

Fraternal Order of Eagles, 2007 New York State Aerie Convention

Saratoga Springs, New York

1-Opening Exercises, Thursday, June 14, 2007

The opening session was held at the American Legion Adirondack Post 70 on West Avenue at 1:00 P.M.

With the presentation of colors, the Pledge to the American flag was conducted by Past State Auxiliary President Barb Newman and the Pledge to the Canadian flag was conducted by Grand Worthy President-Elect John Potter.

National Anthems were sung by Charlie Straub for the American flag and John Potter for the Canadian flag.

Invocation was performed by State Chaplain Harold "Pete" Vaughn.

Welcome address from Saratoga Aerie and Auxiliary representatives.

Local Official welcomes from the Saratoga Chief of Police and Mayor Valerie Keehan.

Grand Aerie and Auxiliary Representatives were introduced with Arlene Graver, Eastern Regional Madam President, Iris McDermott, Past Grand Madam President, Barbara Newman, Grand Madam Treasurer and Rose Marie Carnefix, Grand Madam Conductor by State Madam Secretary Ruth Sharkey and Grand Worthy President-Elect John Potter by State Worthy Secretary Robert GT Yager.

State Aerie and Auxiliary Presidents Joe Piano by Robert Yager and Ruth Fitch by Ruth Sharkey.

2-Roll Call of Officers

Fraternal Order of Eagles New York State Aerie Officers 2006-2007

Jr. Past President	Michael W. Hoag	Present
President	Joe Piano	Present
Vice-President	Don Yanchunis	Present
Chaplain	Harold Vaughn	Present
Secretary	Robert G.T. Yager	Present
Treasurer	Ray Haggerty	Present
Conductor	Leonard Briggs	Present
Inside Guard	Larry Robillard	Present
Outside Guard	Dave Cook	Present

Trustee	Charlie Straub	Present
Trustee	Jeffrey Poole	Present
Trustee	Garrett Smith	Present
Trustee	Tom Hammond	Present
Membership	Ted Gorney	Present

3-Oath of Allegiance and Admission of New Members

Given by Past State President James Telban.

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 the 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 recite, and if you so desire, will affirm at its 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 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".

RULES OF THE CONVENTION

Credentials for Admission: Properly accredited Delegates and Past Worthy Presidents, along with Ten Year Secretaries, shall obtain their credentials from the proper committee upon presentation of official receipts showing 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 and 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 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 16, 2007, from 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. 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 votes indicated on the credential is identical with that indicated on the ballot and that no erasures appear thereon.

All resolutions must be reduced to writing, typewritten 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 the 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.

Hearing none, this report is respectfully submitted,

Motion from Leonard Briggs, 2nd by Dave Cook, motion carried.

4-Committees and Convention Appointments

Committee list presented to the delegates by State Aerie Chairman Joe Piano.

Motion from Don Yanchunis to accept the list as presented, 2nd by Charlie Straub, motion carried.

5-Judiciary

June 6, 2007

Grand Aerie Representatives, Worthy State President, State Aerie Officers, Past State Presidents, Delegates and my Brothers,

The committee on Judiciary "reports" that it has read the proposed By-Law changes and finds them satisfactory and ready to come before this assembly for consideration and that no judiciary resolutions have been referred to the committee from June 2006 till current.

Submitted by Leonard Briggs, State Conductor and Chairman Judiciary Committee

Motion from Leonard Briggs to accept the report as read, 2nd by Harold Vaughn, motion carried.

6-Approval of the 2006 State Convention Proceedings

Motion from James Telban that since a copy of the 2006 State Convention Proceedings has been provided to the delegates, that reading of said minutes be dispensed with and be accepted forthwith, 2nd by Don Yanchunis, motion carried.

7-Correspondence

Correspondence read or mentioned was a letter from Terry Mason assigning Grand Worthy President-Elect John Potter and Grand Tribunal Justice Robert GT Yager into Saratoga Aerie #2586 for the State Convention; Annual Report of the Iowa Health Foundation from Larry Hanshaw concerning the donations of the Iowa State Aerie to this Foundation; proposed Statute change to Section 72.1 of the Constitution from Johnson City Aerie #2644 to be voted on at this Convention to send to the Grand Convention for final vote; minutes of the Grand Board of Trustees meeting May 7-12, 2007; letter authorizing Bob Butts as Agent to close Hornell Aerie #4453; letter of complaint from a member of Sleepy Hollow Aerie #1042 of problems there; letter of recommendation from State Secretary Bob Yager to Grand Aerie concerning revocation of Hornell Aerie #4453 Charter; letter of support for Larry Karsky and Ted Gorney for the New York Hall of Fame; letter informing the Grand Aerie of the recommendations for Grand Aerie assignments from Bob Yager; Executive Order from the Grand Aerie concerning Hornell Aerie #4453 to authorize an Agent; letter from Bill Loffer concerning the Dog Tag Raffle; letter from Utica Aerie #97 stating that the motel rates were dropped for the annual golf tournament; a thank you from Linda Heffner for Margaret Cox for the donation from the Mason-Dixon Conference; a flier concerning the rooms and prices for the Fall Conference in Johnson City; a letter from Bob Yager concerning the poster for the Utica Aerie #97 golf tournament; a letter from Judy Gray stating that she has been appointed Eastern Regional Chairman for the Cancer Fund; thank you letter concerning the assignment of Bob Yager into Johnson City for their Anniversary; Zone #3 Meeting minutes of April 22, 2007 from Ed Gradwell; a copy of an official complaint from Sleepy Hollow Aerie #1042; a letter from Terry Mason informing Saratoga Aerie #2586 that Eastern Regional President Dave Doremus is assigned into New York for the Convention in June; letter of support from Bob Yager to Senator Larkin concerning the "Charity Poker" legislation; the Pennsylvania State Newsletter; resolutions of support from Mike Duehr and Chuck Lang; Zone #2 Meeting minutes of August 26, 2007 from Al Porter; letter of solicitation from Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center; letter of thanks from the Junior Achievement of Northeastern New York for our support; Agent report from Don Yanchunis concerning Adirondack Aerie #4410; letter of intent from Utica Aerie #97 wishing to hold the 2008 Fall Conference; thank you from Junior Diabetes Research for our recent donation of \$137.07; letter concerning the donation to the RSVP program at SUNY; thank you card from John Potter concerning the donation from the Mason-Dixon Conference; a letter of solicitation from the Center for Hope and the change of officers form for the State Officers.

Motion from Don Yanchunis to accept the communications as read, 2nd by Ray Haggerty, motion carried.

8-State President Report

State Officers Past and Present, Grand Worthy President-Elect John Potter, Eastern Regional President Dave Doremus and Brothers,

Well, here we are at the end of the year and what a year it has been. Thank you, Depew Aerie #2692, for holding the Convention. Your hard work and help will always be remembered with great appreciation. Also, a big Thank You goes to the Sisters of Depew for all their help and support.

In July, it was off to Orlando, Florida for the Grand Convention. It was great to see old friends and make new ones. The hospitality shown by all was terrific. Thank you to all who did the New York Hospitality Room. You did a great job.

