

Fraternal Order of Eagles New York State Aerie



100th Annual Session
Journal of
PROCEEDINGS

2006

Held at Depew–Lancaster Aerie #2692
June 15, 16 & 17, 2006

	Thursday June 15, 2006	1 P.M.
1	Opening Exercises and Welcome - Mary & Mike	Depew Aerie
2	Roll Call of Officers	Bob Yager
3	Oath of Allegiance and Admission of New Members	Jim Telban
4	Committees and Committee Convention Appointments	Bob Yager
5	Judiciary	Lenny Briggs
6	Approval of 2005 Convention Proceedings	Mike Hoag
7	Correspondance	Bob Yager
8	State Presidents Report	Mike Hoag
9	State Treasurers Report	Ray Haggerty
10	State Secretarys Report	Bob yager
11	Special Order of Business	Mike Hoag
12	Grand Aerie Represenatative	Bob Wahls
13	By-Laws - First Reading	David Cook
14	Credentials - First Report	David Cook
15	Banquet / Depew	Lou Osmon
16	Bowling, Men	Ted Gorney
17	Bowling, Mr.&Mrs.	Charlie Bolio
18	Child Advacocy	Pat Gray
19	Fund Raising, NYS Aerie	Charlie Straub
20	Gaming and Gov't Relations	Charlie Straub
21	Grand Aerie Hospitality Room	Pete Vaughn
22	Junior Eagles	Nick Polinski
23	Legislative (All Levels)	Charlie Straub
24	Museum	Al Porter
25	New Aerie's	Doug McDermott
26	Good of the Order	Mike Hoag
27	Adjournment	Mike Hoag

	Saturday June 17, 2006	9:30 A.M.
50	Welcome	
51	Roll Call of Officers	Bob Yager
52	Oath of Allegiance and Admission of New Members	Jim Telban
53	By-Laws - Final Reading and Vote	David Cook
54	Credentials - Third Report	David Cook
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56	Grand Aerie Representative	Bob Wahls
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57	Audit	Robert Butts
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61	Hall of Fame	Dan O'Neil
62	In Memoriam	Charlie Straub
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70	Kidney Fund *	Art Gonyea
71	Lew Reed Spinal Cord Injury*	Charlie Straub
72	Max Baer Heart Fund *	Bryan Welch
73	M.D.*	Pat Gray
74	Memorial Foundation *	Garritt Smith
75	State Aerie Charity *	Mike Hoag
76	Elections	Harold Fields
77	Good of the Order	Mike Hoag
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1 – OPENING EXERCISES

The opening session was conducted on June 16, 2006 1 P.M.

1. Depew Chief of Police
2. Iris McDermott – Grand Aux Rep. PGMP
3. Stallkamp, Carol – Grand Aux Rep.
4. Mary Kenna – Eastern Rep. Aux. President
5. Bob Wahls – Grand Aerie Secretary

2 - ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

Fraternal Order of Eagles New York State Aerie Officers 2005-2006

President	Michael Hoag	Present
Jr. Past President	Dan Curcio	Present
Vice President	Joe Piano	Present
Chaplain	Don Yanchunis	Present
Treasurer	Raymond Haggerty	Present
Secretary	Robert G. T. Yager	Present
Conductor	Pete Vaughn	Present
Inside Guard	Lenny Briggs	Present
Outside Guard	Larry Robillard	Present
Trustee	Garrett Smith	Present
Trustee	Dave Cook	Present
Trustee	Jeff Poole	Present
Trustee	Charlie Straub	Present
Membership Chairman	John Palmer	Absent

