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**STATE OFFICERS 1975 - 1976**

Junior Past State President ..... William Carrick  
Empire 544

State President ..... Larry Roy  
Montreal 2130

State Vice President ..... Owen McNally  
Fort Hamilton 2621

State Chaplain ..... Donald Gregory  
Utica 97

State Secretary ..... Alfred W. Lane  
Bronx 491

State Treasurer ..... Kenneth Decker  
Ithaca 1253

State Conductor ..... Arthur Cichon  
Depew-Lancaster 2692

State Inside Guard ..... Ralph Pauly  
Olean 616

State Outside Guard ..... Robert Woodruff  
Rochester 52

**STATE TRUSTEES**

Chr: William Carrick ..... Empire 544  
Charles Straub ..... Hoosick Falls 2467  
Wayne Monroe ..... Elmira 941  
Laverne Graham ..... Lockport 825  
Arthur Gonyea ..... Glens Falls 2486

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A large majority of the State Convention delegates and visitors arrived in Rochester, N.Y., early Wednesday afternoon June 25, 1975 for the New York State Aerie's sixty ninth annual convention and the State Auxiliary's twenty seventh annual session. A get-acquainted party was held on Wednesday evening in the home of Rochester Aerie, where dancing and entertainment made a pleasant evening for all who attended.

All business sessions were held in the home of Rochester Aerie. The site of the State Convention Banquet, on Saturday evening June 28th, was the Mapledale Party House in Rochester, N.Y.

Registration of delegates started at 10 A.M. on Thursday June 26, 1975, in the home of Rochester Aerie.

#### OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE CONVENTION

The convention was officially opened at 2 P.M. on Thursday June 26, 1975, in the home of Rochester Aerie before an overflow crowd of convention delegates and visitors. Convention Chairman Charles Gleichauf, extended a welcome to all present and officially dedicated the convention in memory of his co-chairman Past Worthy President Richard Wenzel, who recently passed away. Opening services were conducted by Rochester's Diamond Sparkle Cadets, which included a salute to the colors of both the United States and Canada, plus the singing of both National Anthems. The invocation was given by the Reverend George Wood, pastor of the Mother of Sorrows Church in Rochester, N.Y. Robert Sharkey, Worthy President of Rochester Aerie, and Dorothy Miller, Madam President of the Rochester Auxiliary, extended greetings and best wishes for a fruitful convention for the local aerie and auxiliary. Jack Hart, Supervisor of the Town of Gates, spoke briefly extending his personal regards, welcomed all of the visitors and expressed the wish for a most successful convention. Thomas Roach, Police Chief of the Town of Gates, spoke briefly about Rochester Aerie and also extended his best wishes and kindest personal regards. A few words of welcome were given by State President and Madam State President Bill and Betty Carrick. Past Grand Madam Presidents Yvonne Magnan, of Montreal and Mary Dunn, of Toronto were introduced. Eastern Regional President William Menges, Grand Aerie Auditor Michael T. Gaffney, and Past Grand Madam President Lucille Lewis, spoke briefly extending their personal greetings. The Keynote address delivered by Grand Treasurer Al Williams, was both interesting and informative. A recess was called at 3:10 P.M. to allow the visitors to leave the room and to make the necessary arrangements for the first business session.

#### FIRST SESSION

The first session was called to order at 3:30 P.M. by State President William Carrick.

The obligation and admission of new members into the State Aerie was performed by Past State President Kenneth Decker, of Ithaca Aerie No. 1253.

Following the opening ceremony the Roll of State Officers was called. All of the State Officers were in attendance.

At this time State President Carrick presented the Grand Aerie Representatives to the delegates assembled. They were as follows: Grand Treasurer Al William, Eastern Regional President William Menges, and Grand Aerie Auditor Michael T. Gaffney.

The following committee appointments were announced by State President Carrick:

**STATE COMMITTEES**

1974-1975

**BY-LAW**

Kenneth Decker, Chr. 1253  
 Harry Woodruff, 52  
 William Deegan, 941

**LEGISLATIVE**

Thomas Burns, Chr. 52  
 Herman Cassidy, 941  
 Gordon Brenenstuh, 2467

**YOUTH GUIDANCE**

Larry Roy, Chr. 2130  
 John Kenney, 1411  
 John Bergum, Sr., 2692

**CANCER RESEARCH**

Ralph Pauly, Chr. 616  
 Patrick Lance, 2486  
 Alonzo LaValley, 941

**MAX BAER HEART FUND**

Arthur Cichon, Chr. 2692  
 Arthur Gonyea, Co-Chr. 2486  
 Harold Fields, 52

**SOCIAL SECURITY**

Chester Halliday, Chr. 46  
 Frank Crowley, 941  
 John Share, 2299

**STATE ATHLETIC**

Wayne Monroe, Chr. 941  
 Earle Willis, 2311  
 Laurence Campbell, 2119

**STATE SPEAKERS**

Alfred Lane, Chr. 491  
 Kenneth Decker, 1253  
 John C. Cole, 544

**MEMBER SECURITY [NET GAIN]**

Donald Gregory, Chr. 97  
 Mason Brunskill, 2640  
 Joseph Strassner, 52

**BOY SCOUTS**

Robert Woodruff, Chr. 52  
 Peter Heim, 2119  
 Robert Hall, 97

**JIMMY DURANTE FUND**

Raymond Womble, Chr. 1253  
 James Stewart, Co-Chr. 1411  
 Richard Dow, 544

**STATE BOWLING**

Al Hubbard, Chr. 2119  
 William Joslyn, Sr. 941  
 Laverne Graham, 825

**HOME AND FAMILY**

Richard Baire, Chr. 616  
 Maurice Helmer, Jr., 782  
 Robert Malan, 2486

**NOMINATING**

Louis Dion, Chr. 2130  
 Laverne Weber, 825  
 A. Raymond Lance, 2486  
 Gazo Samok, 2692  
 Raymond Womble, 1253

**PAST STATE PRESIDENTS**

Robert Schick, Chr. 52  
 Thomas Philpott, 2311  
 Raymond Womble, 1253

**CREDENTIALS**

Ronald Stickney, Chr. 825  
 Raymond Haggerty, 1411  
 Roderick Elston, 1253  
 Calvin Morton, 2269  
 Jack Harter, 2299

**PUBLICITY**

Harold Fields, Chr. 52  
 Richard Helwig, 1575  
 James Updyke, Sr., 2191

**RESOLUTIONS**

Roswald Viele, Chr. 941  
 Thomas Philpott, 2311  
 Harry Kincaid, 616  
 Glenn Amesbury, 1042  
 Rene Lessard, 2130