The car races in Depew went well and it was a great day. Thank you all, my Brothers and Sisters of Depew Aerie #2692 for the great time. Fall Conference went very well and I think we accomplished some things.

Thank you to all the Aeries and Auxiliaries that extended me an invitation to their Anniversaries. Also thank you for all the lovely gifts and friendship shown to my wife and myself. Thank you to all my officers for their support and help. Without you it would have a tough go. Thank you all for your support of my State Charity, Juvenile Diabetes Research.

Also, thank you, Ruth, for a great year. You were a terrific partner. Thanks to all Brothers and Sisters.

Joe Piano, New York State Aerie President 2006-2007

Motion to accept the President report from Don Yanchunis, 2nd by Ray Haggerty, motion carried.

9-State Treasurer Report

	Balance as of 6/11/2007	\$18271.96
Arthritis Fund		5000.00
Mr. & Mrs. Bowling		1102.78
Men's Bowling		4630.84
300 Club		0.00
Zone #1		966.79
Zone #3		457.00
NYS Aerie Race team		70.94
	Balance	\$12228.35
		6043.61
Savings Account/CD		5195.18
	Balance	11238.79

Motion to accept the Treasurer Report from Charlie Straub, 2nd by Don Yanchunis, motion carried.

10-State Secretary Report

New York State President Joe Piano, Grand Aerie President-Elect John Potter, Eastern Regional President Dave Doremus, Past State Presidents, My Brothers All,

This Convention is my sixth State Aerie Convention as your State Aerie Secretary. As your State Aerie Secretary I knew we could accomplish a few goals as a State Aerie. With your help these State Aerie goals were not only realized but exceeded.

Charity

The first priority is and was charity. We have exceeded the grant requests from 2 or 3 per year to over 25 per year. Thanks to the guidance of Past State President Mike Hoag and Mary Iacuzza we had our first six figure State Aerie Charity, the Spine Center at St. Peter's Hospital. I'm so proud to be a member of a State Aerie knowing charity is one of its priorities

Finances

The reporting of State Aerie Finances has improved thanks to the cooperation of State Treasurer Ray Haggerty, Audit, Budget and Finance Committees. The finances have been put on Micro Soft Excel spreadsheets and every month a report has gone to anyone interested about the State Aerie finances. It was decided to combine all accounts into one account with earmark funds so we wouldn't have to pay fees on the smaller accounts. Thanks Ray for helping to make this happen.

Communications

This past year the State Aerie and Auxiliary newsletter went out together. Our communications has grown and improved thanks to everyone. Thanks to the State Auxiliary for their donation to help pay for the newsletter publication this past year. The State Aerie schedule has become very popular along with the e-mail notices that have been sent. Thanks to Eric Williams for the GREAT job on our State Aerie website, nyaerie.org. If you have been there lately, take a look. It's one of the best I've seen anywhere.

History

For 100 year's the State Aerie Secretary's office has been the keeper of the original State Convention proceeding books. If anything had happened to them our history would be lost forever. Thanks to donations from Charlie Straub, Glens Falls Aerie, Saratoga Aerie, Ray & Mary Haggerty, Johnson City Aerie, Garrett Smith, Wayne and Fran Monroe, Ithaca Aerie, Cobleskill Aerie, New York State Eagle Museum and Tonawanda Aerie, the proceeding books from 1907 to 2006 have been put on the website and on CD. We are still a little short of the actual cost if anyone would like to donate. Everyone registered has received a copy. By the way, the original proceeding books are now in the hands of the New York State Eagle Museum Curator, Al Porter. Thanks Al.

Legislation

Thanks to our legislators are voice is heard at the State Capital. Would our Legislative Chairman Charlie Straub and Al Porter please come to the front of the room for a presentation? (At this time a pen certificate signed by Governor Pataki will be presented by the Legislative Chairman to the New York State Eagles Museum). Please remember about the Bell Jar waiver we received from Racing & Wagering that excludes us from the law that requires us to sell tickets to the public. This stops an IRS problem with unrelated income. Our sincere thanks

go to our representatives at the State Capital for knowing our needs. If anyone would like to see a copy of the Racing & Wagering report it's up here for review.

Support and Education

Thanks to everyone that helped to support our troubled Aerie's in New York State. Many of you in this room helped in some way when called on.

Our Leaders

Thanks to John Potter and other leaders that continue to support and encourage us to grow and improve. Your interest and guidance does make a difference.

On January 19, 2002 State Aerie President was given the authority to appoint a new State Secretary by the Executive Board. I want to thank Barney Spencer for appointing me as the State Secretary after State Secretary Don Rettinger passed away. At this 2007 State Aerie Convention I will be ending 5 ½ years as your State Secretary. Whoever decides to run for the State Aerie Secretary, please know that I'll do everything I can to assist. Whenever someone takes on a job, it's best not to compare them to any previous persons that have held the job but to encourage them to take ownership of the position and do the job the best way they know how. Sure we should guide someone in a new job if they ask for guidance but that's where it should end. Just because something isn't being done as it was in the past doesn't mean it's wrong. The New State Aerie Secretary should take into consideration what the 8400 members would like to see happen and if he's not sure, bring it up to the Executive Board or the membership attending the State Convention. For example, grants were being processed as soon as I got them into the State Secretary's office. The problem with that was not everyone knew where the grants were going and they complained about it. At first I got angry and told everyone that every single grant request that was submitted was processed but then I stopped and listened to the complaints my members (and Sisters) gave me. They weren't complaining they weren't getting the grants but were not involved in the process and didn't know who was getting them. It's amazing when you stop and listen. I did what my members wanted me to do. In January for the past two years, we had a meeting to allow anyone to give input to any and all grant requests. I then had all grants processed and held the check presentations at the Spring Conferences for the past two years. I learned a lesson about listening to my members. Last year when the checks were given out I really felt proud to be a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles with over \$30000.00 in grants being handed out. If I didn't change my ways with the grants, we would have missed out on having the Hearing Impaired Association send us their children to our Spring Conference in Glens Falls and sign "Where Eagles Fly" at the banquet. If you were there you'd agree it was the most touching moments experienced in the Eagles all because I took the time to listen to the membership. I have enjoyed being your State Aerie Secretary and have learned a lot. Thank you for helping me over the past 5 ½ years to learn and grow in fraternalism. Thank you for allowing me to be your State Aerie Secretary.

Respectfully Submitted, Bob Yager

Motion to accept the State Secretary Report from Charlie Straub, 2nd by Don Yanchunis, motion carried.

11-Special Order of Business

State Golf Report

Grand Aerie Officers, State Officers, Delegates and my Brothers;

The 2007 Bill Carrick Memorial State Golf Tournament was held at Saratoga Lake Golf Club on June 13, 2007 with 32 people playing. A chicken Bar-B-Q was held at the Aerie home with prizes given out.

Prizes won: a team from Saratoga won 1st prize. Barb Newman won longest drive.

I move to accept this report from Don Yanchunis, 2nd by Jon Badi, motion carried.

