary	150.00	40.00
52	Rochester Aerie & Auxiliary	730.00	370.00
97	Utica Auxiliary	100.00	50.00
616	Olean Auxiliary	100.00	116.65
941	Elmira Auxiliary	200.00	
1253	Ithaca Auxiliary	100.00	50.00
2269	Endicott Auxiliary		74.00
2692	Depew Auxiliary	100.00	10.00
782	Watertown Auxiliary	50.00	50.00
1411	Tonawanda Auxiliary	100.00	50.00
2467	Hoosick Falls Auxiliary		15.00
3846	Canajoharie Auxiliary	10.00	10.00
	TOTALS	\$3,110.32	\$1,438.65

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AT THE CONVENTION

No.	Location	Golden Eagle	Alzheimer
88	Niagara Falls Aerie	\$	\$ 50.00
1411	Tonawanda Aerie	100.00	
3904	Addison Aerie	300.00	300.00
1253	Ithaca Aerie	365.00	
2119	Binghamton Aerie	300.00	
52	Rochester Aerie	100.00	
	TOTALS	\$1,165.00	\$ 350.00
	Previous Contributions	\$3,110.32	\$1,438.65
	Convention Contributions	1,165.00	350.00
	TOTALS	\$4,275.32	\$1,788.65

Respectfully submitted,

Harry Stewart, Chr., 2191
Salvatore Ventura, 2692
Bernard Carpenter, 1253

Brother Stewart moved for the adoption of the partial report. Harold Grant, Watertown Aerie 782, seconded the motion. Approved.

After the parade of checks, Brother Stewart moved for the adoption of the final report which was seconded by Patrick Gray, Depew Aerie 2692. Approved.

REPORT OF THE KIDNEY FUND

Read by Ken Morrissey, Chr., Glens Falls Aerie 2486

My Brothers:

Again, the New York State Aerie had another successful year. The reports of all the funds will show we have met the challenge. As you all know, my fund has been the kidney fund ever since I lost my wife to this dreaded disease.

There are no written reports from the Grand Aerie. At this writing, we find my home Aerie #2486 tops in the nation. Glens Falls Aerie 2486 donated \$2,300.00. Also, I have an additional \$1,000.00. Also, our Aerie has placed in the hands of those working directly on kidney research in Glens Falls \$3,000.00. Total donations of \$6,000.00 from Glens Falls. Please remember that the Kidney Fund is our only method for getting the research done.

I again thank each and every Brother and Sister who supports this vital program. I will give my final report after the parade of checks.

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AT THE CONVENTION

No.	Location	Kidney
	Private Donation Aerie	\$ 60.00
88	Niagara Falls Aerie	50.00
2486	Glens Falls Aerie	1,000.00
3904	Addison Aerie	300.00
	Ken Morrissey	50.00
52	Rochester Aerie	100.00
1411	Tonawanda Aerie	100.00
TOTALS		\$1,660.00

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Morrissey, Chr., 2486

Brother Morrissey moved for the adoption of the partial report. Brother Ray Howland, Watertown Aerie 782, seconded the motion. Approved.

After the parade of checks, Brother Morrissey moved that the final report be approved. Brother Robert Butts, Elmira Aerie 941, seconded the motion. Approved.

REPORT OF THE PROGRAM & ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Read by Gordon Brenenstuhl, Hoosick Falls Aerie 2467

Grand Aerie Representatives, State Officer, Brother Delegates:

I am sure we are aware of how important the different programs and activities which we hold in our Aerie homes influence the well being of our Aeries. If we are able to expose these programs to the public through a Publicity Program to help the public understand what we are attempting to do, we will become more respected in our communities.

Promote our programs. Promote our activities. This will help us to get new members. With this, we will become more successful and profitable and a better asset to our communities.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon Brenenstuhl, Chr., 2467
Tom Bartman, 616

It was moved by Brother Brenenstuhl that this report be approved as presented. Brother Harold Grant, Watertown Aerie 782, seconded the motion. Approved.

REPORT OF THE MAX BAER HEART FUND COMMITTEE

Read by James Telban, Chr., Rochester Aerie 52

Grand Aerie Representatives, State Officers, Brother Delegates:

I would like to thank State President Danny O'Neil for the privilege of serving as this year's Chairman of the Max Baer Heart Fund.