**RITUALISTIC**

Henry Becker, Chr. 3128  
 Al Hubbard, 2119  
 Robert Woodruff, 52  
 Cecil Moshier, 88  
 Salvatore Ventura, 2692  
 Albert O'Brien, 544  
 Roger Dillon, 97

**IN MEMORIAM**

Vincent Scharf, Chr. 46  
 Richard Keech, 782  
 Albert LeBlance, 1042

**ELECTION**

Carl Roehner, 2692  
 Raymond Roggenkamp, 2621  
 George Blakeslee, Jr., 1575

**G.A. HOSPITALITY ROOM**

Owen McNally, Chr. 2621  
 A. Raymond Lance, 2486  
 Arthur Cichon, 2692

**R.E.A.C.**

Raymond Womble, Chr. 1253  
 Alan Barody, 2486  
 John Share, 2299

**BETTER HOME TOWNS**

Glenn Amesbury, Chr. 1042  
 D. James Shay, 941  
 Harold Long, Jr. 616

**FINANCE AND BUDGET**

Laverne Weber, Chr. 825  
 Owen McNally, 2621  
 Donald Gregory, 97

**AUDITING**

Carl Richardson, Chr. 616  
 Robert Waite, 941  
 Warren Bean, 2191

**GOLDEN EAGLE FUND**

Alvie Coons, Sr., Chr. 544  
 Walter Lull, 46  
 Purley Taylor, 2119

**JUDICIARY**

Robert Schick, Chr. 52  
 Herbert Glen, 2644  
 E. LeRoy Miller, 1253

**BANQUET**

Arthur Gonyea, Chr. 2486  
 Harry Meyers, 544  
 Robert Sharkey, 52

**STATE FUND RAISING**

Kenneth Decker, Chr. 1253  
 Leo Rought, 2269  
 David Hoyt, 2640

**CIVIC AFFAIRS**

Salvatore Ventura, Chr. 2692  
 Lawrence Maye, 2644  
 Frantz Peterson, 3128

**STATE OF THE ORDER**

Louis Dion, Chr. 2130  
 A. Raymond Lance, 2486  
 Robert Schick, 52  
 Edward Kamas, 941  
 Gazo Samok, 2692

**GRIEVANCE AND APPEALS**

Jack Harter, Chr. 2299  
 Duane Dennison, 2640  
 Adrian Domingues, 1042

**NEW AERIES**

Charles Straub, Chr. 2467  
 Paul Sampson, 2486  
 Rene Lessard, 2130

**PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES**

Donald Gregory, Chr. 97  
 Arthur Cichon, 2692  
 Robert Woodruff, 52

**BLOOD DONORS**

D. James Shay, Chr. 941  
 W. Lyle Wightman, 1043  
 Walter Manry, 2640

**UNDER 35 CLUB**

Ralph Pauly, Chr. 616  
 Stanley Singer, 3504  
 William Mullare, 3128

## REPORT OF THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Read by Robert Schick, Chr., Rochester Aerie No. 52.

### 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 that they are in good standing in their aerie.

No person shall be admitted to the main floor unless he is a delegate, Past Worthy President or Ten Year Secretary. He must display his credentials and deposit the daily attendance slip with the proper aerie officer. A visiting member in good standing, not a delegate, may attend the convention sessions in a section set aside by the committee, as a spectator only.

A delegate desiring to be heard on any manner which is properly before Aerie, shall rise, give the salutation sign, address the Worthy President, state his name and number of his aerie. When recognized by the President he may proceed.

A question indefinitely postponed shall not again be considered, except by the action of two thirds of the delegates voting again to take up the matter.

Voting shall be by the voting sign of the Order, except upon roll call, then it shall be aye and nay vote. Any thirty person may demand a roll call on any question, 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 ante room adjoining the meeting hall on Saturday June 28th, 1975 from 9 A.M. to 11 A.M. Only official ballots to be received. The count shall begin promptly at the close of the polls and continue to the completion thereof.

Any part of issue not covered by the rules of the convention or the rules of order shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order Revised.

### FOLLOWING IS THE ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE CONVENTION.

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS - THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 1975

1. OPENING EXERCISES OF THE CONVENTION.
2. ROLL CALL OF THE STATE OFFICERS.
3. ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS AND OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.
4. STATE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.
5. REPORT OF THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.
6. APPROVAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE PREVIOUS CONVENTION.
7. READING OF COMMUNICATIONS.
8. FIRST REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE.
9. REPORT OF THE STATE PRESIDENT.
10. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS.
11. REPORT OF THE STATE SECRETARY.
12. FIRST REPORT OF THE BY-LAW COMMITTEE.
13. REPORT OF THE STATE TREASURER.
14. REPORT OF THE PUBLICITY COMMITTEE.

15. GOOD OF THE ORDER.
16. RECESS.

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS - FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 1975

1. OPENING EXERCISES.
2. REPORT OF THE G.A. HOSPITALITY ROOM COMMITTEE.
3. REPORT OF THE STATE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.
4. REPORT OF THE STATE LEGAL ADVISOR.
5. REPORT OF THE STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR.
6. FIRST REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE.
7. REPORT OF THE STATE BOWLING COMMITTEE.
8. REPORT OF THE UNDER 35 CLUB.
9. REPORT OF THE IN MEMORIAM COMMITTEE.
10. REPORT OF THE STATE ATHLETIC COMMITTEE.
11. REPORT OF BETTER HOME TOWNS COMMITTEE.
12. SECOND REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE.
13. REPORT OF BOY SCOUT COMMITTEE.
14. REPORT OF THE NEW AERIE COMMITTEE.
15. REPORT OF THE CIVIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.
16. REPORT OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY COMMITTEE.
17. REPORT OF BLOOD DONOR COMMITTEE.
18. NOMINATION OF OFFICERS
19. RECESS.

