

Fraternal Order of Eagles, 2008 New York State Aerie Convention

Watertown, New York

1-Opening Exercises, Thursday, June 19, 2008

The Joint Opening Session was held at the Watertown Fire Hall at 1:00 P.M.

Convention Co-Chairmen Margaret and Tom Hodge introduced Sheriff Burns of Watertown for a few words and wished everyone to have a good time and to be safe during their stay in the city. Grand Aerie Representatives introduced for a few words were, Grand Vice-President Mike Lagervall, Grand Justice Jack Charvat, Grand Judiciary Chairman Robert Yager and Eastern Regional President Robert Butts. Grand Auxiliary Representatives introduced were, PGMP Bettie Williams-Clark, PGMP Iris McDermott and Eastern Regional President Janet Bruning. Also introduced were State Aerie President Don Yanchunis and State Auxiliary President Tammy Osmon for a few words of wisdom.

2-Roll Call of Officers

Fraternal Order of Eagles New York State Aerie Officers 2007-2008

Jr. Past President	Joe Piano	Present
President	Don Yanchunis	Present
Vice-President	Harold Vaughn	Present
Secretary	Michael W. Hoag	Present
Treasurer	Ray P. Haggerty	Present
Chaplain	Leonard Briggs	Present
Conductor	Larry Robillard	Present
Inside Guard	Dave Cook	Present
Outside Guard	Charles K. Straub	Present
Trustees	Garrett Smith	Present
	Robert GT Yager	Present
	Charles Henderson	Present
	Jeffrey Poole	Absent
Membership	Lou Osmon	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 trusted with the 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. (Pause) 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

Given by Leonard Briggs, Grand Aerie Parliamentarian

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 their 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 their name and number of their Aerie. When recognized by the President, they 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 21, 2008, 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 the delegates, I shall dispense with the reading of the same, if there no objections.

Hearing none, this report is respectfully submitted and I, Leonard Briggs, move for its adoption, 2nd by Joe Piano, motion carried.

4-Committees and Convention Appointments

Committee list presented to the delegates by State Aerie President Don Yanchunis.

Motion from Lenny Briggs to accept list as presented, 2nd by Ray Haggerty, motion carried.

5-Judiciary

June 6, 2008

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 2007 till current.

Submitted by State Chaplain and Judiciary Chairman, Leonard Briggs. Motion from Dave Cook to accept the report, 2nd by Joe Piano, motion carried.

6-Approval of the 2007 State Convention Proceedings

Motion from Mike Hoag that since a copy of the 2007 State Convention Proceeding has been provided to the delegates, that reading of said minutes be dispensed with and be accepted as proposed, 2nd by Charlie Straub, motion carried.

7-Correspondence

Letters of support for Mike Hoag, Robert Yager, Larry Robillard, Harold Vaughn, Charles Henderson, Joe Newman, Ed Gradwell, Lenny Briggs, Charlie Straub, Dave Cook and Garrett Smith.

Letter requesting information concerning the location of any monoliths within New York State from Sue Hoffman of Aerie #2298, Auburn, Washington.

Letter from Bob Yager stating that there none within New York State, but there is interest in putting one at St. Peter’s Hospital in Albany.

Letters and cards of thanks for the recent Grants awarded at the Spring Conference from WMHT RISE Radio, Nooks’ Kingdom Humane Society, St. Peter’s Hospital, Happy Hats & More, St. Joseph’s Hospital, Camp Sunshine, Association for the Hearing Impaired, Senior Companion Program of Greene County, DePaul, Inman Center, RSVP Program at University of Albany, Arthritis Foundation of NENY, Center for Hope, Unity Health Foundation and the Castleton Elementary School Homework Program.

Grand Aerie law changes from Grand Secretary Charles Cunningham for the Grand Convention in Louisville, Kentucky.

Letters of condolences for Arkansas State President Royce Beecham, Lucas Stevens, grandson of Larry and Jeanette Daury of Schenectady and Michael Pelton Sr. of Rensselaer #4446.

Motion from Joe Piano to accept the communications as read, 2nd by Pete Vaughn, motion carried.

8-State President Report

PRESIDENT TRAVELS

The year started with Audrey and myself getting married. Then on to Elmira to help with their re-opening; it was great to see them back, but it only lasted 6 months and it was sad to see them turn in their Charter. On to the Grand Convention in Spokane; we were sorry that Pat didn't get a Grand Office, but he will this year with everyone's support and everyone still had a good time. Cobleskill started with their Anniversary with the Fall Conference in Johnson City and then here in Watertown for their Anniversary (no snow and I hope there is none for the Convention). October had Grand Worthy President John Potter and his wife Zuby come to New York as we traveled the State with them and ended at the Eastern Regional Conference and New York State Aerie's 100th Anniversary in Depew.

On to more anniversaries were Schenectady's 104th, Auburn's 107th, Ithaca, Hoosick Falls and Rensselaer's Grand Opening. We had a little break with Christmas and New Years, but then the winter get together in Cortland followed by Anniversaries in Rochester, Addison, Glens Falls, Rensselaer, Rotterdam, Olean and Saratoga. Cobleskill was the Spring Conference and what a great job and on to Johnson City and Tonawanda. That's about it as there were so many things that Audrey and I did, that I could not mention them all or we would sitting here for the whole convention. Every place we went showed great friendship and hospitality and if I forgot your Aerie, I apologize. Membership reached 1202 which was a good year. I would like to thank you all for the donations to Life Is Now and hope to have the van on the road soon. We know that Pete and Michelle will have a great year too.

Fraternally, Donald Yanchunis, New York State President.

Motion from Charlie Straub to accept the report as read, 2nd by Jim Telban, motion carried.

9-State Treasurer Report

	Balance as of 6/4/2008	\$18799.70
Arthritis Fund		100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Bowling		1102.78
Men's Bowling		6549.09
300 Club		000.00
Zone #1		886.76
Zone #3		516.00
Hospitality Room		511.02

NYS Aerie Racing Team		<u>70.94</u>
	Balance	\$9736.59
State Aerie Balance	\$9063.11	
Savings Account/CD	<u>\$5397.59</u>	
Balance	\$14460.70	

Motion to accept the Treasurer Report as read from Pete Vaughn, 2nd by Chuck Henderson, motion carried.