New York State Aerie Officers 2005-2006



Michael Hoag
Troy #3773
President



Dan Curcio
Rochester #52
Junior Past President



Joe Piano
Depew-Lancaster #2692
Vice President



Don Yanchunis
Saratoga Springs #2586
Chaplain



Raymond Haggerty
Tonawanda #1411
Treasurer



Robert G. T. Yager
Canajoharie #3846
Secretary



Pete Vaughn
Olean #616
Conductor



Lenny Briggs
Johnson City #2644
Inside Guard



Larry Robillard
Glens Falls #2486
Outside Guard



Garrett Smith
Erwin #4460
Trustee



Dave Cook
Johnstown #1575
Trustee



Jeff Poole
Ithaca #1253
Trustee



Charlie Straub
Glens Falls #2486
Trustee



John Palmer
Canajoharie #3846
Membership Chairman

Fraternal Order of Eagles

New York State Aerie Officers

2005-2006

Jr. Past President	Daniel J. Curcio	52 Burning Brush Drive, Rochester, New York 14606-4642	585-247-8467	curcio_2000@yahoo.com	Diana	Rochester	52
President	Michael W. Hoag	584 6th Avenue, Troy, New York 12182	518-237-0863		Bernie	Lansingburg	3773
	"Mike"	MHoag1@nycap.rr.com	Work 518-270-1116				
Vice President	Joe Piano	60 Hearth Stone Dr, Box 37, RR1, Site 1	705-538-0429		Lorna	Depew	2692
		Waubauskene, Ontario, Canada L0K 2C0	joeagle88@rogers.com				
Chaplain	Don Yanchunis	277 County Road 71, Stillwater, New York 12170-1723	518-587-6731	donwhy@netzero.net		Saratoga	2586
		e-mail donwhy@netzero.com	Office 518-587-2554				
Treasurer	Ray Haggerty	40 Ruth Avenue, Amherst, New York 14226-2040	716-833-4223		Mary	Tonawanda	1411
Secretary	Robert GT Yager	PO Box 7187, Capital Station, Albany, New York 12224-0187	518-218-1015	nysaerie@aol.com	Pat	Schenectady	514
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Conductor	Harold Vaughn	829 Maple Street, Olean, New York 14760-1254	716-372-0373 (no e-mail)		Ruth	Olean	616
	"Pete"						
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Trustee	David Cook	720 County Hwy 122, Gloversville, New York 12078	518-725-3283	dcook@nyaerie.org	Shirley	Johnstown	1575
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Trustee	Jeffrey Poole	523 West Green Street, Ithaca, New York 14850	607-273-6868		Candy	Ithaca	1253
	"Jeff"	canpoos@cs.com	C 607.592.1042 & 607.280.8523				
Trustee	Garrett Smith	Apt.101, 53 Tuscarora Street, Addison, New York 14801-1217	607-359-2048			Erwin	4460
Membership	John A. Palmer	4642 State Hwy 30N, Amsterdam, New York 12010	Phone and Fax, 518-842-6148		Deb	Canajoharie	3846
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Zone One	Lou Osmon	223 Wilmington Ave., Tonawanda, NY 14150-8725	716-837-8260		Tammy	Depew	2692
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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.

All must display his credentials and deposit the daily attendance slip with the proper Aerie Officers. A visiting member in good standing, not a delegate, may attend the convention sessions but not vote.

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 registered delegate 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 19, 2004, from 8:00AM to 10:00AM. Only official ballots are 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 wiring, typewritten 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 are no objections.

READ BY JIM TELBAN PSP

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OBLIGATION

My Brothers and Delegates, before giving you the State Aerie obligation, let me call to your attention how important it is for all of us to so conduct ourselves during the State Aerie, both the meeting and outside the meeting, as to reflect credit upon our Order. The people of this fine city are our hosts—we should act as guests in and about the city—so that we can leave a lasting impression of the high caliber of our membership.

You now find yourselves within the State Aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, for the State of New York. You reach this destination and high estate by honorable and loyal service in your subordinate Aeries. You are the State Aerie. What this State Aerie does is your responsibility. You are accountable to your Aerie, to your conscience, and to your God. An abundance of experience in our Order fits you well for your important mission. For the successful performance of your duties you will merit and receive the applause of our membership; for your failure you will merit and receive its just criticism. Before you may go further and become members of the State Aerie and be entrusted with duties of importance, you will rise and with your right hand raised, take this solemn and binding obligation, which I will recite, and you if you so desire, will affirm at it's conclusion. The officers and members of the State Aerie will join the new members in this obligation.

Before God and on my honor, I promise as a condition to my becoming a member of the State Aerie, that I will obey all the laws, rules, and regulations of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. I reaffirm all my obligations by me here-to-fore taken, as a member or officer of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. I recognize the Grand Aerie as the supreme body of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and as shall cherish and uphold its good name.