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS - SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 1975

1. OPENING EXERCISES.
2. REPORT OF THE YOUTH GUIDANCE COMMITTEE.
3. REPORT OF THE CANCER RESEARCH COMMITTEE.
4. FINAL REPORT OF THE BY-LAW COMMITTEE.
5. REPORT OF STATE FUND RAISING COMMITTEE.
6. REPORT OF THE R.E.A.C. COMMITTEE.
7. REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.
8. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.
9. REPORT OF THE JIMMY DURANTE FUND COMMITTEE.
10. SECOND REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE.
11. REPORT OF THE STATE BANQUET COMMITTEE.
12. REPORT OF THE NET GAIN COMMITTEE.
13. REPORT OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE COMMITTEE.
14. REPORT OF HOME AND FAMILY COMMITTEE.
15. REPORT OF PROGRAM ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE.
16. REPORT OF THE MAX BAER HEART FUND COMMITTEE.
17. FINAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE.
18. REPORT OF THE PAST STATE PRESIDENTS COMMITTEE.
19. REPORT OF THE STATE OF THE ORDER COMMITTEE.
20. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS.
21. REPORT OF SPEAKERS COMMITTEE.
22. REPORT OF THE ELECTION COMMITTEE.
23. REPORT OF THE GRIEVANCE AND APPEALS COMMITTEE.
24. REPORT OF THE RITUALISTIC COMMITTEE.
25. INSTALLATION OF STATE AERIE OFFICERS.
26. ADJOURNMENT.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Schick, Chr. 52  
Herbert Glen, 2644  
E. LeRoy Miller, 1253

At the conclusion of the reading of the report Brother Schick explained that copies of the Order of Business had been distributed to all delegates making it unnecessary to read the same. He then moved that the report be accepted as read and the Order of Business be included in the proceedings. This was seconded by Al Hubbard, Binghamton Aerie No. 2119 and carried.

The next order of business was the reading of the proceedings of the 1974 State Convention held in Olean, N.Y. State Secretary Lane started to read the proceedings for the approval of the delegates. A motion was made by Thomas Philpott, Maple Leaf Aerie No. 2311 that in view of the fact a copy had been forwarded to all aeries in the State jurisdiction, and one had been given to all delegates at the convention, further reading be dispensed with and the proceedings be approved as written. This was seconded by Laverne Weber, Lockport Aerie No. 825 and carried unanimously.

### READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

State Secretary Lane presented the following communications for disposition by the delegates:

From Maurice Splain informing the State Aerie that the following brothers would represent the Grand Aerie at the New York State Convention: Grand Trustee Anthony Angelo, Past Grand Worthy President James Bailey, Grand Aerie Auditor Michael T. Gaffney, Grand Treasurer Al Williams and Eastern Regional President William Menges.

From Phil Bigley, Chairman of Program and Activities, a reservation form for attendance at the Grand Aerie Prayer Breakfast in Dallas, this coming August. This is one of the Feature Programs of the Grand Aerie Convention.

From the Family of Past State President Edgar Ireland, thanking all for their kind expression of sympathy at the time of Eddie's death.

From Frank Stokes, secretary of Maple Leaf Aerie, in relation to the Mr. and Mrs. Eagle State Bowling Tournament which will get underway on the weekend of October 4th & 5th.

From the Grand Worthy President's office with relation to the cash prizes to be distributed at the Grand Aerie Convention for ritualistic competition, as per Official Circular N. 98.

From Phil Bigley, Chairman of Program and Activities, in connection with the ad reprint from the Eagle Magazine, which was in reference to the Spirit of '76 decanter, which can be picked up at the Grand Aerie Convention.

From the Office of Grand Secretary Paul Eichman, three separate letter informing the State Aerie of the following: Institution of Aerie No. 3610 in Rotterdam, N.Y. Revoking of the charter of Aerie No. 3440 in East Rochester, N.Y. Revoking of the charter of Aerie No. 2333 in Owego, N.Y.

From Terry Fitzpatrick, National Director of Slow Pitch Softball Tournament, informing the State Aerie that there will be a National Slow Pitch Softball Tournament, to be held in Waukesha, Wisconsin, on the Labor Day Weekend, August 30th thru September 1st.

Letters containing thanks for continued co-operation and best wishes for a successful convention were received from Lewis Reed, Grand Worthy President, Paul E. Eichman, Grand Secretary and Maurice Splain Jr. Grand Aerie Membership Director.

Brother Lane stated that no action was needed on any of the communications and if there was no objection all of the communications would be placed on file. There were no objections and State President Carrick so ordered.

### FIRST REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Read by Ronald Stickney, Chr. Lockport Aerie No. 825.

Grand Aerie Representatives .....	3
State Officers .....	13
Past State Presidents .....	9
Delegates .....	77
Alternates .....	7
Past Worthy Presidents .....	79
Total Credentials Issued .....	116

It was moved by Brother Stickney that this partial report be accepted as read. This was seconded by Raymond Lance, Glens Falls Aerie No. 2486 and approved.

### STATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Read by William Carrick, State President, Middletown Aerie No. 544

My Fellow Delegates and Brothers:

Once again, that time of year has come, when one has to step down to make room for his successor; but without regret. The past year has been one that I shall cherish all the days of my life. Simply because I was given the opportunity to meet many old friends and make many more new ones. The Lord was good to me in many ways. He gave me good weather, gasoline during the shortage, and above all kept me in good health.

My thanks to Al Lane for all he has done for me during the past year. His advice and counsel were greatly appreciated. I might add that in a great many instances, he did put me in my place. To "Ye Olde Pickle" Ken Decker, thanks very much for the many words of wisdom you were able to give to me. Thanks too, for the fine times we had together. To the Zone and District Directors, my sincere gratitude for helping New York State to once again surpass the 3,000 mark in new members.

To Charlie Straub, my sincere thanks for your work that resulted in the institution of a new aerie in Rotterdam, N.Y. To all of the aeries, their officers and members, who worked so diligently trying to raise money for our Grand Aerie Humanitarian Projects, thanks so much. I can assure you that New York State, once again, is right up there amongst the leaders in the jurisdiction. I might add, that simply because of your generosity, New York State has been entitled to receive grants and make them available to many worthwhile organizations.

I managed to visit 31 aeries and I wish that I had the time to visit all of the others. Thanks to my wife Betty, because she drove and made sure I arrived safely, and on time. It was a blessing to have her at my side.

To Larry Roy, my successor and good friend, I wish you the very best during the coming year. I hope that your travels will be as blessed as mine were. You can rest assured that I will support you in any way that I can. I earnestly hope that the goals you set will be reached and surpassed.

Respectfully submitted,

William Carrick  
N.Y. State President

A motion was made by Richard Dow, Middletown Aerie No. 544 and seconded by David Shay Elmira Aerie No. 941, that the report be adopted as read. This was approved.