10-State Secretary Report

June 19, 2008

Grand Aerie Representatives, Past State Presidents State Officers and my Brothers all,

This is my report for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. My first year as your New York State Secretary was an eye-opener. My first Gold Card making me a member of the Grand Aerie was for ten year Secretary and what a long ten years it was for me and Lansingburgh #3773, but it helped prepare me for the job at hand. The biggest and hardest part of the local Secretary is the membership and that is replaced with Credentials and the Proceeding Book at the State level. I want you to know that I did the best that I could do and I know that I made some mistakes, but that's how I learn to be better at whatever I do. One of my Mechanics found a poster and taped it to my office door at work and it states, "There are three things you do when you make a mistake, 1. Admit it, 2. Learn from it and 3. Don't repeat it.

My first year as your State Secretary was great and I hope to be better at it next year. Someone has to keep the State Treasurer busy and Ray and I had a good time at that. It's a lot of work and I enjoy it, but above all, thank God for computers. Where did we find the time when all this was hard copy? I want to thank Bob Yager for all his help and assistance because he was there when I had a question and allowed me to do my own thing in between. He always said that I could do this job and a lot of programs that Bob set up, I utilize still, with a few modifications. That's my report, Michael W. Hoag, State Secretary.

Motion to accept the Secretary Report from Robert Yager, 2nd by Ray Haggerty, motion carried.

11-Special Order of Business

Motion from Bob Yager to return the State Aerie Spring and Fall Conferences to 1:00 P.M. for the Saturday session, 2nd by Bob Butts, motion carried.

State President Don Yanchunis presented awards to Larry Robillard for most traveling State Officer and Lenny Briggs for becoming the Grand Aerie Parliamentarian.

Outline For Spring & Fall Conference

Guide For Hosting Aerie

1. Aerie per capita taxes must be paid to date.
2. A vote should be taken at an Aerie meeting to submit a bid to hold a Conference. When approved, a Chairman should be appointed. A letter of interest in holding a Conference should be sent to the State Secretary at least 3 to 5 days in advance of the next Conference. A representative from that Aerie should attend that Conference with information as to motels, meals and shuttles. Committees should be appointed for various jobs if needed.
3. Suitable size rooms must be available for Aerie and Auxiliary meetings and a working microphone, if possible.
4. The Saturday night banquet room should be large enough to accommodate all who attend the Conference. Price to be decided by the local Aerie and State. Host Aerie is responsible for providing tickets and sale of same.
5. The MC for the banquet to be decided by the State Aerie President, State Auxiliary President and the host Aerie.
6. Head table setting will be both State Presidents and spouses, both State Secretaries and spouses, State Mother and Grand Representatives and Master of Ceremony.
7. All attendees will be responsible for their own banquet cost with the exception of the Grand Aerie and Auxiliary Representatives (if any) and limited to 1 Grand Aerie and 1 Grand Auxiliary Representative, the State Aerie and Auxiliary Presidents, payable by the hosting Aerie.
8. The host Aerie shall be responsible for the blocking of rooms for the State Aerie and Auxiliary, reserving a double room for the State Aerie and Auxiliary Secretaries and reserving a room for the State Aerie and Auxiliary Presidents.
9. Schedules shall be set up and mailed to each State Officer and all local Aerie and Auxiliary Secretaries within 90 days from awarding of Conferences. This schedule shall contain the meeting sites for both State Aerie and Auxiliary meetings. Separate meeting places for Saturday's meetings and one large enough for the Joint meeting on Sunday.
10. If the host Aerie's finances permit and it so desires, it may book and pay for rooms of the State Aerie and Auxiliary Presidents.
11. Shuttle buses are recommended.
12. It is customary that a small luncheon be served at the end of the Sunday morning Joint session at the expense of the host.

This outline should help the host Aerie have a smooth and fun filled Conference.

Motion from Jim Telban to accept the proposed outline as read, 2nd by Joe Piano, motion carried.

12-Grand Aerie Representative

Grand Justice Jack Charvat spoke on Grand Tribunal, appeals and charges.

ERP Bob Butts stated he would wait until Saturday night banquet for a few words of amusing words of wit.

Grand Vice-President Mike Lagervall spoke on the proposed Grand Aerie Diabetes Center in Iowa, the Government Relations lobbyist to introduce legislation concerning allowing corrective surgery for disfigured children, Social Security reform and health care to children under 12 with cards presented to send to your respective Senators and Congressmen urging such measures. Also discussed were getting on line with the MMS System, training for trainers to help troubled Aerie and Auxiliaries and that New York State will support Pat Gray for Grand Aerie Office in Louisville.

13-By-Laws/First Reading

Proposed change from Saratoga Aerie #2586 and read by Dave Cook, Chairman.

Section 1.2 Between the annual sessions of the State Aerie, all regular elected or legally appointed officers and Membership Director of the New York State Aerie shall act as the Executive Committee and shall, subject to the laws of the Order, have and exercise all powers of the said State Aerie whenever the necessity of exercising such powers arises or where, because of an emergency, an annual meeting cannot be held.

A majority of the Executive Committee shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for transaction of business and the acts of the majority of the board members at a meeting, when the quorum is present, shall be the acts of the Executive Committee. However, if two thirds of the members shall, after all board members have been notified, consent in writing to any action to be taken by the board, such action shall be as valid a board action as though it had been authorized at a meeting of the board. The Secretary shall record such action in the Executive Board minutes, together with the written consent of the Executive Committee members, as though a meeting had actually held and action taken thereat.

Change to be made.

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Explanation and Purpose: To take advantage of the knowledge of the New York Past State Presidents by not only the virtue of being a PSP, but by showing respect of that mentioned by allowing their vote to be counted for.

14-Credentials/First Reading

June 19, 2008

Grand Aerie Representatives	3
Visitors	0
State Officers	10
Past State Presidents	9

Delegates	46
Alternate Delegates	2
Past Worthy Presidents	0
Total Votes	153
Total Credentials Issued	50

Report read and motion to accept from Phil Iacuzza, 2nd by Joe Piano, motion carried.

15-Banquet/Watertown

Report from Convention Co-Chairman Tom Hodges that the 2008 Convention Banquet will be at the Aerie home on Saturday at 6:00 P.M. with a turkey and ham dinner and entertainment to follow.

Motion from Pete Vaughn to accept the report as stated, 2nd by Joe Piano, motion carried.

16-Men's Bowling

June 1, 2008 Meeting

Call to Order: At 12:25 P.M. by Ted Gorney at the Rotterdam Aerie #3610.