The Heart Fund is one of the major charities of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and we should all be proud of the efforts being made to support this worthy cause. As we all know, heart disease has no favorites and has affected all of us in one form or another.

This year, I have not received any reports from the Grand Aerie. Information taken from the Eagle Magazine states that Aeries in New York State have donated a combined total of \$5,944.25 to the Heart and Diabetes Funds to date in 1996.

At this time, with the help of my Committee, we will have the Parade of Checks and we thank you in advance for your generosity.

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AT THE CONVENTION

No.	Location	Heart
1253	Ithaca Aerie	\$ 228.00
2486	Glens Falls Aerie	1,000.00
616	Olean Aerie	200.00
3904	Addison Aerie	300.00
1411	Tonawanda Aerie	100.00
88	Niagara Falls Aerie	50.00
2644	Johnson City Aerie	100.00
2119	Binghamton Aerie	300.00
TOTALS		\$2,278.00

Previous Contributions	\$5,944.25
Convention Contributions	2,278.00
TOTAL	\$8,222.25

Respectfully submitted,

James Telban, Chr., 52
Robert Lancaster, 52

It was moved by Brother Telban to approve the partial report as presented. This motion was seconded by Brother Ron Maneeley, Watertown Aerie 782, and approved.

After the parade of checks, Brother Telban moved for the adoption of this final report. Brother Patrick Gray, Depew Aerie 2692, seconded the motion. Approved.

Brother Joseph Newman, Saratoga Springs Aerie 2586, then advised that they host the Empire State Boxing Trials and \$1,500 was donated. It will be held again on June 30, 1997 and they will again donate the money to this fund.

FINAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Read by Ron Stickney, Chr., Lockport Aerie 825

Brother Delegates:

Following is a final report of the Credentials Committee:

Grand Aerie Representatives	3
State Officers	14
Past State Presidents	14
Delegates	44
Alternates	1
Past Worthy Presidents	58
TOTAL VOTES	169
Total Credentials Issued	70

REGISTERED DELEGATES AT THE CONVENTION

Aerie No.	Name	Aerie No.	Name
2119	Daniel O'Neil	3904	Ellis Spencer
941	Wayne Monroe	782	Charles Bolio
782	Harold Grant	2119	Al Hubbard
2486	Ken Morrissey	782	William Bell
825	Bob Rostas	782	Ray Howland
2586	Joseph Newman	1411	Donald Rettinger
2191	Harry Stewart	88	Mark Beckett
514	Herb Farrell	2692	Norman Allen
3904	Doug McDermott	2692	Robert Rzoska
1411	Ray Haggerty	1253	Bernard Carpenter
52	Robert Woodruff	3846	Robert Yager
2692	Sam Ventura	825	Laverne Graham
52	Daniel Curcio	3904	William Mulhollen
825	Ronald Stickney	616	Roger Vincent
52	Harold Fields	825	Franklin Rose
52	Bob Sharkey	825	Duane Bruning
825	Charles Poyfair	52	James Telban
2486	Charles Straub	2692	Pat Gray
3610	Harold Borchardt	2692	Louis Osman
616	Jim Harris	782	Don Cowan
1253	Dick Pottoroff	782	Ron Maneeley
2644	Dennis Dudek	782	Arthur Carey
825	Don Urtel	2467	Gordon Brenenstuhl
1253	Bryan Welch	825	Richard Frank
52	James Russell	1253	Leroy Parks
52	Bob Lancaster	1253	Ed Brown
616	Harold Vaughan	3904	Richard Travis
616	Mike Fahy	2486	Carl Hartman
941	Robert Butts	1411	Don Collie
3846	John Palmer	2692	James Ochal
3846	Joseph Salisbury	2692	Tony Gorney
2586	Arthur Gonyea	782	Gary LaRose
2586	Gary Jones	782	Terry Smith
2586	Harold Royer	2692	Ted Gorney
2586	Donald Yanchunis	941	Frank Derr

Respectfully submitted,
 Ronald A. Stickney, Chr. 825
 Charles Poyfair, 825
 Donald Kolek 825
 Robert Sharkey, 52
 Harold Fields, 52

Brother Stickney moved for the adoption of this final report. This was seconded by Al Hubbard, Binghamton Aerie 2119, and approved.