I fully realize that a chain is no stronger than its weakest link, and that throughout the jurisdiction of Eagledom we are bound together in this great fraternity by our subordinate Aeries, by our State Aerie, and by our Grand Aerie. If I fail as a member of the State Aerie, and my actions are destructive of unity and progress, I know that I tear down the fabric not only of the Grand Aerie and this State Aerie, but I weaken my own subordinate Aerie.

I understand that changes in the laws enacted must be by constitutional and lawful methods, and not by destructive criticism of the action of the majority, designed to undermine confidence and faith in the State and Grand Aeries, and the Fraternal order of Eagles.

I believe in the patriotic and humanitarian purposes of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. I believe in my country, and that I owe to it the Zeal of a patriot. To me, Liberty, Truth, Justice and Equality are more than words. To me they are the cornerstone of our fraternity in whose welfare I am ardently concerned.

I take this obligation in the presence of Almighty God, who looks down upon us from above, and should I violate this obligation, I recognize such conduct is just cause for expulsion from membership in the State Aerie.

My Brothers and Delegates, if any Brother does not accept this obligation, he will advance to the Altar and so indicate, then quietly leave the State Aerie. But if you do accept it, repeat after me: "I do accept this obligation, and will observe it, so help me God".

3-2 READ BY PSP JIM TELBAN

Committee	Chairman	Pete Vaughn	John Palmer	Mike Hoag
Audit	Robert Butts	Pete Vaughn	John Palmer	Mike Hoag
Banquet	Lou Osmon	Bob Yager	Harold Fields	
By-Laws	David Cook	Ellis Spencer	Dan Curcio	Robert Wahls
Bowling, Men	Ted Gorney	Jack Pacelli	Dave Cook	Pete Vaughn
Bowling, Mr.&Mrs.	Charlie Bolio	Ted Gorney	John Palmer	
Cancer *	Tom Hodge	Pat Gray	Garrett Smith	
Child Advocacy	Pat Gray	Tom Hodge	Wayne Golden	
Credentials	David Cook	Phil Iacuzza	Mike Fahy	Larry Robillard
Diabetes Fund *	Joe Piano	Harry Phelps	Kris Smith	
Don Rettinger Arthritis Fund *	Tom Hammond	Bob Sharkey		
Elections	Harold Fields	Vince Janiak	Glen Porter	Robert McClure
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Grand Aerie Hospitality Room	Pete Vaughn	Rick Nelson		
In Memoriam	Charlie Straub	Larry Karsky		
Jimmy Durante Fund *	Mike Fahy	Pat Gray		
	Child Abuse*	Pat Gray		
Judiciary	Lenny Briggs	Garrett Smith	Richard Pottorff	Ian Carry
Junior Eagles	Nick Polinski	John Poole	Jon Badi Sr.	
Kidney Fund *	Art Gonyea	Frank Wells		

Low Reed Spinal Cord Injury*	Charlie Straub	Dennis Dudek			
Legislative (All Levels)	Charlie Straub	Colleen Gradwell	William JoJo	Ed Gradwell	
Max Baer Heart Fund *	Bryan Welch	Robert Rostas			
M.D.*	Pat Gray	Gary Pechey			
Membership	John Palmer	Lou Osmon	Bryan Welch	Tom Hammond	
(No Goose Egg & Re-Enroll)	John Palmer	Lou Osmon	Bryan Welch	Tom Hammond	
Memorial Foundation *	Garritt Smith	Larry Robillard			
Museum (Curator)	Al Porter	Glen Porter	Lambertis Gibbs		
New Aerie's	Doug McDermott	Lenny Briggs			
Nightcappers	Ray Haggerty	John Palmer			
Nominating	Harry Stewart	Danny O'Neil	John Palmer	Ellis Spencer	Jim Telban
Past Presidents	Dan Curcio	John Palmer	Ray Haggerty	Robert Butts	Ellis Spencer
Publicity	Lou Osmon	Harry Graham	Mike Lurkowski	Nick Polinski	Ted Gorney
Programs and Activities	Phil Iaccuzza	Richard Pottorff			
R.E.A.C.	Don Yanchunis	Herb Taylor	Jeff Poole	Jim Clark	
Resolutions	Jim Russell	Gordy Brenenstuhl	Robert Rostas	Jim Clark	Pat Gray
Ritual	Pat Gray	Wasyll Barrows			
State Aerie Charity *	Mike Hoag	Henry LeMay			
State of the Order	Ray Howland	Pete Vaughn	Tom Hodge	Terry Smith	
State Reporter	Bob Yager	Allan Botsford	Roger Russell	Robert McClure	John Fitch
Speakers for the State Aerie	Bob Yager	Mike Hoag	Joe Piano		
Trial	Doug McDermott	Bryan Welch	Jim Russell	Gordy Brenenstuhl	Pat Gray
State Aerie Website	Eric Williams	Charlie Straub			
300 Club	Bob Sharkey	Harold Fields			