### STATE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Read by State Secretary Alfred Lane, Bronx Aerie No. 491

Brother Delegates:

At the close of another fiscal year all concerned are delighted with the results of the past twelve months. Despite the financial crisis that has engulfed the entire nation plus the high percentage of unemployment in all sections of the Empire State, the New York State jurisdiction, as a whole, enjoyed another progressive era during 1974-1975. As in the past this report is just a synopsis of our achievements that will all be elaborated on as the convention progresses, by the Chairmen of the various State Committees.

We take a great deal of pride in the fact that for the third successive year we have topped the 3,000 new member mark for the twelve month period. This year our total was 3,071. We also added a new unit to the family when Rotterdam No. 3610 joined the New York ranks. Special tribute should be paid to State Trustee Charles Straub and the aeries of Zone 3 whose efforts made this possible. Along with the good news we have a little sad news too; during the past few months the charters of Owego Aerie No. 2333 and Mo-On-Wa Aerie No. 3440 (East Rochester) were revoked leaving us with a total of 49 local aeries in the State jurisdiction. There is much activity in the new aerie field and it is almost a certainty that the New Yorkers will be welcoming at least one and perhaps more new units during the coming year.

Official per capita tax figure received from the Grand Aerie, as of December 1974 is 14,671 members on the roll. The official figures of the previous year was 13,884 which would indicate that we had a net gain of 787 members for that period.

Financially we are in good shape. We started the year with a balance of \$6,009.72. We had receipts of \$17,907.59 for a first total of \$23,917.31 and expenditures of \$18,769.62 leaving us a balance of \$5,120 at the close of the year. The State Secretary's detailed financial report is on the Secretary's desk for inspection, and will be included in the Convention proceedings. It is true that the cost of operation has increased with the times but we are fortunate in not having to curtail any of our services to date. As in the past this was all made possible because of the volunteer service given by so many of the dedicated State Leaders without any remuneration whatsoever.

A large delegation of Eagle brothers and sisters traveled to the 76th Grand Aerie Convention in August, which was held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. It was proclaimed one of the greatest if not the greatest Eagle conclave ever held. Many of the delegates took a personal part in the conducting of the business sessions of the convention. New York again had a large delegation in the Grand Aerie parade on Saturday. All who attended had a most enjoyable time.

The State Fall Conference in Elmira, N.Y. and the Spring Conference in Middletown were both business and social successes. Highlights included chartering a plane for the trip to the Grand Aerie Convention in Dallas, Texas, the selection of Elmira Aerie as host for the 1976 State Convention, the awarding of the Mr. and Mrs. State Bowling Tournament to Toronto Aerie, the continuation of the present State Mem-

bership Campaign and the selection of St. Jerome's Aerie as the site for the State Fall Conference.

For the athletic brothers there was a State-wide Golf Tournament held in Toronto, Canada, last August. The attendance was small and rain marred the occasion, however all who did attend had an enjoyable time. During October and November the State Mr. and Mrs. Bowling Tournament was held in Endicott, N.Y. The response was good. Forty teams competed. This venture was considered a bowling and social success. The Annual New York State Bowling Tournament held in Binghamton, N.Y. during March, April and May was one of the best ever held with the greatest number of entries recorded.

Once again we must applaud the State Humanitarian Committees plus the local aeries and auxiliaries whose continued efforts in this field make each succeeding year a record breaking one as far as donations to these worthy causes are concerned. Up until the present time New York State is up with the National leaders in contributions received to date and we still have our parade of checks, which will take place later in the convention. During the past year a \$5,000 Grant was received from the Eagle Cancer Fund, for the Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, N.Y. The following deserving institutions were recipients of a \$1,000 grant from the Jimmy Durante Children's Fund during 1974 - 1975: J.N. Adams School for Retarded Children, Perrysburg, N.Y.; Lexington Training School, Gloversville, N.Y.; Convalescent Hospital for Children, Rochester, N.Y.; Upstate Home for Retarded Children, Milford Center, N.Y.; Elmira Burn Center, Elmira, N.Y.; Oneida County Mental Retardation Center, Utica, N.Y.; Community Vocational Rehabilitation Center, Niagara Falls, N.Y.; Maple Ridge Center for Retarded Children, Rotterdam, N.Y.; and the Allegany County Rehabilitation Center, Olean, N.Y.

As stated earlier in the report, this is just a short synopsis of our accomplishments during the past year. When it comes to handing out the bouquets the biggest ones seem to go to the State Leaders for the efforts expended in planning and publicizing the various State Campaigns - but without the follow through of the local aerie leaders and the membership in general all of our best laid plans would go for naught. Let me repeat what I have said so many times in the past--"It was all made possible because of our ability to work together."

My job as your State Secretary was made much easier because of the fine support and wonderful co-operation received from the local aeries and State Leaders. I wish to extend my sincere thanks to each and everyone of you for the assistance received. Special expressions of gratitude must go to State President "Bill" Carrick, my old sidekick Ken Decker and the State Officers for the various assists given throughout the year that makes it a pleasure to serve as your State Secretary.

From where I sit the year ahead looks like another successful one for our New York family. Plans are already in operation to make it so. Your continued support and co-operation will make 1975 - 1976 another banner one for the New York State Jurisdiction.

In closing I hope that this convention will be a happy and progressive one for all. Be careful and have a safe trip home, we want you back again next year.

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred W. Lane  
State Secretary

**STATE SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL REPORT**

**MAY 31, 1974 to JUNE 1, 1975**

RECEIPTS:	NOV.	MAY	TOTAL
State Per Capita Tax from the aeries	\$4,026.85	\$3,827.90	\$7,854.75
State Membership Fund	3,168.00	3,050.00	6,218.00
State Convention Advance		800.00	800.00
State Fund Raising	635.00	445.00	1,080.00
State Convention Credential Committee	1,460.00		1,460.00
State Auxiliary Ad in G.A. Journal		55.00	55.00
G.A. Hospitality Room	255.00	112.00	367.00
State Auxiliary Convention Expense (1975)		65.00	65.00
Canadian Credit	7.84		7.84
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$9,552.69</b>	<b>\$8,354.90</b>	<b>\$17,907.59</b>

