

# Fraternal Order of Eagles New York State Aerie



100<sup>th</sup> 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      |
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|    | Friday June 16, 2006                            | 9:30 A.M.      |
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| 28 | Welcome   | Mike Hoag      |
| 29 | Roll Call of Officers                           | Bob Yager      |
| 30 | Oath of Allegiance and Admission of New Members | Jim Telban     |
| 31 | By-Laws - 2nd Reading                           | David Cook     |
| 32 | Credentials - Second Report                     | David Cook     |
| 33 | Special Order of Business                       | Mike Hoag      |
| 34 | Membership                                      | John Palmer    |
| 35 | Nightcappers                                    | Ray Haggerty   |
| 36 | Past Presidents                                 | Dan Curcio     |
| 37 | Publicity                                       | Lou Osmon      |
| 38 | R.E.A.C.  | Don Yanchunis  |
| 39 | Programs and Activities                         | Phil Iaccuzza  |
| 40 | Ritual  | Pat Gray       |
| 41 | State of the Order                              | TBA            |
| 42 | State Reporter                                  | Bob Yager      |
| 43 | Speakers for the State Aerie                    | Bob Yager      |
| 44 | Trial   | Doug McDermott |
| 45 | State Aerie Website                             | Charlie Straub |
| 46 | 300 Club  | Bob Sharkey    |
| 47 | Nominating                                      | Harry Stewart  |
| 48 | Good of the Order                               | Mike Hoag      |
| 49 | Adjournment                                     | Mike Hoag      |
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|    | <b>Saturday June 17, 2006</b>                   | <b>9:30 A.M.</b> |
|----|---|------------------|
| 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       |
| 55 | Special Order of Business                       | Mike Hoag        |
| 56 | Grand Aerie Representative                      | Bob Wahls        |
|    | Vote on 2008 New York State Convention          |                  |
| 57 | Audit   | Robert Butts     |
| 58 | Finance and Budget                              | John Palmer      |
| 59 | Grievance and Appeals                           | Bob Butts        |
| 60 | Resolutions                                     | Jim Russell      |
| 61 | Hall of Fame                                    | Dan O'Neil       |
| 62 | In Memoriam                                     | Charlie Straub   |
| 63 | Cancer *  | Tom Hodge        |
| 64 | Diabetes Fund *                                 | Joe Piano        |
| 65 | Don Rettinger Arthritis Fund *                  | Tom Hammond      |
| 66 | Golden Eagle Fund *                             | Don Yanchunis    |
| 67 | Alzheimer*                                      | Don Yanchunis    |
| 68 | Jimmy Durante Fund *                            | Mike Fahy        |
| 69 | Child Abuse*                                    | Mike Fahy        |
| 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        |
| 78 | Adjournment                                     | Mike Hoag        |