12-Grand Aerie Representative

Grand Aerie President-Elect John Potter presented the One Voice program from the Grand Aerie and discussed the changing of our IRS status from 501C10 to a 501C8.

13-By-Laws/First Reading

Proposed State Aerie By-Law change was read by Dave Cook, Chairman

Section 1.1 The State Aerie shall meet annually in the month of June, starting on the **Thursday** which includes the third Saturday of the month. The place to be designated by the Executive Committee, at least one year in advance of said meeting. In the event of a national or state emergency, a special meeting of the Executive Committee will arrange the annual meeting.

Proposed Change

Section 1.1 The State Aerie shall meet annually in the month of June, starting on the **Friday and ending on Saturday** which includes the third Saturday of the month. The place to be designated by the Executive Committee, at least one year in advance of said meeting. In the event of a national or state emergency, a special meeting of the Executive Committee will arrange the annual meeting.

14-Credentials/First reading

June 14, 2007

Number of Registered Members 51

PWP or TYS Votes 34

Aerie Delegate Votes 88

Past State President Votes 8

State Officer Votes 12

Total Votes to Date 142

Motion to accept the first reading of the Credentials from Phil Iacuzza, Chairman, 2nd by Pete Vaughn, motion carried.

15-Banquet/Saratoga

Report On N.Y.S. Banquet 2007

The 2007 Convention Banquet will be served at the Aerie home in the pavilion, there will be cocktails from 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. with prime rib dinner served at 7:00 P.M. with a band to follow the dinner.

Motion to accept the report from Don Yanchunis, 2nd by Dave Cook, motion carried.

16-Men's Bowling

June 3, 2007 Meeting

Call To Order: At 12:25 P.M. by Ted Gorney at Johnstown Aerie.

Roll Call-Directors & Representatives of Aeries: Present are, Jack Pacelli-Assn Sec (Rotterdam), Ted Gorney-Chairman (Depew), Tony Gorney-Director (Tonawanda), Jim Hill-Tournament Sec (Johnstown), Dave Cook-NYS Officer.

Reading of Minutes of the Previous Meeting: The October 2006 meeting was the signing of the bowling contract only. The minutes of the June 2006 meeting were read and accepted by Jim Hill and Tony Gorney.

Report of Officers: Jim Hill presented the Bowling prize list. It was accepted by all present. Jim Hill did an excellent job hosting the bowling tournament.

Reading of Bills & Communications: Communications were read from Depew, Rotterdam, Johnstown and a verbal from Cobleskill as Joe Salisbury's mother just passed away.

Report of Committees: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Selection of Next Tournament: Cobleskill and Rotterdam are the choices. We will be getting further communication from Cobleskill.

Election of Officers: Jim Hill's letter for running for bowling director was read. He was the only person running. He replaces Tony Gorney. Everyone present thanked Tony for being involved as a Director and we will miss his input in the future.

Good of the Order: A survey was taken from the team captains on changing the format of the bowling tournament to 4 man teams. Strong arguments were made in keeping the tournament as it is or changing it. We are open to ideas to promote the tournament!

Adjournment: Tony Gorney made his final motion to adjourn, seconded by Jim Hill. Meeting closed at 1:00 P.M.

Submitted by Jack Pacelli and Ted Gorney.

Financial Report

Receipts:

Advance from Host Aerie	\$200.00
Entry Fees	4420.00
Total Receipts	4620.00

Expenditures:

October Meeting	\$0.00
Lineage fees	2172.00
Prizes	1506.00
Tournament Sec & Scorekeeping	266.25
June 3, 2007 Meeting	155.40
Assn Sec Salary & Expenses	0.00
300 Game	100.00
Total Expense	\$4199.65

Recapitulation

Receipts Total	\$4620.00
Expense Total	\$4199.65
Profit/(Loss)	\$420.35

E-mail from Bob Yager submitted to state that the final balance in the Men's Bowling to be \$1405.35.

Motion from Ted Gorney to accept the report as read, 2nd by Lou Osmon, motion carried.

17-Mr. & Mrs. Bowling

Grand Aerie Representatives, State Aerie Officers and Past Presidents, Convention Delegates and my Eagle Brothers,

I am not certain how many years ago the NYS Eagles Mr. & Mrs. Bowling Tournament was started but I personally have been involved for about 20. Unfortunately it might be about to end. Last fall, due to lack of entries, the tournament had to be cancelled. I am hoping to meet with the Board of Directors during this Convention and hopefully find a way to keep it alive. I personally enjoy participating in this event and feel we must make every effort to keep it alive. We would welcome any and all ideas to keep it going. I might also add that since the rules allow any member to bring non-members as team mates, it can also be used as a membership tool as well.

Let's not let this event die some others, like the annual softball tournament. Let's get our heads together and resurrect this tournament.

Fraternally submitted by Charles Bolio and Bryan Welch.

Motion to accept the report from Charles Bolio, 2nd by Jon Badi, motion carried.

18-Child Advocacy

Grand Worthy President-Elect John Potter, New York State President Joe Piano, NYS Past Presidents, NYS Officers (Past and Present), special guest's and my Brothers all,

This is the fourth year of existence for the Youth and Child Advocacy Committee and we want to thank all Aeries and Auxiliaries that have participated in the "**Child Advocacy Day**" program. The Child Advocacy Day is now part of the Grand Aerie Programs department and is open to all Aeries and Auxiliaries. We suggested May 1st for "Child Advocacy Day" because of the history the Grand Aerie has in connection with "Child Health Day" supported by the then Grand Worthy President, Edward F. Poss from Kansas City, Missouri, in 1946.

We continue to recognize the Aerie and Auxiliary winner of the "Child Advocacy Day" with a plaque supplied at the Grand Aerie Convention (this year in Spokane, Washington), a \$2000.00 dollar grant from the Jimmy Durante Charity Fund and a participation certificate for all those that submitted their program for consideration. Over the years we have received some very creative and imaginative ideas that are making a major difference in their local communities for our youth and children. The Grand Aerie wants to recognize the contributions of those Eagles (Aerie or Auxiliary) that continue to make an important contribution to their local community and identify our future Eagle Leaders. Previous Child Advocacy winners include:

Year	FOE No.	Location	Aerie	Auxiliary
2004	4379	St. Mary's, Georgia	X	X
2005	3701	Newberry, Michigan	X	

Last year in Orlando, Florida at the 108th Grand Aerie Convention, Bonner Ferry, Idaho was selected as the **“2006 Child Advocacy Day”** winner. They had a great program and presentation of the day’s activities in promoted the health and safety of our children. We continue to request the Grand Aerie and Auxiliary confirm that May 1st, remain as **“Child Advocacy Day”** for the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

We would like to salute those Aeries and Auxiliaries that have made a submission to the Grand Aerie toward the **“2007 Child Advocacy Day”**. The 2007 submissions include:

Aerie #55 in Leavenworth, Kansas

Aerie #93 in Bakersfield, California

Auxiliary #384 in Vincennes, Indiana

Aerie #632 in Aberdeen, South Dakota

Auxiliary #3199 in Mainland, Texas

Aerie #3335 in Huntingburg, Indiana

Aerie #3522 in Bonner Ferry, Idaho

Aerie #3372 in Pleasant Grove, Utah

Aerie & Auxiliary #4038 in Las Cruces, New Mexico

Auxiliary #4242 in Edgewater, Florida

To maintain our growth as The Fraternal Order of Eagles, we must get our children involved and participating in the local Aerie activities. They will become the Eagles of the future. We need to protect them (keeping them safe from harm), support their dreams (motivate and encourage) and instill the belief that the Fraternal Order of Eagles is an organization that is making a difference in our local communities. With the successes we have had with this program, we hope it will continue and as Jimmy Durante would say to us **“LET’S DO IT FOR DA KIDS.”**

I respectfully make a motion that you accept this report!