**EXPENDITURES:**

State Secretary's Salary	\$ 470.75	\$ 470.75	\$ 941.50
State Treasurer's Allowance	50.00	50.00	100.00
State President's Visits (Lance)	170.40		170.40
State President's Visits (Carrick)	621.44	836.00	1,457.44
Various Assignments	605.66	896.68	1,502.34
State Postage	198.10	186.25	384.35
Mimeographing State Bulletin	125.64	188.46	314.10
State Printing and Mimeographing	252.49	100.02	352.51
Membership Meetings	594.96	1,099.37	1,694.33
State Telephone	395.53	322.40	717.93
Social Security Tax	58.50	58.50	117.00
State Officers Convention Assignments	2,143.32		2,143.32
State Convention Misc. Expenses	1,747.79		1,747.79
Delegate to Grand Aerie Convention	250.00		250.00
Secretary's Office Supplies	48.32		48.32
State Officers Bond	26.25		26.25
Ad in Grand Aerie Convention Journal	150.00		150.00
State Fall Conference (Elmira)	1,205.00		1,205.00
State Membership Awards	719.03	417.12	1,136.15
State Treasurers Office Expense	30.40	35.00	65.40
State Legal Advisors Expense	25.00		25.00
G.A. Hospitality Room (Milwaukee)	433.49		433.49
Canadian Debit	6.33		6.33
Floral Sprays	30.50	30.23	60.73
Voided Check	100.00		100.00
Printing 1974 State Convention Proceedings		1,027.20	1,027.20
State Auxiliary Convention Advance		400.00	400.00
State Spring Conference (Middletown)		1,139.08	1,139.08
Eastern Regional Conference (Pittsburgh)		960.53	960.53
State Convention Misc. Expense (1975)		120.13	120.13
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$10,458.90</b>	<b>\$8,337.72</b>	<b>\$18,796.62</b>

**RECAPITULATION**

Balance as of June 1, 1974	\$ 6,009.72
Total Receipts	17,907.59
	<b>\$23,917.31</b>
Total Expenditures	18,796.62
Balance as of June 1, 1975	<b>\$ 5,120.69</b>

A motion was made by James Harris, Olean Aerie No. 616, that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Louis Dion, Montreal Aerie No. 2130 and carried.

**THE FIRST REPORT OF THE BY-LAW COMMITTEE**

Read by Kenneth Decker, Chr. Ithaca Aerie No. 1253

Brother Delegates:

Up until the present time no amendment to the State By-Laws has been received. The committee will be meeting again on Friday and Saturday morning. They will act on any by-law changes that may be received and make a final report at the Saturday session.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Decker, Chr.

A motion was made by Brother Decker, that this first report be accepted as read. This was seconded by Mason Brunskill, Hornell Aerie No. 2640 and approved.

**STATE TREASURER'S REPORT**

Read by Kenneth Decker, State Treasurer, Ithaca Aerie No. 1253

To the officers and members of the New York State Aerie and delegates assembled at our sixty ninth Annual State Convention in Rochester, N.Y. I submit the following financial statement as to the true balance of the New York State Aerie account as of June 1, 1975:

Balance June 1, 1974	\$ 6,009.72
Receipts	17,899.75
Canadian Credit	7.84
	<b>\$23,917.31</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>	
Checks #2016 through 2264	\$18,790.29
Canadian Debit	6.33
	<b>\$18,796.62</b>
Balance June 1, 1975	<b>\$ 5,120.69</b>

The above verified by the Auditors of the Tompkins County Trust Company, Ithaca, N.Y.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth B. Decker  
State Treasurer

It was moved by Owen McNally, Fort Hamilton Aerie No. 2621 and seconded by Alfred Lane, Bronx Aerie No. 491, that the report be adopted as read. This was approved.

**REPORT OF THE PUBLICITY COMMITTEE**

Read by Harold Fields, Chr. Rochester Aerie No. 52



**Brother Delegates:**

Thomas Ryan, Mayor of the City of Rochester, N.Y. has proclaimed the week of June 22nd through the 28th as Fraternal Order of Eagles Week in recognition of the 75th Anniversary of Rochester Aerie and the 69th Annual Convention of the New York State Aerie.

Jack Hart, Supervisor of the Town of Gates, has also proclaimed the same week as Fraternal Order of Eagles Week in the Town of Gates, where Rochester Aerie is located.

A number of articles have appeared in the Rochester Times with reference to the convention and the donations that were being made.

The Gates-Chili Weekly News has been quite co-operative, with an informative article appearing in this week's issue. They will follow our activities and have a more complete story in next week's edition.

The Rochester television stations were approached and plans have been formulated to have Channel 10 televise some of the Convention personalities.

In this locality very little coverage by the local media has been given to Fraternal Societies in the past. It has been their practice not to publicize the programs of Fraternal Orders. We have been fortunate, to date, in getting good convention publicity.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold Fields, Chr. 52  
Richard Helwig, 1575  
James Updike Sr., 2191

A motion was made by Brother Fields that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Earle Willis, Maple Leaf Aerie No. 2311 and approved.

Under the Good of the Order William Mullare, Elmont Aerie No. 3128, requested that the minutes of the convention be forwarded to all of the delegates. State Secretary Lane informed Brother Mullare that a copy of the Convention proceedings is forwarded to all aeries.

A number of announcements were made with reference to committee meetings, banquets and hospitality rooms. A recess was then called at 4:30 P.M. to meet again on Friday morning at 10 O'clock.

**STATE OFFICERS BANQUET**

The Annual State Officers Banquet was held in a private dining room at the Sheraton Inn Airport Hotel, on Thursday evening June 26, 1975, starting at 6:30 P.M. All of the State Officers were in attendance along with Past State Presidents Raymond Womble, Thomas Philpott, Gazo Samok, Ted Hurwitz, Laverne Weber, Louis Dion and Robert Schick, plus Zone Directors Roswald Viele and John Cole, Grand Aerie Representatives Michael Gaffney, All Williams, William Manges and special guest Harry Woodruff. A delicious meal was served after which a State Officers meeting was held.

**SECOND SESSION**

The second session of the 69th Annual Convention of the New York State Aerie was called to order at 10:05 A.M. on Friday June 27th, 1975 by State President William Carrick.

The new members were admitted and the obligation was again given by Past State President Kenneth Decker of Ithaca Aerie No. 1253 to all present.

Under a special order of business State President Carrick introduced Past State President William Alf, of Buffalo Aerie No. 46, who served as New York State President during the 1931 - 1932 term. Brother Alf spoke briefly concerning his many years as a member of the Order. He gave a fine resume with relation to the history of the New York State Aerie, elaborating on a number of incidents in the so called "Good Old Days" and informed all present that this was his 55th New York State Convention.

State President Carrick then introduced Past Grand Worthy President James Bailey, from Rockland, Massachusetts, who extended his greetings to all of the delegates.

**REPORT OF THE GRAND AERIE HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE**

Read by Owen McNally, Chairman, Fort Hamilton Aerie No. 2621

State President, Grand Aerie Officers,  
State Officers and Fellow Delegates:

As chairman of the Hospitality Room, in Dallas, Texas, my committee and I have received several checks by mail, for use in entertaining our fellow delegates and friends, at the Internation Convention. This also includes decorating cars for the parade of our State Officers.