Roll Call-Directors & Representatives of Aeries: Present were Ted Gorney of Aerie #2692, Jim Hill of Aerie #1575, Mike Hoag of Aerie #3773, Jack Pacelli and Ken Waters Jr. of Aerie #3610 and Tony Gorney of Aerie #1411. Absent was John Fitch of Aerie #616.

Reading of Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Motion to accept from Tony Gorney, 2nd by Jim Hill, motion carried.

Report of Officers: Changing the handicap to keep up with the times with a recommended change from 85% of 210 to 90% of 230.

Reading of Bills and Communications: Letters were read for Jack Pacelli as to running for Association Secretary and being a delegate, Ted Gorney for also being a delegate and a letter from Oakley Hayes of Addison Aerie #3904 for hosting the next Tournament. The prize list submitted by Tournament Secretary Ken Waters Jr. was approved and a 300 game thrown by Eric Stangle will awarded a \$100.00 prize from the State Aerie Bowling fund.

Report of Committees: None.

Unfinished Business: Jim Hill recommends staying with the 5 member team format after other opinions were expressed to change to a 4 member team format due to an informal survey taken at the previous Tournament had shown much interest in doing so. It was suggested that a more formal survey be taken with the team captains at the next Tournament.

New Business: Charlie Bolio submitted a letter requesting a refund for his team due to him falling off a ladder and another team member became ill. Motion from Jack Pacelli to refund half of the team fee (\$93.50) as the other two

members could have shown up and been placed. Charlie's years of participation in the bowling tournaments was a factor in this decision.

Selection of Next Tournament: As only one letter was submitted, Addison #3904 was awarded the next Tournament.

Election of Officers: Jack Fitch was removed as he has been absent for the last two meetings. Chairman Ted Gorney appointed himself to finish the remainder of Fitch's term and Glyn Wiegand will assume the 3 year term.

Good of the Order: Ken Waters and Jack Pacelli wish to thank all the bowlers who donated the 50/50 monies from the first week of bowling to cancer victim, Sharon Riggi, who has since passed away.

Adjournment: At 1:32 P.M. with motion from Tony Gorney, 2nd by Ken Waters Jr., motion carried.

Submitted by Jack Pacelli and Ted Gorney.

Financial Report

Receipts:

Advance from Host Aerie:	\$ 200.00
Entry Fees	<u>\$4943.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$5143.00

Expenditures:

October Meeting	\$0000.00
Mailings & Printings	\$0000.00
Lineage Fees	\$2310.00
Prize Money	\$2001.50
Tournament Secretary & Scorekeeping	\$ 330.00
June Meeting	\$ 150.60
300 Game/Eric Stangle	\$ 100.00
Bolio Refund	<u>\$ 93.50</u>
Total Expense	\$4985.60

Recapitulation:

Total Receipts	\$5143.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$4985.60</u>
Profit/Loss	\$ 157.40

State Secretary, Michael W. Hoag, reported that the final balance of the State Aerie Bowling was \$1563.49.

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

17-Mr. & Mrs. Bowling

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

I am not certain how many years ago the NYS Mr. & Mrs. Bowling Tournament was started, but I have involved for about 20. Unfortunately, it appears that like the annual softball tournament and the Auxiliary bowling tournament, this event is dead in the water. I have written letters, put notices on the Aerie website, in the Aerie newsletter and spoke of the tournament at several State functions. Still to date, no Aerie or Auxiliary has come forward to express an interest in hosting this event.

I feel that unless someone comes forward this weekend wanting to take a shot at this event, it will be necessary to contact the members of the Board of Directors, make plans to disperse the funds in the Mr. & Mrs. Bank account and declare this event done. It saddens me greatly to make this announcement, but sometimes one must, as the saying goes, wake up and smell the roses.

Fraternally submitted, Charles Bolio

Motion to accept the report as read from Charles Bolio, 2nd by Ray Haggerty, motion carried.

18-Child Advocacy

Grand Aerie Vice-President Mike Lagervall, Grand Aerie Justice Jack Charvat, Grand Aerie Legislative Chairman Robert Yager, NYS President Don Yanchunis, Eastern Regional President Robert Butts, NYS Past Presidents, NYS Officers (Past and Present), special guests and my Brothers all,

First of all, I would like to thank Donnie for letting me give you, the New York Delegation, an Interim Report regarding the Grand Aerie Youth and Child Advocacy Program and specifically the events surrounding our yearly "Child Advocacy Day".

This is the fifth 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 have suggested May 1st for "Child Advocacy Day" because of the history the Grand Aerie has in connection "Child Health Day" supported by then Grand Worthy President, Edward F Poss, form Kansas City, Missouri, in 1946. We continue to request the Grand Aerie and Grand Auxiliary to confirm that May 1st of each year, remain as "Child Advocacy Day" for the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

We recognize the Aerie or Auxiliary winner of the "Child Advocacy Day" with a plaque supplied at the Grand Aerie Convention (this year at Louisville, Kentucky), a NEW GRANT from the Jimmy Durante Children's Fund recently increased to \$3000.00 and participation certificates for all those that submitted their programs for consideration. Over the years, we have received some very creative and imaginative ideas that are making a major difference in their communities for our youth and children. The Grand Aerie wants to recognize the contributions made by these dedicated Eagles in supporting their local community and it also assists the Eagles in finding potential future leaders.

We have been asked, "Pat, what should a submission include?" and we respond as follows; first you must document your event using the Grand Aerie submission form, (located on the FOE website, titled EVENTS and then under the tab called OUTREACH) and it should include pictures of the event day, it may include newspaper or radio articles of the planned event, involvement by your local Fire and Police Departments, any recognized local Drug and Child Abuse programs, Children Identification (photo, DNA and fingerprint kits) and any special local youth and children event supported by your Aerie. Send your presentation to the Grand Aerie Programs department attention "Child Advocacy Day submission". We will review all submissions and select the 1st prize winner at the Grand Aerie Convention.

Previous "Child Advocacy Day" Winners:

Year	Aerie #	Location	Aerie	Auxiliary
2004	4379	St. Mary's, Georgia	X	X
2005	3701	New Berry, Michigan	X	
2006	3522	Bonnars Ferry, Idaho		X
2007	632	Aberdeen, South Dakota		X

Last year in Spokane, Washington, at the 109th Grand Aerie Convention,, James River Valley Auxiliary #632 was selected as the "2007 Child Advocacy Day" winner. They had a great program and presentation of the day's activities in promoting the health and safety of our children.