Patrick W. Gray, International Chairman, Youth and Child Advocacy Program, 2nd by Charlie Straub, motion carried.

19-Fund Raising, NYS Aerie

A verbal statement from Charlie Straub concerning the need for the State to raise much needed monies due to the cost of doing business and the rising prices and explained that any Aerie can hold functions to help raise the needed monies which prompted Rensselaer #4446 to donate \$100.00.

Motion to accept the oral report from Charlie Straub, 2nd by Dave Cook, motion carried.

20-Gaming and Government Relations

Charles Straub, State Trustee, Legislative Committee

My Bothers! Back in the sixties, the Grand Aerie established the "jobs after forty" committee with a bill to end the discrimination in the work place for the elder workers. We worked for years before we finely made our point. It was President Lyndon Johnson that signed the legislation, presenting a pen to the Fraternal Order of Eagles for their effort.

Again Eagle Day is on the way

On April 12 of this year another project has been introduced. We are continuing the efforts started in the 1940's, to establish June 20th as Eagle Day! This year a new approach was established by the Grand Aerie. Now it is our OPPORTUNITY to get behind this project! We must flood the mail rooms of our Senate and congressional representatives, seeking support for an Eagle Day. Maybe you did not know but services and activities honoring the Bald Eagle have been annual activities for over sixty years. It is very popular out west. By your taking the moment it takes to write a note, you are making a point the political pundents keep an eye on. The voter that writes a letter votes!!

The Eagles are not to be in the position some of the other "fraternals" find themselves. Too many statistics on what we are. It is what we do that is important. With our work record and our accomplishments we still find time to monitor the legislative matters that can affect our organization. Write those letters when asked. Make the phone calls. Let the representatives know our position. Ask for their vote. Ask for their input on matters of interest to us. Ask if there is anything we can do to help them? We are "PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE". Keep the name of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in their Correspondence. We can be effective. We can make a difference.

Thank you for letting me serve on this committee for more than thirty years. I want to continue the friendships and affiliations we enjoy in Albany. Your Eagles are known, respected and in the loop in the matter of interest to our Aeries.

Respectfully submitted and moved for acceptance by Charlie Straub, 2nd by John Poole, motion carried.

Gaming

Motion from Don Yanchunis to participate for another year in COMPOR at \$500.00 yearly dues, 2nd by John Poole, motion carried.

21-Grand Aerie Hospitality Room

To my Eagle Brothers:

This is a partial report for the NYS Hospitality Room to be held at the Grand Convention in Spokane, Washington, in July 2007. It will be held at the Travel Lodge on Monday, July 16th and Tuesday, July 17th. Room numbers will be announced at a later date. Signs will be posted throughout the Convention areas. Ruth and I are hoping to have an adjoining room with Jeff and Candy Poole, allowing for a bigger hospitality room. The monies we raise will help with the food and drinks and pay for the room on those two days. It is my hope that each year we can raise money to assist with the costs. Since we have a television raffle already in progress for this year, I would like to raffle off the extra booze we now have and place that money in an account for next

year's hospitality room. I would appreciate anyone's input; I feel this is a joint event and we should all be involved.

We presently have \$800.00 to begin the hospitality room. We have some state pins left over and I would like to sell them for \$1.00 each. If you would like to help on Monday, July 16, please see me so we can start a schedule. Thank you in advance for all your help.

Fraternally yours and submit this report for acceptance by Harold "Pete" Vaughn, 2nd by John Poole, all in favor.

Motion from Bob Yager to contribute .10 cents per member to the Hospitality Room from the State Aerie Budget, 2nd by Don Yanchunis, motion carried.

22-Junior Eagles

Worthy President, Grand Aerie Representatives, NYS Officers, Delegates and Brothers,

Respectfully, the status of Junior Eagles in NYS has not changed. We still only have (2) two Aeries running this program for young adults.

Respectfully submitted and moved for acceptance from Nick Polinski, 2nd by Don Yanchunis, motion carried.

23-Legislative (All Levels)

Charlie Straub, Chairman had nothing to report.

24-Museum

My Brothers,

The museum is continuing to work on building showcases. The cases are donated, but we have to buy the shelves, doors and locks. We also have our lawyer working on the 501C3 status for the IRS.

Respectfully submitted and motion to accept from Al Porter, 2nd by Dave Cook, motion carried.

25-New Aeries

Charlie Straub and Doug McDermott reported that there were no new Aeries and if it would be possible to start new Aeries without the Auxiliaries until the Aerie was established or a couples only Aerie for husband and wife.

Motion to accept the report from Charlie Straub, 2nd by Don Yanchunis, motion carried.

26-Good of the Order

Let's get the heck out of here.

27-Adjournment

Motion to adjourn until 9:30 A.M. June 15, 2007 from Don Yanchunis, 2nd by James Telban, motion carried.

28-Welcome, Friday, June 15, 2007

New York State President Joe Piano welcomed everyone to the second session of the Convention.

29-Roll Call of Officers

All Officers were present.

30-Oath of Allegiance and Admission of New Members

The Oath and Rules of the Convention were read by Past State President James Telban.

31-By-Laws/Second Reading

The second reading of the By-Law change was read by Dave Cook, Chairman

32-Credentials/Second Report

June 15, 2007

Number of Registered Members	74
PWP of TYS Votes	42
Aerie Delegate Votes	112
Past State President Votes	10
State Officer Votes	12

Total Votes to Date

176

Motion from Phil Iacuzzi to accept the report as read, 2nd by Don Yanchunis, motion carried.

33-Special Order of Business

Eastern Regional President Dave Doremus spoke to the membership and thanked everyone for having him there and that he was having a wonderful time.

Grand Worthy President-Elect John Potter gave a few remarks about membership and the Grand Aerie prizes for membership. John also talked on his goals for new membership and about new Aeries. John then presented State President Joe Piano with his Past State President's Certificate.

Ray Haggerty presented State President Joe Piano with his Past State Presidents pin from Skip and Sue Grant.

34- Membership

Worthy Grand Aerie Officers, State Aerie Officers, Delegates and Brothers,

Awards for the month of May are Olean #616 with 6, tied for second are Johnson City #2644 and Rotterdam #3610 with 5 and 4th quarter percentage went to Schenectady #514. We met and went over our quota. Our quota for the State was 876 and our final total was 921. Good job by all Zone and District Directors and also by you members.