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Grand Aerie Representatives
Worthy State President
State Aerie Officers
Delegates and My Brothers

The committee on Judiciary "reports" that it has examined the proposed by-law changes and finds them satisfactory and ready to come before this convention for consideration and that no judiciary resolutions have been referred to the committee from June 2005 till current.

Lenny Briggs

Chairman Judiciary Committee

Motion by: David F. Cook
2nd by: Pete Vaughn
All were in favor.

6 – Proceeding approval

Proceeding of 2005 Convention Proceeding

Motion by Bob Sharky, 2nd by Don Yanchunis. Approved.

7 - Communications

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WATERTOWN AERIE #782
FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES
19260 US ROUTE 11
WATERTOWN, NEW YORK 13601

TO: Robert Yager, Secretary
New York State Aerie
Fraternal Order of Eagles
Albany, NY

Dear Secretary Yager:

Upon vote of the Aerie membership, the officers and members of Watertown Aerie #782, F. O. E., hereby submit for your consideration out bid to host the New York State Aerie Convention for the year 2008.

Hosting several conferences and conventions over the years has been a very rewarding experience for this Aerie, and we look forward to the opportunity to again serve the New York State Aerie.

We thank you for your consideration.

Fraternally yours,

Gary A. Pechey, Secretary
Board of Trustees

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EASTERN REGIONAL

COVER MEMO TO:
Robert Yager, Secretary
New York State Aerie
Fraternal Order of Eagles
Dear Bob:

I truly enjoyed our conversation this evening and as promised am sending you the following.

Fraternally,
John (Potter)

To the executive of the New York State Aerie

Dear Brothers:

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Firstly, I would like to wish you all a very pleasant and successful convention and look forward to re-uniting with many of you in Orlando in just a few short weeks.

Hopefully in July of 2007, with the delegates support, I will advance to the position of Grand Worthy President for the 2007-2008 fraternal year. One of the most privileged duties I will have will be to appoint Regional Presidents to represent the Grand Aerie for that year. As you are already fully aware the choice for the Eastern Regional President, following the normal rotation, should be chosen from New York State. This of course brings me to the purpose of this letter. I am well aware that the New York State Aerie has a history of producing great leaders. Whereas I am aware of many such Brothers who would be excellent candidates, it would be foolish of me not to approach you, the body that works with each other closely, and request your assistance to help me select the next Eastern Regional President wisely. I am therefore requesting your recommendation for my consideration.

Many of you will probably consider that my request is early. Yes, it is much earlier than usual, however, the Board of Grand Trustees have approved my request that I conduct the Incoming Regional Presidents meeting during the last weekend of February 2007. It is my intent that from that point on they will be working together with their respective Incoming State Presidents and be completely prepared to shoot out of the gate with gusto on June 1st, 2007, the start of the new membership and charity fiscal year. For this reason I must present the names for Regional Presidents to the Board of Grand Trustees for their approval by the November 2006 Board meeting. Therefore, I would appreciate a response from your body no later than September of this year.

It is important that you understand that the role of Regional President has changed, no longer will it be merely a title, it will be a working position. Commencing this year, and it is my intention that it be carried forward next year, and I am of the belief that it will continue into the future. The "Job Description" for a Regional President for the 2006-2007 fiscal year is as follows:

"To aid the Local, State/Provincial and Grand Aerie leadership in the Continuations of our humanitarian efforts, including membership recruitment and retention while utilizing Current and future tools to ensure that all Aeries and it's officers are compliant with all Local, State/Provincial, federal and fraternal laws, as well as any other duties assigned By the Grand Worthy President."