We would like to salute all those Aeries and Auxiliaries that have made a submission to the Grand Aerie toward the "2008 Child Advocacy Day" and again this year, we have increased the number of submissions. The winner of the 2008 Child Advocacy Day will be identified at the Grand Aerie Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, in August 2008. We hope that you (the New York State Aerie) will attend the Grand Aerie Convention.

To maintain our growth as the Fraternal Order of Eagles, we must get our children involved and participating in local Aerie activities. They will become the Eagle Leaders 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 success we have had with this program, we hope it will continue and as Jimmy Durante would tell us all, "Let's Do It For Da Kids".

Respectfully submitted and motion to accept this report as read from Pat Gray, Grand Aerie Youth and Child Advocacy Chairman, 2nd by Pete Vaughn, motion carried.

19-Fund Raising/NYS Aerie

A verbal report from Charlie Straub stating that the State Aerie desperately needs to raise much needed funds to help off set the rising cost of doing business, personally donated \$100.00 from his own pocket and further made a motion to raffle off a rare coin to help raise more funds, 2nd by Chuck Henderson, motion carried.

Motion to accept the verbal report from Dave Cook, 2nd by Larry Robillard, motion carried.

20-Gaming & Government Relations

Statement from Charlie Straub that the popular game called Moxie Mania should be considered “hands off” due to negative feedback from NYS Racing & Wagering.

Statement from Bob Yager concerning the legalization of the Texas Hold ‘em game now called the Charity Poker Bill.

Motion from Dave Cook to have the State Aerie work against the State of New York to place their seal on Bell Jar Tickets due to the increase it would put on the cost of the games, 2nd by Joe Piano, motion carried.

Charlie Straub made a motion to continue with Comp for our annual dues of \$500.00 to help us keep up with current legislation concerning our Gaming status, 2nd by Bob Yager, motion carried.

It was reported that there were currently only two Aeries under investigation by the NYS Racing & Wagering Board.

Motion from Charlie Straub to accept the report of Gaming & Government Relations, 2nd by Chuck Henderson, motion carried.

21-Grand Aerie Hospitality Room

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NYS President Don, Grand Aerie Representatives, State Officers past and present and my Brothers all,

This is the final report of the New York State Hospitality Room in Spokane, Washington. I am sorry I was unable to attend due to a fall. I asked Jeff Poole to act as my Co-Chairman and everyone had a good time. We started with \$1477.50 and after everything was done, we received \$641.00 back. Thank you everyone who went and a special thank you to those who made it a success.

Respectfully submitted and motion to accept this report from Pete Vaughn, 2nd by Lou Osmon, motion carried.

22-Junior Eagles

We still only have three Junior Eagles in the State with Ithaca, Schenectady and Rensselaer. As of now, there is no major activity going on and as with each Aerie, the Junior Eagles are being guided by their prospective Aeries and Auxiliaries.

This concludes my report and make a motion to accept it from Jon Badi, 2nd by Joe Piano, motion carried.

23-Legislative (All Levels)

Charlie Straub spoke on current laws and one bill that would allow police officers to take your driver’s license on the spot s per a court of law.

Bob Yager spoke on the Grand Aerie’s effort to pass the CARES Legislation to provide health care to our children.

Motion from Bob Yager to combine the Gaming and Government Relations with the Legislative (All Levels) due to the overlap of all three to become the Government Relations Committee, 2nd by Dave Cook, motion carried.

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

24-Museum

Report of the Financials for the Eagle Museum

2007-2008

Beginning Balance	\$1319.22
Deposits	1906.00
Expenses	1332.73
Ending Balance	\$1892.49
Expenses	
Lowes/Tools, Toolbox, Picture Hanging Supplies	\$ 101.38
A&B Awards/Plaques	65.35
Bed, Bath & Beyond/Drapes & Curtain Rods	\$1166.00

I checked with three lawyers to get estimates for a 501©3 charitable status and all three estimates came back at \$1500.00, so we have enough money to hire one of the lawyers. This will help in receiving State and Federal grants. Respectfully submitted by Allan Porter.

Motion to accept the Museum Report from Allan Porter, 2nd by Pete Vaughn, motion carried.

25-New Aeries

Statement from Charlie Straub that he has received no reports of any new Aeries to date.

Motion to accept the report as stated from Charlie Straub, 2nd by Lou Osmon, motion carried.

26-Good of the Order

Discussion concerning an e-mail from Past Eastern Regional President Dave Doremus from New Jersey that may combine our two State Aeries together. An exploratory committee should be appointed this upcoming year and report to the Convention next year with everyone's opinion.

Doug McDermott spoke on the State Aerie medallions and their respective cost of \$25.00 to \$30.00.

27-Adjournment

Motion from Jim Telban to adjourn until Friday, 9:30 A.M., June 20, 2008, 2nd by Dan Curcio, motion carried.

28-Welcome, Friday, June 20, 2008

New York State President Don Yanchunis welcomed everyone to the second session of the Convention.

29-Roll Call of Officers

All Officers were present with Trustee Jeff Poole absent.

30-Oath of Allegiance and Admission of New Members

The Oath of Allegiance was read by Past State President James Telban.

The Rules of the Convention were read by Lenny Briggs.

Motion to accept the report as read from Lenny Briggs, 2nd by Joe Piano, motion carried.

31-By-Laws/Second Reading

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

32-Credentials/Second Reading

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Grand Aerie Representatives	3
Visitors	0
State Officers	12
Past State Presidents	9
Delegates	57
Alternate Delegates	2
Past Worthy Presidents	0

Total Votes 179

Total Credentials Issued 59

Respectfully submitted by Phil Iaccuzza, Chairman.

Motion to accept the second Credentials Report from Phil Iaccuzza, 2nd by Joe Piano, motion carried.

33-Special Order of Business

Motion from Dave Cook to establish an exploratory committee to look into the possible consolidation of the New York and New Jersey State Aeries and that the New York State Aerie members appointed were Bob Butts, Pat Gray, Bob Yager and Pete Vaughn, 2nd by Pat Gray, motion carried.

Motion from Lenny Briggs that the Committees are appointed by the State President at his discretion and really require no vote of the State Aerie, that the vote on Committee approval be eliminated from the Agenda, 2nd by Dan Curcio, motion carried.

34-Membership

Grand Aerie Officers, Past State Presidents, State Officers, Delegates and Visitors,

The membership this past year, 2007-2008, has been great with 1202 new and re-enrolled members have been reported and 21 of our 31 Aeries have made their quota with 145% of the New York quota being made. I would not have been so successful without all of your help and I thank you. My travels this year has made me many new friends and spent time with my old ones as well. Don and I wanted to bring New York State membership back up to 10,000 members and we fell a little short, but we will with your help. Pete and I will try to get this goal in 2008-2009 and again, I thank you all.