We need new members to break in to carry on with the work we have been doing for charities. We want to gain strength in our Aeries, not like other organizations. We had 19 Aerie meet their quota of 5, within reach and a good job by all. We lost two Aeries, Peru and Hornell, so let's try to help Aeries to keep up their membership, because it's hard to open new ones.

Coressa "Corky" Wagner of Horseheads #3818 was the top producer of new members for a prize of \$50.00 and Doug McDermott of Addison #3904 with 27 new and re-enrolled members for a prize of \$20.00.

I want to thank Joe Piano and the New York State Aerie for being your State Membership Chairman. I also thank all who helped me when I needed it. Let's get together and help Lou Osmon, your new State Membership Chairman, to a bigger and better year ahead.

Fraternally yours, Ted Gorney and I move for the acceptance of this report, 2nd by Dave Cook, motion carried.

35-Nightcappers

Ray Haggerty stated that the Nightcappers will be meeting tonight at 9:00 P.M. Buy your own drinks.

Motion to accept the report from Pete Vaughn, 2nd by Don Yanchunis, motion carried.

36-Past President Report

Grand Aerie Representatives, State Officers, Delegates and my Brothers,

It is my esteemed pleasure to present the Past President's Report for your listening pleasure. I am extremely proud to stand along side the New York State Past Presidents, the trail blazers, that led before me and give support and guidance to those coming behind. This afternoon we will convene to possibly elect another of our brethren into the Past Presidents fold. Bribery may be an option.

I hereby submit this partial report and move that it be adopted as read, Michael W. Hoag, 2nd by Don Yanchunis, motion carried.

37-Publicity

June 15, 2007

An article was in the Saratogian yesterday, June 14, 2007, highlighting the Eagles and the Convention.

Respectfully submitted and move for the adoption of this report, Ed Gradwell, 2nd by Jon Badi, motion carried.

38-R.E.A.C.

Grand Aerie Representatives, Worthy State President, State Officers, Delegates and all Aerie Members,

The Retired Eagles Activities Club are Aerie and Auxiliary members working together to provide activities to Senior Eagles. As I was told, there are only two REAC's in N.Y. State. One right here in Saratoga Aerie and the other in Rochester Aerie #52. I have gotten some information on the REAC in Rochester, they are an active REAC of both their Aerie and Auxiliary that work for their monies to donate to the Aerie and Charities. They also do social trips for the REAC.

I, myself, have been a member of REAC for approximately 12 years. Our REAC also works an annual clam steam and we serve about 200 people the day of the clam steam. We do 50/50 and other raffles for our monies we donate to charities. We also enjoy our social trips to other Eagles when we do bus trips.

If asked by the Aerie or Auxiliary, when they have functions, we as members pitch in, for if there is no Aerie, we would not be REAC. If any Aerie would like to start a REAC club, see me and I will get all the information to you and help where I can. It sure is a Club that is worth looking into as a Senior Group of Eagles.

Respectfully submitted and move for the adoption of this report, Sandra Taylor, 2nd by Jon Badi, motion carried.

39-Programs & Activities

Grand Aerie Representative Dave Doremus ERP, State President Joe, Past Presidents, State Officers Past and Present and our own first ever posse leader, Grand Aerie President-Elect John “The Posse” Potter,

This is my report on Programs and Activities: Having Programs and Activities in all local Aerie is one of the keynotes to keeping membership alive. With a working membership, it is so much easier to get all of our new members involved in the Aerie. If we communicate with all members, new and old, we can all benefit and grow.

Many Aeries have tried different recruiting and retention ideas such as:

Super Bowl Parties

Weekly NASCAR Programs-Sorry only 43 members can have a chance to participate unless you have more than one program, thus 86 members can participate.

Community Health Programs where a van with a medical staff can give Eagle members a variety of tests at a substantial discount.

Open House-If any Aerie has done this successfully, please let the State Aerie know.

Supporting the Junior Eagles, of which we have 3 in New York State: Ithaca, Rensselaer and our new Chapter in Schenectady. In this program, the young people learn to be our Leaders of Tomorrow.

The media communication for the Fraternal Order of Eagles has been the best kept secret for 107 years. One of the ways to have our “fun work” recognized is to have the person or group that is benefited by the function come to the Aerie to receive their funds and a thank you, health permitting. Having them attend the function may increase participation. The Grand Aerie has a “Local Aerie Tool Kit” with some helpful information that is designed to help Aeries become stronger. If you do not have one, you should really get one. The outlined programs and activities are important to get the new member involved and will make your Aerie a better place to be.

Respectfully submitted and move for the adoption of this report, Larry Robillard, 2nd by Dave Cook, motion carried.

40-Ritual

Grand Aerie President-Elect John Potter, New York State President Joe Piano, NYS Past Presidents, NYS Officers (Past and Present), special guests, and my Brothers all,

Last year Joe Piano asked me to continue as Chair of the Ritual Committee. Unfortunately, last few years the requests for our services and the team is dropping off and we feel a little disappointed. The New York State Ritual team is made up of Past NYS Presidents and present Officers. We had three requests for Ritual Ceremonies over the last year, Johnstown, Johnson City and Ithaca. Just a reminder, that there is no cost or expense for the home Aerie. We do these ceremonies to increase the focus of Ritual and how it makes us

different from other organizations. Ritual is one of our major traditions and if done properly, with respect, leaves a major impact on our new members.

Over the last few years we have had no Ritual Competitions here at the NYS Convention. That is a concern and we would like to see that change. Start a Ritual Team, make other Aeries aware that you can travel to their location and would gladly put on the ceremony. Come and compete here at the NYS Convention. Let's re-energize the Ritual programs at our local Aeries. On a personal note, some of the best visitations I ever had, was being part of a traveling Ritual Team, visiting a new Aerie and being welcomed by that Aerie and introducing our new Brothers to the Fraternal Order of Eagles. We suggest you contact me directly or any member of the NYS Ritual Team or the NYS Secretary, giving us a few weeks notice and we would gladly put on a Ritual Ceremony for your Aerie. Thank you for the support and participation of this critical committee.

I make a motion that this report be approved as read, Patrick W. Gray, Chairman, 2nd by Pete Vaughn, motion carried.

41-State of the Order

My Brothers,

The New York State Aerie is working hard and is strong, as you can see, by the attendance of our State Officers. They are active and assist us and our Aeries in many different ways. State Officers, remember to keep your Aeries active, keep an open mind, target youth and make Net Gain your goal. Brothers, I ask each and every one of us to give them our support. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted by Dan O'Neil.

Motion from Bob Yager to accept the report as read, 2nd by Charles Straub, motion carried.

42-State Reporter

Editor Bob Yager stated that with both Aerie and Auxiliary newsletters going out together that much of the news was not duplicated, thus saving space to combine and postage.

Motion to accept the report from Don Yanchunis, 2nd by Pete Vaughn, motion carried.

43-Speakers for the State Aerie

My Brothers,

All Aeries are reminded that in order to have a State Aerie speaker at your Anniversary, you must send a request to the State Aerie Secretary. In this request, please indicate that you'd like to have the State President visit (or whatever Officer you'd like) and where the motel room reservation will be made for him. Please

remember it's customary for the Aerie to pay for the motel. It's also important to have some kind of program for the event and share that information with your speaker.