The Regional President will be required to act as liaison between the Office of the Grand Worthy President and the States and Provinces within his Region. I am not necessarily looking for the Brother who is deemed to be the next in line, nor the one who is necessarily the "Mr. Popular vote". I am looking for the Brother who fits the following:

1. Is dedicated to the Fraternal Order of Eagles and is prepared to give of himself unselfishly for the benefit of the Order.
2. Will make himself available for travel if and when requested (possibly at times at his own expense).
3. Is knowledgeable of our Statutes and our charities and therefore able to give guidance when requested or at the least knows where to obtain the correct answers.
4. Will assist the Grand Aerie and work with State Aeries in ensuring compliance by Local Aeries.
5. Will ensure that qualified and prepared presenters will be available to assist at the upcoming Regional Conference.
6. Will make himself available for conference calls throughout the year as and when required.
7. The chosen Brother will be guaranteed to conduct himself with dignity and present himself well at all times and in such a manner that he will be a credit to himself, the

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State and the Grand Aerie. He will be a Brother that we will all be proud to have represent us.

I am confident that you will give conscientious deliberation to my above request and I thank you for your consideration and look forward to receiving your recommendation.

Fraternally,

John Potter
GWVP

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GRAND CONVENTION
INTRODUCING DISNEY’S MAGICAL EXPRESS SERVICE.....

Beginning May 5th, 2005, you can participate in Disney’s Magical Express Service. With this fabulous new program, you and your party will receive complimentary transportation from the Orlando International Airport to your Disney Resort and back again. No need to worry about baggage claim as your luggage will magically appear at your resort.

HOW DOES DISNEY’S MAGICAL EXPRESS WORK?

1. Book your reservation: Once you have confirmed a room reservation and finalized your airline travel, simply give us a call at 407-827-6777 to book your Disney’s Magical Express Service reservation. We need your information at least 3 weeks prior to arrival.
2. Receive your luggage tags: Approximately 2 weeks prior to your arrival, you will receive an Airport Transportation Booklet containing general information and special luggage tags which you will attach to your luggage before departure.
3. Arrival at Orlando International Airport: a Disney representative will greet and direct you to the Disney Welcome Center in Terminal A, where a complimentary motor coach will take you to your Disney Resort.
4. Luggage delivery to the resort: Your tagged luggage will be claimed at the airport, transported to your Disney Resort and delivered to your room.
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You can also take advantage of Resort Airline Check-in to further simplify your return home (no reservation required). Select airlines provide remote check-in at each of our resorts allowing you to check your luggage and receive your airline-boarding pass. Currently, Resort Airline Check-in service is available for guests flying domestically on the following airlines: American, Continental, Delta (including Song), and United (including Ted). Additional airlines may be added at a later date.

If you are ready to book your Disney’s Magical Express Service reservation...
Please complete this form and fax it to 407-824-1980
Or call 407-827-6777
For more information, visit disneymeetings.com/magicaexpress....

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May 27, 2006

RE: Your letter of March 1, 2006 -
The Closing of Apple Country Aerie # 4358

Robert Wahls - Grand Secretary
1623 Gateway Circle South
Grove City, Ohio - 43123

GRAND AERIE
JUN 08 2006
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Brother Wahls

Your letter of March 1st to Loretta Kirby, the recent past Apple Country Aerie Secretary, was forwarded to me for a reply to you. This was done by her due to the serious illness that she is slowly recovering from and the fact that I preceded her and was the Apple Country Aerie Secretary for several years.

The requests in your letter of March 1, 2006 can not be complied with due to the instructions communicated to me by your agent, Charles Straub via NYS Aerie Officer Don Yanchunis. His instructions were that he wanted nothing from Apple Country Aerie # 4358 and that nothing had to be sent to the Grand Aerie.

This situation very likely surprises you therefore I give you the following details of what was a long and irritating series of events.

Loretta Kirby was contacted by C. Straub and given a list of items that he wanted her to give him so he could forward them to the Office of the Grand Aerie. He requested that they meet at a restaurant in Clifton Park, New York and stated that it was a good location since it was near a half way point. This statement regarding a "half way" point puzzled us because it was some 30 miles South of Charles Straub's home in Glens Falls, New York and 150 miles South of Loretta Kirby's home in Plattsburgh, New York.