Lou Osmon, Membership Director, 2007-2008

Motion to accept the Membership Report as read from Joe Piano, 2nd by Gary Stohldt, motion carried.

35-Nightcappers

Ray Haggerty stated that the Nightcappers would be meeting at 9:00 P.M. at the Best Western Hotel in Room 202.

Motion to accept the report from Charlie Straub, 2nd by Bob Sharkey, motion carried.

36-Past President Report

Worthy President Don, Grand Representatives, State Officers Past and Present, my Brothers all,

Taking a line from Mike Hoag, it is my esteemed pleasure to present the Past Presidents report for your listening pleasure. It is my honor to give this report now that I am a member of this very elite club. Always remember, Brothers, that we are the ones that have made this Aerie what it is, good or bad and this afternoon we will decided to

possibly elect another Brother in to the Past Presidents fold. It will be with great reluctance to vote on this new member.

I hereby submit this partial report and make a motion to accept from Joe Piano, 2nd by Bob Sharkey, motion carried.

37-Publicity

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Grand Aerie Representatives, Worthy Chairman, Distinguished Guests, Brothers and Visitors,

Publicity and advertising are paramount to promoting the Fraternal Order of Eagles, particularly when expanding beyond our own borders in making ourselves known. On the Grand Aerie level, a major push has been in place over recent years involving such popular venues as NASCAR, through sponsorship of the Eagle car. The Emergency Disaster Response Unit is another example of Eagle promotions and word is getting out about whom we are and that we can and do make a difference. On a smaller scale, we must continue this trend through State and Local Aerie publicity. We should be taking advantage of the many opportunities for free space on internet web boards, community bulletin boards, Public Service radio and TV as most are absolutely free.

On the State level, we should be aware of the available media links to each individual Aerie in the state, we could be contacting these links as Aerie activities in each location occur and this could be one of the goals toward improving publicity in the coming year. Likewise, each Aerie should take full advantage of their own local media outlets and use whatever means are necessary to make the Eagles a readily-recognized organization everywhere. Each Aerie should have their own publicity committee and this should be one of their most active internal units.

Increased awareness promotes growth and growth produces results. If we gain publicity strength on the State level and our Aeries follow this lead, this organization can greatly increase it's numbers, not only in membership, but in the values of services we are able to provide as well. Let us all work together and share our ideas in order to make ourselves known to "John Q. Public" and even better, invite "John Q." to be a part of one of the greatest organizations alive today. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted by Gary Pechey, Chairman.

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

Charlie Straub spoke on a child in Guilderland, New York that raised \$10,000.00 for Charity and that he thought that she should be awarded a Good Neighbor Award.

38-R.E.A.C.

Grand Aerie Representatives, State Officers and Brother Aerie Members,

R.E.A.C., Retired Eagles Activities Clubs are Aerie and Auxiliary members. There are only two R.E.A.C.'s in New York State being Rochester and Saratoga Springs. The info I received from Rochester is that they an active R.E.A.C. of their Aerie. Saratoga R.E.A.C. has approximately 90 members and our ages range from 55 to 87. We have approximately 30 to 60 attending the meetings once a month on the 3rd Sunday of each month. We hold no meetings in July of August

and in July we have a BBQ picnic for all our members with no cost but a covered dish to share. We also have a Christmas Party at no cost to the members of R.E.A.C.

In September we hold a clam steam for 175 that is always sold out. This is done by R.E.A.C. volunteers with 50/50 and other raffles done also at this time. We do 50/50 raffles during our R.E.A.C. meetings and with these two functions, we use our monies for Alzheimers Fund, Cancer Fund and other donations. We plan trips for R.E.A.C. and Aerie members. We had a bell jar for a short while, but the membership voted not to do this as the Auxiliary has a bell jar and we felt this would take monies away from them.

We are self sufficient and we do not ask the Aerie for any monies and they help us by giving us a break on purchases of beverages for our clam steam, also they give us the use of the facilities for our functions and meetings. As I said before, we are all Aerie and Auxiliary members, there to help our Aerie when asked, for without the Aerie, we would not be. The Aerie is the core of the Eagles and R.E.A.C. is a fun group to be in. I do wish other New York State Aeries would look into starting a club. Remember, R.E.A.C. is off the core of the Eagle Apple and you don't try to run your Aerie.

Respectfully submitted by Sandra Taylor.

Motion to accept the report from Charlie Straub, 2nd by Chuck Henderson, motion carried.

39-Programs and Activities

Grand Worthy Representatives, Past State Presidents, Officers and Members all,

The leadership in every Aerie should be deeply involved in this with planning and program activities such as fish fries, steak roasts, picnics, winter and summer Olympics to get the membership involved and helps keep the Aerie active. Also, make sure you keep the Auxiliary involved by showing that you work in harmony and the exchange of ideas creates membership participation and increases your chances of increasing your membership.

Some of the things our Aerie does is winter and summer Olympics which in the winter we have "bar" Olympics which consists of three ball pool, darts, shuffleboard and polish horseshoes. Each player is teamed with another and after the first round the top scorer is teamed with the low scorer. Another round is done and the top three teams are receive awards. In the summer we do horseshoes, bocci ball and hole in one golf with a picnic and on each occasion we have upwards of 100 Aerie and Auxiliary members participate.

This concludes my report and I make a motion to accept from Ed Gradwell, 2nd by Joe Piano, motion carried.

40-Ritual

Grand Aerie Vice-President Mike Lagervall, Grand Justice Jack Charvat, Grand Legislative Chairman Robert Yager, NYS President Don Yanchunis, Eastern Regional President Robert Butts, NYS Past Presidents, NYS Officers Past and Present, Special Guests and my Brothers all,

Last year, Don Yanchunis, asked me to continue as Chair of the Ritual Committee. Unfortunately, over the last few years, the requests for the NYS Ritual Team have been dropping off. The NYS Ritual Team is made up of Past NYS Presidents and present officers. Over the last year we have had only one request from Olean, New York. Just a reminder, there is no costs or expenses incurred by the home Aerie to request the NYS Ritual Team. As we travel from

events scheduled throughout the year, the NYS Ritual Team is available and would gladly perform these Ritual Ceremonies. We want 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. 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, were being part of a traveling Ritual Team, visiting a new Aerie, 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 put on a Ritual Ceremony for your Aerie. Please support this critical committee.