All your donations will be used to make our New York State Room a great success, as it has been in the past. Let's let our fellow conventioners know New York State is there. Following is the financial picture to date:

<b>Donations</b>	
Steuben Aerie No. 2299 .....	\$ 35.00
Empire Aerie No. 544 .....	50.00
Rochester Aerie No. 52 .....	25.00
Lockport Aerie No. 825 .....	15.00
Fort Hamilton Aerie No. 2621 .....	17.00
Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467 .....	25.00
Glens Falls Aerie No. 2486 .....	95.00
Utica Aerie No. 97 .....	50.00
Olean Aerie No. 616 .....	50.00
Tonawanda Aux. No. 1411 .....	20.00
Ray Haggerty (Tonawanda Aerie) .....	20.00
Calvin Morton (Endicott Aerie) .....	5.00
	<b>\$407.00</b>
Balance as of 9/1/74 .....	358.54
Balance as of 6/27/75 .....	<b>\$765.54</b>

Respectfully submitted,

Owen McNally, Chr. 2621  
Raymond Lance, 2486  
Arthur Cichon, 2692

It was moved by Brother McNally that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Charles Straub, Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467 and carried.

**LEADING PRODUCERS 1974 - 1975  
MEMBERS OF THE EXCLUSIVE 25 CLUB  
AND THE NEW YORK BIG TEN ASSOCIATION**

NAME	AERIE	MEMBERS REPORTED
Mason Brunskill	Hornell 2640	78
Louis Dion	Montreal 2130	67
Clarence Burg	Depew-Lancaster 2692	50
Glen Harper	Hornell 2640	31
Alan Barody	Glens Falls 2486	27
Romeo Bertrand	Montreal 2130	25
Kenneth Morrissey	Glens Falls 2486	21
Marcel Boileau	Montreal 2130	21
Robert Woodruff	Rochester 52	20
Edward Callery	Johnstown 1575	19
Arthur Richard	Montreal 2130	18
Robert Waite	Elmira 941	16
Wayne Monroe	Elmira 941	15
John Fusilli	Rochester 52	15
Walter Prager	Middletown 544	14
Duane Bruning	Lockport 825	14
Robert Malan	Glens Falls 2486	14
Michael Spiotta	Batavia 2348	13
Carl Roehner	Depew-Lancaster 2692	13
Warren Bean	Cortland 2191	13
Maryen Raczkiewicz	Lockport 825	12
Harold Royer Sr.	Saratoga Springs 2586	12
Douglas McDermott	Corning 2299	12
Melvin Woodcock	Lockport 825	12
Harry Hitchcock	Oneonta 1260	11
Noel Chauvin	Montreal 2130	11
Ted Hurwitz	Oneonta 1260	11
Joseph Panetta	Middletown 544	11
Harold LaPorte	Hoosick Falls 2467	10
Dave J. Shay	Elmira 941	10
Frank Kaluza	Jamestown 2145	10
Robert Saunderson	Niagara Falls 88	10
Ralph Benson	Saratoga Springs 2586	10

A motion was made by Al Hubbard, Binghamton Aerie No. 2119 that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Gordon Brenestuhl, Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467 and carried.

Following the adoption of the report Brother Lane presented a number of awards for membership achievement along with the State Membership Trophy which went to Rochester Aerie for the third consecutive year.

Grand Aerie Treasurer Al Williams was presented to the delegates for a few parting remarks, after which he left the convention city for an assignment in Pennsylvania.

**FIRST REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE  
RESOLUTION NO. 1**

Read by Roswald Viele, Chr. Elmira Aerie No. 941

The following resolution was received from Lockport Aerie No. 825:

WHEREAS: The Home and Family Program of the Grand Aerie, which met with great success in many of the communities in the New York State jurisdiction and which featured an "HONOR THY PARENTS DAY" in Lockport, N.Y., which won the support of members of the local, State and Federal Bureaus, along with the majority of the people in the community, and,

WHEREAS: It is the Fraternal and Humanitarian belief that the Home and Family is the base of all that we hold close and dear.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That this New York State Convention go on record as fully supporting an "Honor Thy Parents Day" program as an annual activity for all of the local aeries in the Grand Aerie jurisdiction; the same to be held on a Sunday during the period between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED: That the New York State Aerie present this resolution to the Grand Aerie Resolutions Committee for its consideration.

Peter W. Watier, W. Pres. Lockport 825 Walter Goldberg, Sec'y, Lockport 825

It was moved by Brother Viele, and seconded by Al Hubbard, Binghamton Aerie No. 2119, that the resolution be adopted and forwarded to the Grand Aerie Convention in Dallas, Texas, for consideration. This was approved.

**REPORT OF THE STATE BOWLING COMMITTEE**

Read by Al Hubbard, Chairman, Binghamton Aerie No. 2119

Grand Aerie Representatives, State President,  
State Officers and my Brother Delegates:

The 28th Annual Bowling Tournament of the New York State Aerie, held in Binghamton, N.Y. under the auspices of Binghamton Aerie No. 2119 was the largest tournament ever held in the history of the Bowling Tournament, with 139 teams, 366 doubles and 732 singles plus 639 all events. The Bowling Committee from Binghamton, along with the members of the aerie and the Auxiliary are to be commended on the promotion and the red carpet hospitality shown all of the visitors.

The Annual State Bowling meeting was a successful one with Lockport being selected as the host for the 1976 Tournament; Our 29th Annual Event.