After giving this matter some thought we realized that the "half way" point referred to half way between C. Straub's home in Glens Falls and that of R.T. Yager in Albany, New York. Their own convenience was apparently their only and top priority.

Loretta who had just been released from the hospital was advised that C. Straub was a Grand Aerie Representative who would be compensated for his mileage and his time. She was told to tell C. Straub - "NO" --- to the meeting in Clifton Park. This she did and she then informed C. Straub that we, several of the ex-officers of the Apple Country Aerie, had decided that I would deliver as many of the requested items as we could find to Donald Yanchunis - Secretary of Saratoga Springs Aerie # 2586 and a NYS Aerie Officer.

The above reported delivery plan must have been reported to R.T. Yager by C. Straub because R.T. Yager then called Loretta Kirby to voice his objection to it. After his call to Loretta she called me and I could tell she was very upset. R.T. Yager had, in his attempt to change our plan, tried to intimidate her and he verbally abused her. Loretta's husband - Ron was so angry that he planned to call the NY State Police and make a complaint of telephone harassment if R.T. Yager called again. Fortunately, for Yager, he did not call again. It is our opinion that R.T. Yager's mouthy behavior was definitely unbecoming of an Eagle and clearly unbecoming of a New York State Aerie officer.

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During Loretta's conversation with R.T. Yager she had informed him that she had nearly died from a serious case of meningitis and was fortunately recovering. Yager likely told C. Straub who must be aware that meningitis is contagious.

When I talked to Don Yanchunis and wanted to give him the items from the Apple Country Aerie Don told me that C. Straub had told him not to take any of them and to stay away from me because I might be a carrier of the disease. C. Straub had told Don that nothing had to be sent to the Grand Aerie.

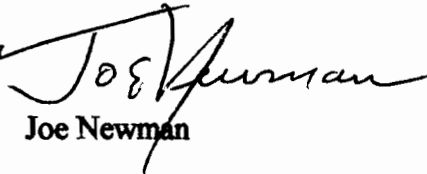
One week later, I (still relatively healthy) spoke to Don who the weekend before had been at a Watertown, New York Anniversary Dinner that C. Straub had also attended. I asked if C. Straub had changed his mind about taking the items from the Apple Country Aerie. Don told me that his decision remained the same, that the Grand Aerie needed nothing and that he had again received a warning from C. Straub to stay away from me.

Per a discussion with ex-officers of the Apple Country Aerie it was decided to dispose of the Apple County Aerie's residual items at the Saratoga Springs recycle center.

As of today Loretta is recovering but still weak -- and about me -- my wife still has not had to call an ambulance to take me to the hospital - we however are keeping our fingers, toes and eyes crossed. Charlie Straub has also survived the ordeal.

I recommend that in the future you select someone other than Charlie Straub for hazardous duty missions.

Fraternally

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joe Newman". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Fraternally".

Joe Newman

May 27, 2006

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Loretta Kirby was contacted by C. Straub and given a list of items that he wanted her to give him so he could forward them to the Office of the Grand Aerie. He requested that they meet at a restaurant in Clifton Park, New York and stated that it was a good location since it was near a half way point. This statement regarding a "half way" point puzzled us because it was some 30 miles South of Charles Straub's home in Glens Falls, New York and 150 miles South of Loretta Kirby's home in Plattsburgh, New York.

After giving this matter some thought we realized that the "half way" point referred to half way between C. Straub's home in Glens Falls and that of R.T. Yager in Albany, New York. Their own convenience was apparently their only and top priority.

Loretta who had just been released from the hospital was advised that C. Straub was a Grand Aerie Representative who would be compensated for his mileage and his time. She was told to tell C. Straub - "NO" --- to the meeting in Clifton Park. This she did and she then informed C. Straub that we, several of the ex-officers of the Apple Country Aerie, had decided that I would deliver as many of the requested items as we could find to Donald Yanchunis - Secretary of Saratoga Springs Aerie # 2586 and a NYS Aerie Officer.

The above reported delivery plan must have been reported to R.T. Yager by C. Straub because R.T. Yager then called Loretta Kirby to voice his objection to it. After his call to Loretta she called me and I could tell she was very upset. R.T. Yager had, in his attempt to change our plan, tried to intimidate her and he verbally abused her. Loretta's husband - Ron was so angry that he planned to call the NY State Police and make a complaint of telephone harassment if R.T. Yager called again. Fortunately, for Yager, he did not call again. It is our opinion that R.T. Yager's mouthy behavior was definitely unbecoming of an Eagle and clearly unbecoming of a New York State Aerie officer.