Worthy State President, I, Pat Gray, make a motion that this report be approved as read, 2nd by Charlie Straub, 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 everyone of us to give them our support. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted by Dan O'Neil, Chairman and PSP.

Motion from Mike Hoag to accept the report as read, 2nd by Pat Gray, motion carried.

42-State Reporter

My Brothers,

Last year, due to over budget expenses, the Finance and Budget Committee suggested that I should cut the Newsletter back to a by-monthly publication. It is your newsletter, so I want the membership to decide with a vote from the floor. To better cut expenses, those that have the internet, should download the Newsletter from the State Aerie website to further save on the escalating cost of postage. We need to establish some type of list of those that can attain from the internet and those that must be mailed to. The days of liberal spending are over of the State Aerie will be. I would rather find ways to eliminate wasteful spending instead of raising Per Capita to overcome the shortfalls. That may come eventually, but let's be able to honestly justify it. Thank you.

Submitted and motion to accept the report from Mike Hoag, 2nd by Bob Yager, motion carried.

43-Speakers for the State Aerie

Brother Delegates,

All Aeries are reminded that in order to have a State speaker at your Anniversary, you must send a request to the State Secretary either by mail or e-mail. In this request, please indicate that you would like to have the State President or whatever State Officer you would like and where the motel room reservation will be made for him. Please remember, also, that it is customary for the Aerie to pay for the motel room and it would be important to have some type of program for the event and share the information with the speaker.

Respectfully submitted and make a motion to accept from Mike Hoag, 2nd by Joe Piano, motion carried.

44-Trial

No trials to report.

45-State Aerie Website

Charlie Straub spoke on the improvements to the website and to encourage all members to utilize this great tool to the fullest and thanked our Webmaster, Eric Williams, for all his hard work and help in keeping it going.

Motion from Charlie Straub to accept the report, 2nd by Joe Piano, motion carried.

46-300 Club

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

Again, it gives me great pleasure to announce that we sold all tickets to the 300 Club. I want to thank everyone who sold them for me to make this a great success. A special thanks goes out to the Brothers and Sisters who bought them. You all know that this great fund raiser for the State Aerie and Auxiliary and I think it's very important ALL State Aerie and Auxiliary Officers be involved in selling them. I'm looking forward to the Fall Conference so that we can start all over again. Have a nice summer and hope to see you in Kentucky.

Motion from Bob Sharkey to accept the report, 2nd by Larry Robillard, motion carried.

47-Nominating

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

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

Jr. Past President

Don Yanchunis

State President

Pete Vaughn

State Vice-President	Lenny Briggs
State Chaplain	Larry Robillard
State Secretary	Mike Hoag
State Treasurer	Ray Haggerty
State Conductor	Dave Cook
State Inside Guard	Charlie Straub
State Outside Guard	Garrett Smith
State Trustee	Bob Yager
State Trustee	Ed Gradwell
State Trustee	Jon Badi
State Trustee	Chuck Henderson

Respectfully submitted by Harry Stewart, Chairman.

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

Motion from Jim Telban to have the Secretary cast one vote for all unopposed candidates, 2nd by Lou Osmon, motion carried. So cast by State Secretary Mike Hoag.

48-Good of the Order

Discussions held concerning Aerie and Auxiliary bonding, quality of members as opposed to quantity, Operation Eagle and Pat Gray spoke on the status of Roswell Park and his bid for Grand Aerie Office.

Jon Badi donated his membership award of \$25.00 back to the State Aerie toward fundraising and the Zone #1 Picnic will be on July 12, 2008 at Tonawanda #1411.

Lenny Briggs spoke on being the Grand Aerie Parliamentarian.

The hospitality rooms were Depew, Best Western, Room #334; Saratoga, Best Western, Room #202; Johnson City, Best Western, Room #216.

49-Adjournment

Motion from Joe Piano to adjourn until Saturday, 9:30 A.M., June 21, 2008, 2nd by Lenny Briggs, motion carried.

50-Welcome, Saturday, June 21, 2008

State President welcomed all to the final session of the Convention.

51-Roll Call of Officers

All Officers present except Trustee Jeff Poole was absent.

52-Oath of Allegiance and Admission of New Members

The Oath of Allegiance was read by Past State President Jim Telban and the Rules of the Convention were read by Lenny Briggs.

53-By-Laws/Final Reading and Vote

The proposed change to Section 1.2 of the State Aerie By-Laws was read and moved for adoption of this change by Jim Telban, 2nd by Joe Piano, motion defeated!!!

54-Credentials/Final Report

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Grand Aerie Representatives	3
Visitors	0
State Officers	12
Past State Presidents	9
Delegates	59
Alternate Delegates	2
Past Worthy Presidents	0
Total Votes	188
Total Credentials Issued	61

Respectfully submitted and I, Phil Iaccuzza, make a motion to accept the report, 2nd by Pete Vaughn, motion carried.

55-Special Order of Business

Motion from Mike Hoag to award the 2010 State Convention to Olean #616, 2nd by Ted Gorney, motion carried.

Motion from Jim Telban that if the information for the Fall Conference scheduled for Utica #97 does not come through to be posted in the Newsletter by July, it will be reassigned elsewhere per vote of the Executive Committee, 2nd by Dan Curcio, motion carried.

Motion from Bob Yager to leave it up to the State Secretary as Newsletter Editor, to establish what schedule is deemed necessary to publish the Newsletter at the most economical way, 2nd by Bob Sharkey, motion carried.

Outgoing State President Don Yanchunis presented his Certificate and Gold Card for Past State President by State Secretary Michael Hoag.

56-Grand Aerie Representative

All declined speeches until Saturday night's banquet.

57-Audit

My Brothers,

The Audit Committee has reviewed the State Aerie books and we have found them to be in order. The State Aerie Secretary and Treasurer have decided to continue with the line item chart of accounts which make it very easy for review. It is also noted that the State Secretary and Treasurer have made every effort to reduce costs to our State Aerie.

Submitted and I, Robert Butts, make a motion to accept this report, 2nd by Pete Vaughn, motion carried.