Brother Robert Yager then asked how everyone felt about shortening the convention from Thursday, Friday and Saturday to Friday and Saturday. Brother Charles Straub stated that we need to look at expenses for this and attendance. We should cut expenses down about \$1,000.00. Brother Joseph Newman then moved that the Convention be shortened from 3 days to 2 days.

Discussion ensued and it was suggested that possibly expenses should be cut down, i.e. possibly the Secretary's room, President's room, etc. Brother Robert Woodruff stated that we are committed to Watertown and we should research this. He felt that a Committee should be appointed by the State Aerie to discuss this. Brother Yager then moved to table this until the Fall Conference. Brother Wayne Monroe also advised that this would need to be changed in the By-Laws. Also, State membership is dropping off and we need to seriously look into why this is occurring. It was felt that employment has a lot to do with it as

most people cannot leave their jobs for this long of a period. It was also questioned how the Auxiliary feels about this. Brother James Telban felt that we should obtain their input into this before a decision is made. Brother Newman then withdrew his motion and asked that the incoming President appoint a Committee. This was agreed to. Brother Yager's motion was seconded by Brother Newman that this be discussed at the Fall Conference. All in favor.

REPORT OF THE PAST STATE PRESIDENTS

Grand Aerie Representatives, State Officers, and Brother Delegates:

The Annual Past State Presidents luncheon was held on Friday, June 14, 1996, at the Best Western Motel in Lockport, NY. There were 13 Past State Presidents in attendance, along with Grand Conductor Wayne Clark, Eastern Regional President Ray Haggerty, and State President Danny O'Neil as our guests.

After a delicious luncheon, a short business session was held. At that time, Danny O'Neil was asked to leave the room so we could vote on admitting him into the Past State Presidents Club. Each Past State President was asked for his vote.

First Vote was 6 yes, 6 no, 1 abstaining

Second Vote was 6 yes, 6 no, 1 abstaining

Third Vote was the same so our Grand Aerie Representative, Wayne Clark, was asked to break the tie. Wayne voted yes and stated Danny worked hard this year and ran a very nice meeting.

Danny was called back into the room and we all congratulated him for his leadership over the past year and our best to the new slate of Officers for the coming year.

There was a long discussion on shortening our Convention dates from three to two days starting with 1997. We also discussed pre-registration of our delegates. Secretary Monroe will send out letters, along with letters for the Fall Conference, about these items.

At this time, Grand Aerie conductor Wayne Clark was asked to say a few words. Wayne thanked the Past State Presidents for inviting him to our luncheon and also talked about declining membership and Aeries - something has to be done.

Danny thanked Wayne for breaking the tie and offered to buy a drink for all.

At this time, John Palmer was given the gavel as our new President of the Past State Presidents Club.

It was suggested that we have a Vice President due to Ian Carry not attending. A motion was made by Bob Butts that the Jr. Past President become Vice President and run the meeting if the President was not in attendance. This motion was seconded by Dick Pottoroff and carried.

President Palmer asked if there was anything else. There was not and the meeting was adjourned until the Fall Conference.

Respectfully submitted,
 Al Hubbard, Chr., 2119
 Art Gonyea, 2486

Brother Hubbard moved for the adoption of this report. Brother Robert Rostas, Lockport Aerie 825, seconded the motion. Approved.

REPORT OF THE STATE OF THE ORDER COMMITTEE

Read by Donald Cowan, Chr., Watertown Aerie 782

Grand Aerie Representative Wayne, Eastern Regional President Ray, State President Danny, State Officers and My Brothers:

What is the state that our order is in?

Fraternal, social, service, and other not-for-profit organizations in New York State continue a membership decline. This decline will continue unless we come up with activities which will spark some interest and encourage people to join our great organization.

An example of one activity which was held this past year to spark some interest (and assist those in need) was the banding together of all such organizations in the Watertown area. They banded together to conduct a fund raiser for someone in need. When we expose our organization to those in other organizations and to the general public, it shows them what we are all about, People Helping People. Once exposed to our organization, many decide they want to belong. I encourage everyone to try getting together with other organizations in your area. I think you'll be surprised how that will increase our own membership roles.

We have lost four Aeries. Two were reassigned to the Ontario Province (Fort Erie and Toronto), and two surrendered their charters (Hornell and Big Flats). The State Executive Board has recommended that our own State leaders be sent into weak Aeries to help, instead of having someone from outside the State come in. This seems to be working well. In order to take hold and stop the decay of our order, we must continue to personally take responsibility. You leaders working with weak Aeries should be very proud.