Respectfully submitted and move for the adoption of this report, Bob Yager, 2nd by Charlie Straub, motion carried.

44-Trial

No trials to report.

45-State Aerie Website

Oral report from Charlie Straub explaining the improvements to the website and to encourage all members to utilize this tool of the State Aerie to the fullest and thanked our Webmaster Eric Williams for all of his hard work in creating it and to keep it going with future improvements.

Motion from Charlie Straub to accept the report, 2nd by Ted Gorney, motion carried.

46-300 Club

Worthy President, Delegates, Grand Aerie Representatives and Brothers all,

Here we are at the end of another Eagle year and the 300 Club came through again. This year was another success with all the tickets sold. I know that this is a great help to the State Aerie and Auxiliary. Ruth and I want to thank everyone who bought tickets and sold tickets for this great fund raising event. Again, I stress the fact that ALL State Officers should get involved in selling hem. I'm looking forward to the Fall Conference to help the State build up their accounts. Enjoy the summer and be ready to support your Aerie and Auxiliary this fall.

Respectfully submitted and move for the adoption of this report, Bob Sharkey, 2nd by James Telban, motion carried.

47-Nominating

Worthy President Joe, Grand Aerie Representatives, State Officers and Brother Delegates,

The following is the Committee's recommendation for State Office:

Jr. Past President

Joe Piano

State President

Don Yanchunis

Vice President	Pete Vaughn
State Chaplain	Lenny Briggs
State Secretary	Mike Hoag
State Treasurer	X Ray Haggerty
State Conductor	Larry Robillard
State Inside Guard	David Cook
State Outside Guard	Charlie Straub
State Trustee	Garrett Smith
State Trustee	Bob Yager
State Trustee	Jeff Poole
State Trustee	Charles Henderson

Respectfully submitted by Harry Stewart, Chairman, Dan O'Neil, John Palmer, James Telban and Pat Gray.

Motion from Charlie Straub to accept the report, 2nd by Dave Cook, motion carried.

Nominations from the floor

Joe Newman nominated for State Secretary from Tim Mullen with Joe accepting.

Motion from Charlie Straub to allow the State Secretary to cast one ballot for all unopposed candidates, 2nd by Mike Hoag, motion carried. Said vote was cast by Bob Yager, State Secretary.

48-Good of the Order

Eastern Regional President Dave Doremus spoke on his travels over the past year covering Territory of New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania.

Lou Osmon spoke on his plans for the membership next year and the schedule of prizes:

1 member-pen

5 members-leather card holder

10 members-Eagle wallet

First 10 people to sign up 5 members get a hat. He also stressed that we need to get back over 10,000 members.

Charlie Straub spoke on the membership skit and how it raised \$170.00 and would be split between the two outgoing Presidents for their State Charities.

Bob Butts informed everyone that Elmira #941 would be holding an Open House on June 27, 2007 and all were welcome.

Doug McDermott spoke about compliance of insurance with the Grand Aerie and the cost of said insurance and that maybe the Grand Aerie could look into some type of major coverage for all Aeries. John Potter spoke on the subject and stressed that all Aeries must be insured with the Grand Aerie additional insured due to the Michigan lawsuit.

Ted Gorney presented a check for the State Museum of \$200.00.

Ray Haggerty offered some old items up for grabs.

Bob Butts reported the Hospitality Room would be under the pavilion at the Aerie.

49-Adjournment

Motion to adjourn from Ted Gorney, 2nd by Pete Vaughn, motion carried.

50-Welcome, Saturday, June 16, 2007

State President Joe Piano welcomed everyone to the third session of the Convention.

51-Roll Call of Officers

All Officers were present except:

Jeff Poole, Trustee-Excused

Tom Hammond, Trustee-Absent

52-Oath of Allegiance and Admission of New Members

The Oath and Rules of the Convention were read by Past State President James Telban.

53-By-Laws/Final Reading and Vote

The proposed change to Section 1.1 of the State Aerie By-Laws was read and moved for adoption of this change by Dave Cook, Chairman, 2nd by Ray Haggerty, motion defeated!!!!

54-Credentials/Third Report

June 16, 2007

Number of Registered Members	81
PWP or TYS Votes	44
Aerie Delegate Votes	120
Past State President Votes	10
State Officer Votes	12
Total Votes to Date	184

Respectfully submitted and move for the adoption of this report from Phil Iacuzza, 2nd by Jon Badi, motion carried.

55-Special Order of Business

Charlie Straub asked all the Brother Delegates to stand and give the Grand Honors to the Grand Aerie Representatives for the Convention being Grand Worthy President-Elect John Potter, Eastern Regional President David Doremus and Grand Chief Justice Robert G.T. Yager.

GWPE John Potter spoke on the new Government Relations Committee that the Grand Aerie is reviving to help with legislation in Congress to become more involved as when the Eagles were instrumental in getting Social Security, Jobs After Forty, Medicare to name a few and that he has appointed Bob Yager as its Chairman.

John also spoke on his personal project for next year concerning the Disaster Relief Fund. A program to outfit as many tractor trailers possible with supplies to go at any moment when some type of disaster occurs.

Pat Gray spoke on the Eagles Charity Program and that they grouping all the charities into a Foundation for better IRS procedure.

56-Grand Aerie Representative

Grand Aerie President-Elect John Potter, Eastern Regional President Dave Doremus and Worthy President Joe Piano were excused to make a guest appearance at the Auxiliary session.

A letter of Intent from Ithaca Aerie #1253 to hold the 2009 New York State Convention to be held on June 18, 19 and 20, 2009.

Motion from Charlie Straub to accept the Convention bid from Ithaca Aerie #1253, 2nd by Lenny Briggs, motion carried.

57-Audit

My Brothers,

We have reviewed the State Aerie books and have found them to be in order and correct. The line item finance system used is working well in keeping track of our State Aerie finances. We would like to commend the State Aerie Treasurer and State Aerie Secretary for doing a fine job with the finances of the State Aerie.

Respectfully submitted by Robert Butts, Chairman, John Palmer Mike Hoag and Pete Vaughn.

Motion to accept the report from Pete Vaughn, 2nd by John Palmer, motion carried.

58-Finance and Budget

Balance as of June 1, 2006	\$19,942.50
Earmarked State Arthritis Fund	5000.00
Earmarked for Zone #1 Fund	966.79
Earmarked for Zone #3	457.00
Earmarked Race Team	70.94
Mr. & Mrs. Bowling	1,102.78
Men's Bowling	4,630.84
300 Club	0.00
Savings Account CD	5,195.18
Balance June 11, 2007	\$18,271.96
<u>Income</u>	
Bank Interest	\$ 75.00
Fund Raising	2,900.00
Convention Fee	500.00
Convention Credentials	1,400.00

Grand Aerie Membership Rebate	3,800.00
Per Capita Tax	11,100.00
Total	\$19775.00

Expense

CONPOR	\$ 500.00
Convention	5,105.00
Fall Conference	1,700.00
Spring Conference	1,700.00
Presidents Assignments	1,700.00
Various State Officer Expenses	160.00
Membership	175.00
Membership Awards & Office Expenses	900.00
State Bulletin	1,500.00
State Aerie Secretary	1,200.00
Hospitality Room	820.00
Grand Aerie Supplies	250.00
Grand Aerie ad	250.00
Treasurer Fee	400.00
Treasurer Allowance	250.00
Insurance and Bond	1,200.00
Tax Preparation	140.00
Contingency Fund	595.00
State Secretary Allowance	1,230.00
Total	\$19,775.00

Respectfully submitted and move for the adoption of this report from John Palmer, Chairman, 2nd by Bud Hulsopple, motion carried.