58-Finance and Budget

Income:

1.00	Per Capita Tax	\$12000.00
2.00	Grand Aerie Rebate	4900.00
3.00	Convention Credentials	1200.00
4.00	Convention Fee	500.00
5.00	Fund Raising	3200.00
6.00	Bank Interest	32.00
7.00	CD Interest	<u>270.00</u>
Total		\$22102.00

Expense:

11.00	Convention	\$ 5100.00
12.00	Fall Conference	1700.00
13.00	Spring Conference	1700.00
14.00	President Assignment	1700.00
15.00	Various Assignment	130.00
16.00	Conpor	500.00
17.00	Membership Meeting	100.00
18.00	Membership Awards	900.00
19.00	State Bulletin	1450.00
20.00	State Secretary Fee	1200.00
21.00	State Secretary Allowance	1500.00
22.00	Hospitality Room	800.00
23.00	Grand Aerie Supplies	235.00
25.00	State Treasurer Fee	400.00
26.00	State Treasurer Allowance	250.00
27.00	Insurance	1050.00
28.00	Taxes	150.00
29.00	Contingency	270.00
30.00	State Aerie Website	<u>320.00</u>
Total		\$19455.00

Income: \$22102.00

Expense: 19455.00

Surplus: \$ 2647.00

Earmarked Accounts/No Impact on Budget

Zone #1, Zone #2, 300 Club, Grand Aerie Ad, Men's Bowling, Mr. & Mrs. Bowling, Race Team and Hospitality Room.

Other Account/CD for \$5000.00

Submitted by and motion made to adopt from Pete Vaughn, Chairman, 2nd by Dave Cook, motion carried.

59-Grievances and Appeals

Grand Aerie Representatives, State President Don, State Officers and my Brothers,

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

Respectfully submitted and make a motion to adopt from Harold Fields, 2nd by Bob Sharkey, motion carried.

60-Resolutions

Motion from Mike Hoag to support all existing Grand Aerie Officers in Louisville, Kentucky, in August and to also support Pat Gray in his bid for Grand Aerie Office, 2nd by Ted Gorney, motion carried.

61-Hall of Fame

Letters were received and reviewed and the following nominees were up for consideration and were nominated.

Earl "Skip" Spaulding, Andy Nazak Jr. and Lenny Briggs from Johnson City #2644; Don Yanchunis, State President from Saratoga #2586; Allan Porter from Ithaca #1253 and this Committee wishes to thank Worthy President Don Yanchunis for allowing us to serve on this Committee.

Respectfully submitted and move to adopt this report from Chairman Dan O'Neil, 2nd by Joe Piano, motion carried.

62-In Memoriam

Grand Aerie Representatives, State Brothers and my Brother Delegates one and all,

This is my final report for the In Memoriam. Another year has past and as a group we take these few moments to remember our deceased Brothers. They were officers, brothers and volunteers who helped this great Order what it is today. "People Helping People", but it isn't just today we think of them. It might have been moments at the golf course getting advice or maybe even throwing a gutter ball. They will always be on our minds. At this time we will play the Eagle's song in memory of our departed Brothers. (The CD of "I am an Eagle" was played). This concludes the report of In Memoriam and I would like to thank our State President Don Yanchunis for allowing me to chair this memoriam.

Fraternally yours and move to adopt this report from Chairman Garrett Smith, 2nd by Joe Piano, motion carried.

63- Cancer Fund

My Brothers,

New York State's Grand Aerie Grants total \$27,340.87 and contributions from New York State total \$3,058.77. After the Parade of Checks, another \$1,280.00 was raised for a grand total of \$4,388.77.

Respectfully submitted and move to adopt this report from Tom Hodge, 2nd by Charlie Straub, motion carried.

64-Diabetes Fund

Worthy President Don, Grand Representatives, State Officers past and present, Delegates and my Brothers all,

Thank you Worthy President Don for giving me the honor of Chairing the Diabetes Fund. As you know, this charity is close to my heart as my grandson is a diabetic and hopefully, there will be a cure for this disease, which is the second highest killer right next to cancer real soon. The final report from the Grand Aerie is \$444,141.33 for the Diabetes Fund and Thank you all who supported this Charity. After the Parade of Checks, another \$1,050.00 was raised.

I submit this report and move to adopt from Chairman Joe Piano, 2nd by Larry Robillard, motion carried.

65-Don Rettinger Arthritis Fund

NYS President Don, Grand Aerie Representatives, NYS Officers past and present and my Brothers all,

Arthritis is a crippling disease that affects 46 million Americans. There are over 300,000 children nationally affected with Juvenile Arthritis. The numbers are astounding, in New York State alone, 3-7 million adults and more than 18,000 children suffer from this disease. Nearly 37% of New York adults with arthritis have limitations in their daily activities. Approximately 31% of women and 21% of men in New York have some form of arthritis. In our state alone, the total direct and indirect cost of arthritis care was 8.7 billion dollars.

New York's children affected by arthritis have issues that are shared by everyone with arthritis. However, for the youth, it is much more than just a physical problem. This disease's impact on school, social life, family relationships, dating, sports and almost every other aspect of an active, growing young person's life raises special concerns. Please support the Arthritis Charity, a dollar can make a huge difference, especially when we all give. Thank you, Worthy President, for the opportunity to work on this charity. After the Parade of Checks, another \$1,050.00 was raised.

Respectfully submitted and move to adopt this report from Pete Vaughn, 2nd by Joe Piano, motion carried.

66-Golden Eagle Fund

Worthy President, Grand Aerie Representatives, NY State Officers, Delegates and Brothers,

The Golden Eagle can work two ways, significant number of seniors growing today, Baby Boomers tomorrow. This is our opportunity, through the Golden Eagle Fund, to meet the coming challenges that face us today. I believe we can meet the challenge by supporting the idea that founded this great Eagle Charity. New York State Aeries and Auxiliaries donated \$2,355.00 to the Grand Aerie Charity throughout the past year. After the Parade of Checks, another \$950.00 was raised. Respectfully submitted by Charlie Straub.

Motion from Larry Robillard to accept the report as read, 2nd by Joe Piano, motion carried.

67-Alzheimer Fund

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

Today's report shows that 5.2 million Americans have Alzheimer disease and 360,000 new cases will be diagnosed where hundreds of thousands of people will die from this disease. There is also the fact that tens of millions more Americans are affected as caregivers and family. Alzheimer disease steals the individuals past and the constant problem of learning to live with memory loss and is a progressive and fatal condition that causes areas of the brain to shrink with resulting symptoms beginning with memory loss and advancing to loss of control over bodily functions.