The State of our Order is improving because of our commitment and concern for others.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Cowan, Chr., 782
Carl Hartman, 2486

Brother Cowan moved for the adoption of this report. Brother Ken Morrissey, Glens Falls Aerie 2486, seconded the motion. Approved.

REPORT OF THE GRIEVANCE & APPEALS COMMITTEE

Read by Ellis Spencer, Chr., Addison Aerie 3904

Grand Aerie Representatives, State President Danny, State Officers and my Brothers:

It is my pleasure to report that no grievances or appeals have been turned into this Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellis Spencer, Chr., 3904
Leroy Parks, 1253

It was moved by Brother Spencer to approve this report as presented. Brother Harold Grant, Watertown Aerie 782, seconded the motion. Approved.

REPORT OF THE RITUALISTIC COMMITTEE

Read by William Bell, Chr., Watertown Aerie 782

Grand Aerie Officers, State Offices, Brother Delegates:

This year and last, we did not have any participation in the Ritualistic Competition. We believe ritual to be a very important part of being an Eagle. Let's put some ritual back into these Conventions and also into your own meetings.

Saratoga has a new team started and they are progressing very well.

Let's leave this Convention and go back your Aeries and get something started. Maybe this Committee will have something to do.

We'll see all the new Ritual teams next year.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Bell, Chr., 782

Gary Jones, 2586

Mike Fahy, 616

Under Special Order of Business, Brother Robert Rostas advised that he is willing to take on the project of fund raising. He asked that each Aerie send him their fund raising efforts and how they did it so that all Aeries can see how they raised money.

Brother James Harris then made a motion that we give Lockport a standing ovation for the hospitality they've shown and thank them for all they have done.

The proceedings then concluded at 10:52 A.M. and Brother O'Neil adjourned the meeting advising that the installation of Officers would be held at 1:00 P.M.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Saturday, June 15, 1996, the New York State Officers received their Oath of Office at Lockport Aerie 825. After a delay, Donald Rettinger, P.R.P. and Richard Pottoroff, P.S.P. did the honors with Robert Woodruff, P.R.P. as Conductor, Al Hubbard, P.S.P., Secretary, and Gordon Brennstuhl, P.S.P. as Chaplain.

The newly elected State Officers for 1996-1997 are as follows:

Junior Past President	Daniel O'Neil, Binghamton Aerie 2119
State President	Harry Stewart, Cortland Aerie 2191
Vice President	James Telban, Rochester Aerie 52
State Secretary	Wayne Monroe, Elmira Aerie 941
State Treasurer	Ray Haggerty, Tonawanda Aerie 1411
State Chaplain	Kenneth Morrissey, Glens Falls Aerie 2486
State Conductor	Robert Rostas, Lockport Aerie 825
State Inside Guard	Harold Grant, Watertown Aerie 782
State Outside Guard	Ellis Spencer, Addison Aerie 3904
State Trustee	Robert Yager, Canajoharie Aerie 3846
State Trustee	Patrick Gray, Depew-Lancaster Aerie 2692
State Trustee	Bryan Welch, Ithaca Aerie 1253
State Trustee	Harold Fields, Rochester Aerie 52

After the completion of the ceremonies, P.S.P. Daniel O'Neil and P.M.P. Margaret Hodges thanked all for the fine year and hoped it would continue on for incoming President Harry Stewart.

Incoming Presidents, Harry Stewart and Elaine Cole, thanked everyone and stated they were looking forward to another year in Eagledom.

STATE CONVENTION BANQUET

The Annual State Banquet was held on Saturday evening, June 15, 1996, at the home of Lockport Aerie 825. The MC for the evening was Harold Fields of Rochester Aerie 52. Ceremonies began at 6:30 P.M. following a cocktail hour from 5:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.

The head table consisted of State Auxiliary President Elaine Cole, State Auxiliary Secretary Carol Smiklo, P.G.M.P. Iris McDermott, Margaret Hodge, P.S.P., State President Harry Stewart, P.S.P. Daniel O'Neil, and State Secretary Wayne Monroe.

Many awards were given out and everyone joined in to thank the many people involved in all the projects to make this a special year and hoped for a better year in 1996-1997 for Harry.

Lockport Aerie 825 did a fine job and many thanks to the Boy Scout Troop for their help in serving the delicious meal. Everyone relaxed to join in on dancing and just good friendship.