59- Grievances and Appeals

My Brothers,

It has been another great year and we, again, have nothing to report. These are the kind of reports that we like to give.

Respectfully submitted and move for the adoption of this report from Bob Butts, 2nd by Ray Haggerty, motion carried.

60-Resolutions

Resolution to create Section 72.1 (c) that would eliminate (Opinion No. 355) within the Statutes of the Constitution and make an exact law and not an opinion, to wit, Opinion #355 states: Attendance at Aerie meetings is permitted only to Eagles in good standing and to no others. Section 72.1 (c) would state: Attendance at Aerie meetings is permitted to Aerie Members in good standing and to no others.

Motion to approve this resolution and send on to the Grand Convention from Lenny Briggs, 2nd by John Poole, motion carried.

61-Hall of Fame

My Brothers,

This year the New York State Aerie Hall of Fame has nominated nine Brothers. They are Larry Karsky, Ted Gorney and Joe Piano of Depew, Jeff Poole, Frank Wells and Olau Laine from Ithaca, Dennis Baldwin from Schenectady, Bob Lemery from Glens Falls and Robert P. Wahls, Grand Secretary.

This committee would like to thank the following for their help this year and in the past. Jeff Poole, Al Porter, Bryan Welch for updating the Plaque and Bob Yager, for all his special help. Thank you Worthy President for allowing me to Chair this committee.

Chairman, Daniel O'Neil and I move for the adoption of this report, 2nd by Charles Straub, motion carried.

62-In Memoriam

No report was given.

63-Cancer Fund

No report given, but after the Parade of Checks, \$1,893.80 was raised for the Grand Aerie Charity.

Motion from Lenny Briggs to accept the report of money raised, 2nd by Larry Robillard, motion carried.

64-Diabetes Fund

No report given, but after the Parade of Checks, \$1,400.00 was raised for the Grand Aerie Charity.

Motion from Dave Cook to accept the report of money raised, 2nd by Bud Hulsopple, motion carried.

65-Don Rettinger Arthritis Fund

NYS President Joe, Grand Aerie Representatives, NYS Officers Past and Present, my Brothers all,

This is the report for the Don Rettinger Arthritis Fund for the year 2006-2007. So what exactly is arthritis, this disease that brings us so much misery and pain? Unfortunately, there isn't an easy answer to that question because arthritis involves a group of diseases, each with its own cause, set of symptoms and treatments.

These diseases do have a few things in common, however. They affect some part of the joints. They cause pain and possibly loss of movement. They often bring about some kind of inflammation. As for the cause of these different kinds of arthritis, they run from inheriting an unlucky gene, to physical trauma or to getting bitten by the wrong mosquito.

Systemic Lupus Erythematosus, commonly known as SLE, is a body wide disease that often marks its victims with a red wolf-like facial wash. Lupus can attack the joints, heart, nervous and vascular systems, skin, lungs and other parts of the body. The symptoms strike because the body produces large numbers of antibodies that attack bodily tissue. No one knows exactly why this occurs. 90% of lupus patients are women and most of them are in their child-bearing years. As many as 2 million people suffer from this disease and this, as well as many other reasons, is why we need to continue our support for this very worthwhile cause. Please continue to keep up the good work.

Respectfully submitted, Pete Vaughn, Chairman.

After the Parade of Checks, \$1,165.00 was raised for the State Charity.

Motion from Pete Vaughn to accept the report, 2nd by Nick Polinski, motion carried.

66-Golden Eagle Fund

No report given, but after the Parade of Checks, \$1,200.00 was raised for the Grand Aerie Charity.

Motion to accept the report of money raised from Ron Smith, 2nd by Ted Gorney, motion carried.

67-Alzheimer Fund

Grand Aerie Representatives, State Officers and Brother Eagles,

I would like to thank State President Joe Piano for the privilege of serving as this year's Chairman of the Alzheimer's Fund. Alzheimer is a disease that robs us of our minds in our golden years of life. The families of people who have Alzheimer, suffer as much, as do the victims themselves. A father won't know his son, daughter or wife. By the year 2050, there will be 100 million people that have Alzheimer in the world and by then, with research, we hope that there is a cure.

Respectfully submitted, Don Yanchunis, Chairman.

After the Parade of Checks, \$200.00 was raised for the Grand Aerie Charity.

Motion from William Blair to accept the report, 2nd by Larry Robillard, motion carried.

68-Jimmy Durante Fund

Worthy State President Joe, Grand Aerie Representatives, New York State Officers, Delegates and my Brothers

This is the report of the Jimmy Durante Children's Fund and Child Abuse Project for the Fraternal year 2006-2007. To date, the Aeries and Auxiliaries of NYS have donated \$2,967.50 to the Jimmy Durante Children's Fund and \$527.50 to the Child Abuse Project for a total of \$3,495.00. JOB WELL DONE, my Brothers.

This year we have seen 10 grants given to worthy organizations within New York State for a total of \$4,627.64 from the Jimmy Durante Fund. Please remember, all contributions to the Jimmy Durante Children's Fund are used to "HELP DA KIDS" and not one dime goes to expenses. Let's join together and make this world better for the kids, especially the ones that don't have it so good.

Respectfully submitted, Dan Curcio, Chairman.

After the Parade of Checks, \$2,293.80 was raised for the Children's Fund and \$100.00 was raised for the Abused Fund for the Grand Aerie Charities.

Motion from Dan Curcio to accept the report, 2nd by Ed Gradwell, motion carried.

70-Kidney Fund

Grand Aerie Representatives, State Officers and Brother Delegates,

The D.D. Dunlap Kidney Fund was established in 1978 at the Spokane Convention. Since the establishment, it has given over 5 million dollars to fight kidney disease. We need money to help fight this disease.

Respectfully submitted by Tony Ovitt, Chairman.

After the Parade of Checks, \$1,200.00 was raised for the Grand Aerie Charity.

Motion from Tony Ovitt to accept the report, 2nd by Jon Badi, motion carried.

71-Lew Reed Spinal Cord Injury Fund

Worthy President, Grand Officers, New York State Officers and Delegates,

Grants awarded this year went to the Spine Center at St. Peter's Hospital for \$1,000.00 and The Magic Word for \$957.87.

Donations received this year from New York State Aeries and Auxiliaries total \$2,058.25.

Respectfully submitted by Nick Polinski, Chairman.