Some Alzheimer patients can get quite mean even though they never were or had a bad word to say about anybody, sometimes change to be the opposite and we all have to remember the patient is not who he or she was. They forget their numbers and letters and need to be reminded where they are going with them probably telling you the same things over and over again. Some lose the power to speak and they get frustrated to the fact they cannot tell how they feel or express anything to you. Most people today forget the fact that the caregivers and family suffer emotionally with seeing the slow deterioration of their loved one become a different individual. New York State Aerie and Auxiliaries donated \$1,297.50 to the Grand Aerie Charity last year. In closing, I would like everyone to know that there is an Alzheimer's Association helpline at 1-800-272-3900. After the Parade of Checks, another \$500.00 was raised.

Respectfully submitted and move to adopt this report from Larry Robillard, 2nd by Pete Vaughn, motion carried.

68-Jimmy Durante Fund

Grand Aerie Representatives, NYS President Don Yanchunis, State Officers past and present and Brothers all,

Money raised through the Jimmy Durante Children's Fund and Child Abuse Fund are one of the Eagle's greatest achievements. The fund was named in honor of Jimmy Durante, one of Eagle's most beloved human beings and an active member life-member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Jimmy entertained without charge at fourteen consecutive Grand Aerie International Conventions and at many other Eagle gatherings until his death in 1980. Because of Jimmy's gentle and kind manner, the children's fund was named after him in 1966.

All money raised for the Jimmy Durante Children's Fund or Child Abuse Fund is returned to that state or province in the form of grants to children-helping organizations of the state's choosing. The selection of the recipients is up to the State Aerie President, with the approval of the State Executive Board utilizing the money available in the state's account. From June 1, 2007 to May 31, 2008, the total for the Jimmy Durante Children's Fund was \$580,664.28 nation wide and the Child Abuse total was \$128,155.31 nation wide. New York State donations to the Jimmy Durante Children's Fund were \$3,668.28 and the Child Abuse Fund were \$1,115.00. New York grants from the Children's Fund were \$2,625.62 and the Child Abuse was \$593.62. Nationally, grants were roughly around \$3 million dollars and the source of this information was from Marlys Freimark, Charity Coordinator of the Grand Aerie, 1623 Gateway Circle South, Grove city, Ohio, 43123, 614-883-2209, mfriemark@foe.com. After the Parade of Checks, another \$3,688.00 was raised.

Respectfully submitted and move to adopt this report from Lenny Briggs, 2nd by Pat Gray, motion carried.

69-Child Abuse Fund

Motion from Lenny Briggs that due to the continuous combining of the two Durante Funds during the Convention, that they be made as one on the Agenda for future Conventions, 2nd by Pat Gray, motion carried.

After the Parade of Checks, another \$180.00 was raised.

Motion from Lenny Briggs to adopt the report, 2nd by Pete Vaughn, motion carried.

70-Kidney Fund

This year the Aeries donated \$1,500.00, the Auxiliaries were \$1,085 and the State Aerie was \$155.85 for a total of \$2,740.85. This averages out to 11 cents per capita. After the Parade of Checks, another \$900.00 was raised. This completes the report.

Respectfully submitted and move to adopt from Ed Gradwell, 2nd by Ray Haggerty, motion carried.

71-Lew Reed Spinal Cord Injury Fund

My Brothers,

During my term as State President, New York and with the help of the Grand Aerie, raised over \$100,000.00 for St. Peter's Hospital Spine Center and still continues today. We need to continue the charitable endeavors to raise the much needed funds to help the handicapped. Thank you. After the Parade of Checks, another \$1,150.00 was raised.

Respectfully submitted and move to adopt this report from Mike Hoag, 2nd by Bob Yager, motion carried.

72-Max Baer Heart Fund

Worthy President, State Officers, Grand Aerie Representatives and my Brothers,

Heart problems are one of the leading killers of men and women in this part of the western world and this can only be stopped by research. We of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, support the Heart Fund through our Grand Aerie and through your generous contributions, we will work to help this research to overcome this killer with New York State already contributing \$4,945.50 in 2008. After the Parade of Checks, another \$2,107.00 was raised for a total of \$7,052.50.

Respectfully submitted and move to adopt this report from Dan Curcio, 2nd by Larry Wolf Sr., motion carried.

73-Muscular Dystrophy

My Brothers,

New York State contributions to the Muscular Dystrophy Fund were \$250.00 with national contributions totaling \$27,917.59. After the Parade of Checks, another \$200.00 was raised.

Respectfully submitted by Ed Lanning, Chairman.

Motion to accept this report from Joe Piano, 2nd by Jim Telban, motion carried.

74-Memorial Fund

Grand Aerie Officers, State Officers and Brothers all,

The motto "People Helping People" really applies to the Memorial Fund. This fund was started in 1944, to help the families of servicemen and women, who gave their lives in the line of duty to their country. Over the years, it has been extended to cover all Eagle members in good standing, who have lost their lives in job related accidents or diseases. For the surviving children, including legally adopted, this covers education, eye, dental and medical care. After the Parade of Checks, another \$600.00 was raised.

Respectfully submitted and move to adopt this report from Garrett Smith, 2nd by Joe Piano, motion carried.

75-State Aerie Charity

Grand Aerie Representatives, State Officers, Delegates and Brothers,

The Joint State Aerie and Auxiliary Charity, "Life Is Now", was able to raise \$23,000.00 and a van could be donated from a contact of Dave Cook. After the Parade of Checks, another \$200.00 was raised.

Respectfully submitted by State President Don Yanchunis.

Motion to accept the report from Mike Hoag, 2nd by Charlie Straub, motion carried.

76-Elections

There were no elections held as all candidates were unopposed.

77-Good of the Order

Ray Haggerty reported that Dave Cook had been inducted into the Nightcappers.

Worthy President Don, Grand Representatives, State Officers past and present, my Brothers all,

This is my final report of the Past Presidents Club and a lovely luncheon was held at the Best Western. After the luncheon, it was down to business, voting on a new member. After much discussion, we had two votes with 100% nay each time. Since we thought that it was just some mistake, we asked Grand Rep Jack Charvat and he said we should give the Brother a chance. So we took a final vote and Brother Don Yanchunis is now a member.

Respectfully submitted and move to adopt this report from Joe Piano, 2nd by Pete Vaughn, motion carried.

78-Adjournment

Motion to adjourn for the Joint Installation of Officers at 1:00 P.M. from Mike Hoag, 2nd by Bob Yager, motion carried.

Installation of Officers

The New York State Officers for the ensuing year were once again Ritually Installed under the auspices of Past State President James Telban, Conductor of Ceremonies.