# 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 |
|                    |                   | Waubaushe, 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  |
|                    | "Bob"             | Cell 518-928-7201, nysaerie@aol.com                        | Fax 518-608-4582               |                                 |         |              |      |
| Asst. Secretary    | Nicholas Polinski | 4569 Broadway, Depew, New York 14043                       | O 716.681.2132, H 718.632.1641 |                                 |         | Depew        | 2695 |
|                    | "Nick"            | Handling N.Y.S. State Agencies, Junior Eagles, Audits      | F 716.681.3134                 |                                 |         |              |      |
| Conductor          | Harold Vaughn     | 829 Maple Street, Olean, New York 14760-1254               | 716-372-0373 (no e-mail)       |                                 | Ruth    | Olean        | 616  |
|                    | "Pete"            |  |                                |                                 |         |              |      |
| Inside Guard       | Leonard Briggs    | 26 Lewis Street, Johnson City, New York 13790-2349         | 607-343-4187                   | lbriggs@stny.rr.com             |         | Johnson City | 2644 |
|                    | "Lenny"           | Work 607-770-3077 F 770-2112                               | Work e-Mail                    | leonard.j.briggs@BAESYSTEMS.COM |         |              |      |
| Outside Guard      | Larry Robillard   | 8 Second Street, Glens Falls, New York 12801               | 518-793-2614                   | no e-mail                       |         | Rennselaer   | 4446 |
| Trustee            | David Cook        | 720 County Hwy 122, Gloversville, New York 12078           | 518-725-3283                   | dcook@nysaerie.org              | Shirley | Johnstown    | 1575 |
|                    | "Dave"            | Cell 518-332-0284 Fax 518-725-3283 (Call First)            |                                |                                 |         |              |      |
| Trustee &          | Charles K. Straub | 100 Platt Street, Glens Falls, New York 12801              | 518-793-4242                   |                                 | Marion  | Glens Falls  | 2486 |
|                    |                   | byebugs@capital.net  | Fax 518-761-0355               |                                 |         |              |      |
| 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 |
| Chairman           |                   |  | Camp 518-835-3429              |                                 |         |              |      |
| <b>MEMBERSHIP</b>  |                   |  |                                |                                 |         |              |      |
| Zone One           | Lou Osmon         | 223 Wilmington Ave., Tonawanda, NY 14150-8725              | 716-837-8260                   |                                 | Tammy   | Depew        | 2692 |
| Zone Two           | Bryan Welch       | P.O. Box 986, Dryden, New York 13053-0986                  | 607-844-4012                   |                                 | Pat     | Cortland     | 2191 |
| Zone Three         | Thomas Hammond    | 16 Pine Street, Queensbury, New York 12804                 | 518-798-4307                   |                                 | Lois    | Glens Falls  | 2486 |

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## RULES OF THE CONVENTION

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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  |
| Finance and Budget             | John Palmer    | Robert Butts   | Pete Vaughn      |                 |
| Fund Raising, NYS Aerie        | Charlie Straub | Tom Hammond    |                  |                 |
| Gaming and Gov't Relations     | Charlie Straub | Bob Butts      | Nick Polinski    |                 |
| Golden Eagle Fund *            | Don Yanchunis  | Jeff Poole     |                  |                 |
|                                | Alzheimer*     | Jeff Poole     |                  |                 |
| Grievance and Appeals          | Bob Butts      | Jon Badi Sr.   |                  |                 |
| Hall of Fame                   | Dan O'Neil     | Doug McDermott |                  |                 |
| 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    |                  |                 |

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| 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  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: Pete Vaughn  
All were in favor.

**6 – Proceeding approval**

Proceeding of 2005 Convention Proceeding

Motion by Bob Sharky, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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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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.

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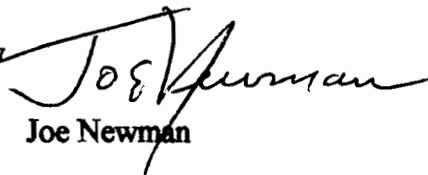
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Joe Newman

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

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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.

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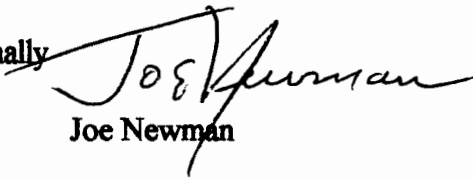
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From the Office of  
ROBERT P. WAHLS  
Grand Secretary

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May 16, 2006

Grand Aerie Officers  
Past Grand Worthy President  
State/Provincial Aerie Secretaries  
Local Aerie Secretaries

Dear Brothers:

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

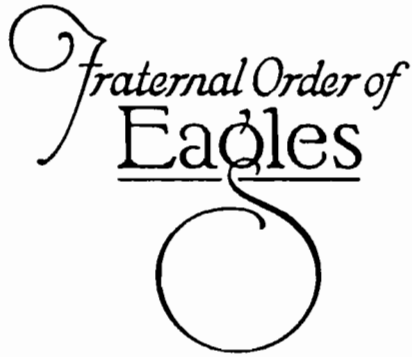
We have put the proposals on both sides of the paper to reduce cost.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely and fraternally,

ROBERT P. WAHLS, GRAND SECRETARY  
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June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006

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

Dear Bob;

At our regular scheduled Aerie meeting held on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 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*  
Richard Wisely  
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. 18<sup>th</sup>, 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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