Following is the financial report of the 1975 Tournament:

**FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE 1975  
N.Y. STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT**

**RECEIPTS:**

Balance as of January 1, 1975 .....	\$ 488.33
Total Receipts from Entry fees .....	11,028.75
	<b>\$11,517.08</b>

**EXPENDITURES:**

State Bowling Center - 6432 Games at 60 cents per game ....	\$ 3,853.80
Joseph Strano Sr., Tour. Sec'y, 6552 Scheduled games at 7-1/2 cents per game .....	491.40
Scorekeepers - 6432 Games at 10 cents per game .....	642.30
Total Prize Money .....	<b>5,017.00</b>

Joseph Strano Sr., Writing Prize Money Checks .....	15.00
Bowling Directors Meeting (Binghamton) .....	360.20
Clyde Ott, State Bowling Secretary's Salary .....	50.00
Bank Charge .....	3.66
William Joslyn, Special February Meeting in Binghamton .....	50.00
Clyde Ott, Association Postage and Supplies .....	13.00
Johnston Aerie No. 1575 - Refund for 2 teams (not competing) ...	168.10
Maple Leaf Aerie No. 2311 - Overpayment of Entries .....	41.30
Amicus Aerie No. 1043 (Norwich) Overpayment of Entry .....	1.00
Prize Payments from previous Tournaments .....	108.80
	<b>\$10,815.56</b>

### RECAPITULATION

Balance as of January 1, 1975	\$ 488.33
Total Receipts	11,028.75
	<b>\$11,517.18</b>
Total Expenditures	10,815.56
Balance as of June 20, 1975	\$ 701.62

Respectfully submitted,  
Al Hubbard, Chr. 2119  
William Joslyn Sr., 941  
Laverne Graham, 825

A motion was made by Brother Hubbard that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Carl Roehner, Depew-Lancaster Aerie No. 2692 and carried.

Following the adoption of the report State Secretary Lane spoke about the cashing of the Bowling Tournament prize checks. He stated that each year a number of checks are not cashed by the first of the New Year and requests are made to forward a new check. He further stated that at the last meeting of the Bowling Association it was unanimously agreed that failure to cash your prize check by December 31st of the tournament year would void the same.

### REPORT OF THE UNDER 35 CLUB COMMITTEE

Read by Ralph Pauly, Chr. Olean Aerie No. 616

Brother Delegates:

Being one of the newest Eagle projects, it was designed to be beneficial to all Eagles under 35 years of age.

The primary object of this program is to provide adequate entertainment and humanitarian projects in the under 35 bracket.

To our knowledge no group has been formed but in the future we are looking forward to clubs being organized, with the hope in mind of expanding this undertaking.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ralph Pauly, Chr. 616  
Stanley Singer, 3504  
William Mullare, 3128

At the conclusion of the report Brother Pauly spoke ex-

temporarily on this project and offered to give personal assistance to any groups or aeries who are interested in establishing such a committee.

It was moved by Brother Pauly and seconded by John Bergum, Depew-Lancaster Aerie No. 2692, that the report be adopted as read. This was approved.

### REPORT OF THE IN MEMORIAM COMMITTEE

Read by Vincent Scharf, Chr. Buffalo Aerie No. 46

My Brother Delegates:

During this past year there were many members of the rank and file of the New York State Aerie who passed into the Grand Aerie beyond; among the notables were Past State President Robert Watts, of Lockport, N.Y. and Past State President Edgar Ireland, from Gloversville, N.Y., plus my own cohort of Buffalo Aerie No. 46, namely Secretary Michael J. Naughton. Naturally, time will not permit the individual intonement of each of our dear departed brothers, but, suffice to say "they were dear to us and we loved them as brothers."

So it is with sad and heavy heart that I ask the assembled brothers to stand in silent meditation, at the sound of the bell, as I recount the words of the poet Grellet:

*"I shall pass through this world but once, if, therefore, there be any kindness I can show or any good I can do, let me do it now; let me not defer it or neglect it for I shall not pass this way again."*

Respectfully submitted,

Vincent Sharf, Chr. 46  
Richard Keech, 782  
Albert LeBlance, 1042

It was moved by Brother Scharf, that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Rene Lessard, Montreal Aerie No. 2130 and carried.

### REPORT OF THE BETTER HOME TOWNS COMMITTEE

Read by D. James Shay, Chr. Elmira Aerie No. 941

Brother Delegates:

The committee wishes to make the following report: Many of the aeries we are sure have programs that would come under the edification of their home town and share equal billing with the committees on Home and Family and Civic Affairs.

We do believe that all our aeries should establish programs which would advertise their community as a good place to live in. This could be in the recognition of individuals, business corporations or governmental organizations which contribute something extra to the community.

We also believe that the establishment of a Better Home Towns Committee with an active and aggressive program is a great way to establish the Eagles as part of the community and a great Public Relations undertaking.

Respectfully submitted,

D. James Shay, Chr. 941  
Glenn Amesbury, 1042  
Harold Long Jr., 616  
William Alf, 46

A motion was made by Brother Shay and seconded by Al LaValley, Elmira Aerie No. 941 that the report be adopted as read. This was approved.

**REPORT OF THE STATE ATHLETIC COMMITTEE**

Read by Wayne Monroe, Chr. Elmira Aerie No. 941

Grand Aerie Officers, State Officers,  
Brother Delegates and guests:

As the chairman of the State Athletic Committee I would like to read the reports that I have received from aeries around the State: From Elmira Aerie No. 941 - Has a 20 team bowling league. Sponsors 5 teams in different "Small Fry" leagues in Elmira. Co-sponsor interclub golf tournament. Have interclub Scotch Doubles Tournament with the Elks. Each year at the Annual Clambake hold a 3 mile Canoe Race.

From Maple Leaf Aerie No. 2311: Sponsors Atom Hockey Team in the City Playgrounds. Golf Tournament for members and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Golf Tournament. Ten Pin Bowling League.

From Olean Aerie No. 616: Has an 8 team bowling league (Eagle members only). 8 Teams participated in the State Tournament - 1 Team in the International Tournament - 6 teams in the Mr. and Mrs. Tournament. In golf there is an annual tournament for members plus a home and home match with Jamestown Aerie.

From Steuben Aerie No. 2299: They sponsored 3 teams in the State Bowling Tournament in Binghamton, N.Y.

From Ithaca Aerie No. 1253: They have men's bowling teams in four regular leagues. They held a local golf tournament last summer. They also sponsor a Little League Baseball team in the local Babe Ruth League.

From Rotterdam Aerie No. 3610: They have an aerie golf tournament that is conducted every Friday during the Summer months and have recently organized a softball team and sent a challenge to near by aeries for a softball game.

At this time Past State President Thomas Philpott, from Maple Leaf Aerie was called upon to make a report with relation to the Mr. and Mrs. Tournament to be held in Toronto this coming Fall.

Final item in the report was from Endicott Aerie No. 2269 which included the fact that the aerie had hosted a most successful Mr. and Mrs. Bowling Tournament in which over 40 teams competed.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Monroe, Chr. 941  
Earle Willis, 2311  
Larry Campbell, 2119

It was moved by Brother Monroe and seconded by James Harris, Olean Aerie No. 616 that the report be adopted as read. This was approved.