Many thanks to all,

Wayne H. Monroe
State Secretary

LISTING OF NEW YORK STATE AERIES AND NUMBERS

52	Rochester
88	Niagara Falls
96	Auburn
97	Utica
482	Gloversville
514	Schenectady
544	Middletown
616	Olean
782	Watertown
825	Lockport
941	Elmira
1042	North Tarrytown
1253	Ithaca
1260	Oneonta
1411	North Tonawanda
1545	Ossining
1575	Johnstown
1815	Northport
2119	Binghamton
2145	Chatauqua
2191	Cortland
2269	Endicott
2299	Corning
2467	Hoosick Falls
2486	South Glens Falls
2586	Saratoga Springs
2644	Johnson City
2692	Depew
2695	Cobleskill
3128	Elmont
3610	Rotterdam
3773	Troy
3818	Horseheads
3846	Conajoharie
3904	Addison
4358	Keesville

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

1907 ---- Rochester (Institution)	1952 ---- Binghamton
1908 ---- Sarotoga Springs	1953 ---- Schenectady
1909 ---- Little Falls	1954 ---- Oneonta
1910 ---- Rockaway Beach	1955 ---- Elmira
1911 ---- Rochester	1956 ---- Montreal
1912 ---- Cohoes	1957 ---- Saratoga Springs
1913 ---- Carthage	1958 ---- Buffalo
1914 ---- Olean	1959 ---- Elmira
1915 ---- Auburn	1960 ---- Rochester
1916 ---- Rochester	1961 ---- Toronto
1917 ---- Buffalo	1962 ---- Utica
1918 ---- Geneva	1963 ---- Oneonta
1919 ---- Syracuse	1964 ---- Watertown
1920 ---- Niagara Falls	1965 ---- Rochester
1921 ---- Saratoga Springs	1966 ---- Syracuse
1922 ---- Binghamton	1967 ---- Glens Falls
1923 ---- Mount Vernon	1968 ---- Olean
1924 ---- Rockaway Beach	1969 ---- rochester
1925 ---- Niagara Falls	1970 ---- Montreal
1926 ---- Watertown	1971 ---- Oneonta
1927 ---- Binghamton	1972 ---- Utica
1928 ---- Syracuse	1973 ---- Glens Falls
1929 ---- Schenectady	1974 ---- Olean
1930 ---- Elmira	1975 ---- Rochester
1931 ---- Oswego	1976 ---- Elmira
1932 ---- Rochester	1977 ---- St. Jermone
1933 ---- Lockport	1978 ---- Schenectady
1934 ---- Johnstown	1979 ---- Binghamton
1935 ---- Ithaca	1980 ---- Rochester
1936 ---- Olean	1981 ---- Glens Falls
1937 ---- Auburn	1982 ---- Elmira
1938 ---- Watertown	1983 ---- Olean
1939 ---- Gloversville	1984 ---- Utica
1940 ---- Lockport	1985 ---- Rochester
1941 ---- Rochester	1986 ---- Binghamton
1942 ---- New York City	1987 ---- Watertown
1943 ---- Auburn	1988 ---- Olean
1944 ---- Batavia	1989 ---- Rochester
1945 ---- Rochester	1990 ---- Glens Falls
1946 ---- Middletown	1991 ---- Lockport
1947 ---- Utica	1992 ---- Watertown
1948 ---- Saratoga Springs	1993 ---- Utica
1949 ---- Saratoga Springs	1994 ---- Olean
1950 ---- Rochester	1995 ---- Binghamton
1951 ---- Rochester	1996 ---- Lockport

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

1.* JOHN J. HARRINGTON, Brooklyn 393	1907-08
2.* JOHN J. HARRINGTON, Brooklyn 393	1908-09
3.* FREDERICK HUGHES, Yonkers 473	1909-10
4.* FREDERICK HUGHES, Yonkers 473	1910-11
5.* JAMES CONLAN, Buffalo 46	1911-12
6.* JAMES CONLAN, Buffalo 46	1912-13
7.* GEORGE BEDRORD, Syracuse 53	1913-14
8.* GEORGE BEDFORD, Syracuse 53	1914-15
9.* JOHN F. MALONEY, Watertown 782	1915-16
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	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, Bufflao 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.* CHARELS 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 473	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