During Loretta's conversation with R.T. Yager she had informed him that she had nearly died from a serious case of meningitis and was fortunately recovering. Yager likely told C. Straub who must be aware that meningitis is contagious.

When I talked to Don Yanchunis and wanted to give him the items from the Apple Country Aerie Don told me that C. Straub had told him not to take any of them and to stay away from me because I might be a carrier of the disease. C. Straub had told Don that nothing had to be sent to the Grand Aerie.

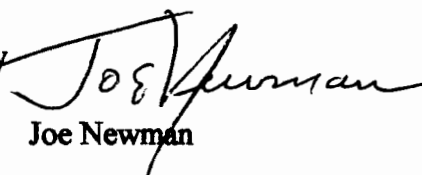
One week later, I (still relatively healthy) spoke to Don who the weekend before had been at a Watertown, New York Anniversary Dinner that C. Straub had also attended. I asked if C. Straub had changed his mind about taking the items from the Apple Country Aerie. Don told me that his decision remained the same, that the Grand Aerie needed nothing and that he had again received a warning from C. Straub to stay away from me.

Per a discussion with ex-officers of the Apple Country Aerie it was decided to dispose of the Apple County Aerie's residual items at the Saratoga Springs recycle center.

As of today Loretta is recovering but still weak -- and about me -- my wife still has not had to call an ambulance to take me to the hospital - we however are keeping our fingers, toes and eyes crossed. Charlie Straub has also survived the ordeal.

I recommend that in the future you select someone other than Charlie Straub for hazardous duty missions.

Fraternally

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Newman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

Joe Newman



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May 16, 2006

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Dear Brothers:

Enclosed are the proposed law changes that will be submitted to the Judiciary Committee and presented to the delegates at the 108th Annual Grand Aerie Convention in Florida this year. These are for "Information only" and no action is required by your Aerie at this time.

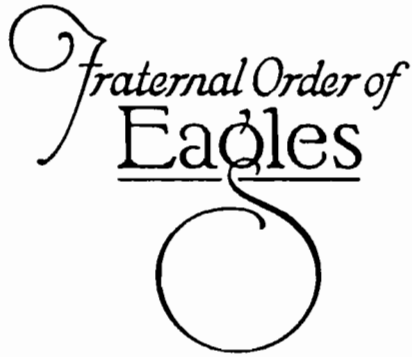
We have put the proposals on both sides of the paper to reduce cost.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely and fraternally,

ROBERT P. WAHLS, GRAND SECRETARY
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June 1st, 2006

Robert G. T. Yager
New York Secretary
Fraternal Order of Eagles

Dear Bob;

At our regular scheduled Aerie meeting held on June 1st, 2006, it was voted on by the Aerie to support Brother Bob Sharkey for State Office. Bob has been an Eagle for 34 years, has been through all the chairs, a Past President of our Aerie and has served as Aerie Secretary for 4 years. Bob also served as State Membership chairman several times. Bob has been an asset to our Aerie and also to the State Aerie. I am sure he will continue to do as good a job in the future as he has done in the past. Thank you for your consideration.

I remain:

Fraternally,

Richard Wisely
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Aerie #52 President

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October 28, 2005


Dear NYS Nomination Committee:

At the last meeting of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Schenectady Aerie # 514, held on Oct. 18th, the Schenectady Aerie voted to support Robert Yager, NYS Secretary and a member of this Aerie, for re-election to State Office in the upcoming election.

Bob has been an active member of this Aerie for many years, and has held several offices. He has served as the NYS Secretary for some time, and continues to be our liason between the Eagles and the NYS Racing and Wagering Board, the NYS Legislature, as well as many other organizations. He works hard to further the cause of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He is always available to advise and answer questions when a difficult situation arises, and serves all Eagle brothers and sisters, from the Aerie member on up to the Grand Aerie.

We can think of no other who can accomplish what Bob has done, and are proud to support him in whatever office he chooses to run for.

Fraternally,


Jeannette Stevens-Daury, PWP
Aerie Secretary

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