After the Parade of Checks, \$1,200.00 was raised for the Grand Aerie Charity.

Motion from Nick Polinski to accept the report, 2nd by Dave Cook, motion carried.

72-Max Baer Heart Fund

Grand Aerie Representatives, NYS President Joe Piano, State Officers, Past State Presidents and Brothers all,

Myths and facts/Exposing the reality

Heart disease is the world's number one killer. It is responsible for one in every three deaths. It affects women and men with no respect for geography or economics. The global health agenda continues to be dominated by the notion that communicable diseases need to be prevented and treated before cardiovascular diseases receive attention. World Health Report confirmed that, despite the lingering view that cardiovascular diseases are fully under the control of individuals and confined to wealthy people, the reality is quite different.

Exposing the myths/There is a shocking lack of awareness about heart disease. For example:

Myth: Heart disease only occurs in rich countries.

Fact: The truth is that 80% of the 17 million deaths caused by heart disease occur in low and middle income countries.

Myth: Heart disease is an old person's disease.

Fact: Children are at increasing risk, for example, through tobacco smoking (active and passive), overweight, obesity and lack of physical activity. More than one-third of these deaths occur in middle-aged adults. Globally, cardiovascular diseases account for as many deaths in young and middle-aged adults as HIV/Aids.

Myth: Only men are seriously affected.

Fact: Deaths among women due to heart disease are eighteen times higher than breast cancer.

Myth: You can't do anything to prevent it.

Fact: With positive action at population and individual level, the death and disability resulting from heart disease can be reduced by more than 50%.

Myth: Heart disease research, prevention and treatment are well funded.

Fact: They are not, particularly in our low and middle-income countries and only moderate increases in funding are needed to help achieve real change.

Total contributions from NYS to the Heart Fund from June 1, 2006 to June 1, 2007 were \$4,480.50 and the Heart Fund gave a total of \$804,842.91 in grants nationwide with NY receiving a total of \$5,900.00 in Heart Grants, according to figures from Marlys Friemark, Charity Coordinator, Grand Aerie.

Respectfully submitted by Lenny Briggs, Chairman.

After the Parade of Checks, \$2,450.00 was raised for the Grand Aerie Charity.

Motion to accept the report from Lenny Briggs, 2nd by Bud Hulsopple, motion carried.

73-Muscular Dystrophy

Grand Worthy President-Elect John Potter, Eastern Regional President Dave Doremus, New York State President Joe Piano, NYS Past Presidents, NYS Officers (Past and Present), special guests and my Brothers all,

I would like to thank Joe Piano, our NYS President, on this appointment as the MD Committee Chairman. Muscular Dystrophy (MD) is part of the Max Baer Heart Fund charity and is starting to grow and obtain the recognition it deserves. This year we did have a contribution from Rensselaer #4446 for \$250.00 dollars, thank you. We also obtained a grant for \$375 00 for the Nathan Littauer Hospital in Gloversville, New York. We hope other Aeries and Auxiliaries in New York State will continue to request grants from the Grand Aerie for MD.

We understand that each Aerie supports their favorite charity, but if MD is an issue in your community, plan an activity, raise some funds and let's try to eradicate this terrible disease. My hope is that we get the information from Grand Aerie a little sooner, so we can create a better picture of what is happening on a more national view. Thank you for your support and participation in this charity.

Respectfully submitted by Patrick W. Gray, Chairman.

After the Parade of Checks, \$600.00 was raised for the Grand Aerie Charity.

Motion to accept the report from Pat Gray, 2nd by Bud Hulsopple, motion carried.

74-Memorial Foundation

Grand Aerie Representative John Potter, Worthy President Joe Piano, State Officers Past and Present, Delegates and my Brothers all,

This is the Memorial Foundation Report for the 2006-2007 Fraternal year. Since its inception, the Memorial Foundation has grown from the Military of the United States to Law Enforcement, Firemen and Medical Technicians, both full-time and voluntary, along with every Aerie member killed in the line of duty. The Foundation's basic function is to provide medical assistance and education grants to the children of a deceased member who was employed in one of those positions. It is not an insurance policy; it is a great benefit to the families' of our deceased Brother or Sister.

This program is an invaluable tool for new members, no matter how it is presented and should be used to its fullest extent, especially since 9-11-01 and recent disasters. I wish to thank Worthy President Joe Piano for allowing me the opportunity to Chair this Committee.

Respectfully submitted, Jeffrey Poole, Chairman and Butch Barrows, Co-Chairman.

After the Parade of Checks, \$950.00 was raised for the Grand Aerie Charity.

Motion to accept the report from Butch Barrows, 2nd by Don Yanchunis, motion carried.

75-State Aerie Charity

Grand Worthy President-Elect John Potter, Eastern Regional President Dave Doremus, Past State Presidents, State Officers and my Brothers all,

This is my final report on my charity, Juvenile Diabetes Research. Thank you to all the Aeries and Auxiliaries for their support. As of June 12, 2007, we reached \$8416.00 and on behalf of all the kids that this money will help, THANK YOU, from the bottom of my heart. I know that the kids are very thankful for your support as it looks like they may be close to getting a cure for juvenile diabetes.

Respectfully submitted, Joe Piano, State President.

After the Parade of Checks, \$500.00 was raised for the State Charity.

Motion to accept the report from Harry Phelps, 2nd by Charlie Straub, motion carried.

76-Elections

Election results State Secretary

Total Votes Cast	171
Mike Hoag	126
Joe Newman	42
Votes Voided	3

Motion to accept report from Mike Fahy, 2nd by Jon Badi, motion carried.

77-Good of the Order

Grand Aerie Officers, State Officers, Delegates and Brothers,

This is the final report of the Past President's Club concerning the induction of our newest member to our elite clan. After a delicious meal at Longfellows, Joe Piano was escorted out for the vote by Dan O'Neil. After much debate, the vote became stalled by a tie vote, even after including GWPE John Potter, ERP Dave Dormus and Chief Justice Bob Yager.

We then took a straw poll of the retirement party next to us and still no luck. ERP Dave Doremus suggested we call Bob Butts by cell phone, but no luck there either. Finally, Jim Telban, asks the waitress, "Yes or no". She replies with, "To what". "Just say, yes or no", Jim replies. She states, "Yes". TIE BROKEN. She then asked if that was for a large tip, but we stated no, but when the bill came, her tip was over \$100.00. Joe's dues next year will be \$110.00 for the Past Presidents Club.

Respectfully submitted and move to accept, Michael W. Hoag, 2nd by Larry Robillard, motion carried.

Rensselaer Aerie #4446 presented checks for the State Museum and RISE Radio for \$100.00 and \$500.00 respectively.

Lou Osmon explained his Membership Program for the upcoming year.

Ray Haggerty announced that Jeff Poole and Larry Robillard are inducted into the Nightcappers.

78-Adjournment

Motion to adjourn from Don Yanchunis, 2nd by Jon Badi, motion carried.

Installation of Officers

The New York State Aerie Officers for the ensuing year, were Ritually Installed under the experienced auspices of Past State President James Telban, Conductor of the Ceremony.