**SECOND REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE**

Read by Ronald Stickney, Chr. Lockport Aerie No. 825

Grand Aerie Representatives ..... 3  
State Officers ..... 13  
Past State Presidents ..... 10

Delegates ..... 90  
Alternates ..... 7  
Past Worthy Presidents ..... 92  
Total Credentials Issued ..... 136

A motion was made by Brother Stickney and seconded by Donald Gregory, Utica Aerie No. 97 that this partial report be accepted as read. This was carried.

Under a special order of business State President Carrick introduced William Menges, Eastern Regional President from Hanover, Pennsylvania. Brother Menges spoke briefly on the splendid showing made by the aeries in the Eastern Region during the past year. He also extended his sincere thanks to all of the New York Aeries that he visited for the fine hospitality that was shown to both his wife and him.

**REPORT OF THE BANQUET COMMITTEE**

Read by Harry Meyers, Empire Aerie No. 544

Grand Aerie Representatives, State President,  
Delegates and my Brothers:

Your Banquet Committee wishes to report that arrangements are being completed for the 69th State Convention Banquet. It will be held in the Mapledale Party House in Rochester, N.Y.

Thanks to the fine co-operation of Brother Harold Fields and the State Auxiliary Committee, most of the details have been taken care of. A Roast Top Sirloin of Beef dinner will be served to the delegates and guests.

It is imperative that everyone be seated by 6:30 sharp.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur L. Gonyea, Chr. 2486  
Harry Meyers, 544  
Robert Sharkey, 52

It was moved by Brother Meyers and seconded by D. James Shay, Elmira Aerie No. 941 that the report be adopted as read. This was approved.

**REPORT OF THE BOY SCOUT COMMITTEE**

Read by William Callahan, Rochester Aerie No. 52

State President, Grand Aerie Officers,  
and Delegates:

As chairman of the Boy Scout Committee this year, I again find only two aeries reporting on Boy Scout activities. Hoosick Falls reports that for years the aerie has supported scouting. They have their own Girl Scout Troop and hold an Annual Father and Son Scout breakfast. Rochester Aerie is again starting a new troop of Boy Scouts in the aerie. This is all that we can report at this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Woodruff, Chr. 52  
Peter Heim, 2119  
Robert Hall, 97

It was moved by Brother Callahan and seconded by Charles Eber, Tonawanda Aerie No. 1411, that the report be adopted as read. This was approved.

Following the approval of the report Brother Callahan stated that he had not received much co-operation from the local aeries with regard to receiving reports on the activities in which the local aeries were interested. State Secretary Lane spoke at length on this subject. He pointed out that the newly elected State President had appointed many State Committee Chairmen and that the list of these chairmen had been forwarded to all aeries in the jurisdiction, along with their home addresses, and the request to publicize the local aerie activities by forwarding a report to the State Chairman or the State Secretary.

#### REPORT OF NEW AERIE COMMITTEE

Read by Charles Straub, Chr. Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467

Grand Aerie Officers, State President,  
State Officers and Brother Delegates:

As New Aerie Chairman I am happy to report that success was again smiling upon us. A new aerie Rotterdam No. 3610 was instituted on March 9, 1975, with 150 charter members. Yours truly was the organizer. A lot of the good brothers helped and with your continued help we can add to the State total. Rotterdam will continue to grow as they have a strong group of leaders. New York State will continue to grow if you will assert your leadership beyond that of your aerie. If you will put your energy into the new aerie program, we should have new aeries spreading all across the State jurisdiction.

A work shop will be held immediately following the installation of officers. This will only take a few minutes of your time and the theme will be on New Aerie organizational systems and support from Grand Aerie and State Aerie Departments.

Let's all get into the growth division of the New York State Aerie; be a new aerie organizer.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Straub, Chr. 2467  
Paul Sampson, 2486  
Rene Lessard, 2130

A motion was made by Brother Straub, that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Ray Haggererty, Tonawanda Aerie No. 1411 and carried.

Following the adoption of the report a general discussion was held with reference to New Aerie potential sites. During the same, Brother Straub stated that our next new aerie should be instituted in Laval, Canada and he further stated that he still had hopes of instituting a new aerie in Sidney, N.Y.

State President Carrick announced that the memorial service this year would be a joint service for the State Aerie and State Auxiliary. The service to be held in the Holy Childhood School starting at 8 O'clock on Friday evening.

Under a special order of business State Secretary Lane was introduced and he spoke on the problems that were being encountered with relation to the reservations for the charter flight to the International Convention in Dallas, Texas, this coming August. He ex-

plained in detail and then introduced the Regional Manager of American Air Lines Mr. Jerry Bradley. He also spoke on the problems and offered a number of suggestions that might prove successful in getting the necessary passengers to complete the charter list.

#### REPORT OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY COMMITTEE

Read by Chester Halliday, Chr. Buffalo Aerie No. 46

Brother Delegates:

Your committee did receive a report from Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467 which stated on occasion a representative of the Social Security Administration is invited to speak before the Senior Citizens of the Town of Hoosick for the purpose of answering any questions they may have in connection with Social Security.

In 1935, following years of effort and much promotion by many leading economists and especially the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Social Security Act was signed by Brother Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States and member of Buffalo Aerie No. 46.

With regular contributions by employees and employers, millions of American workers and their dependents were assured of reasonable financial assistance if through disability or age they became unable to provide the necessities of life for them.

We believe Social Security to be a very important part of all of our lives and our future.

Since inflation has been affecting all of us it is also affecting the Social Security system and all who are benefitting from it or who will in the future.

Although there have been recent increases in benefits to those receiving social security, the increases have not kept pace with the rising cost of living.

Your Social Security Committee recommends that every aerie take steps to acquaint its members with the Social Security Program, with assistance from their local Social Security office and to support Bill H.R. 863, which is pending in the United States Congress. It would increase from \$210.00 to \$240.00 per month the permitted earnings, without penalty, for over 62 retirees under the Social Security Act.

Please write your Congressman and U.S. Senator to support it.

We Eagles helped to establish Social Security, let's all help to keep it worthwhile.

Respectfully submitted,

Chester P. Halliday, Chr. 46  
Frank Crowley, 941  
John Share, 2299

A motion was made by Brother Halliday that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Wayne Monroe, Elmira Aerie No. 941 and carried.

Following the adoption of the report D. James Shay, Elmira Aerie No. 941 spoke briefly on the advisability of having social security cards marked by color, in order that the person can be identified for donation of vital organs such as kidneys, eyes, heart and tissues. No action was taken.

An announcement was made by State President Carrick that Middletown Aerie and Auxiliary will again sponsor the Annual Hyde Park

Ceremony, at which, tribute is paid to President Franklin D. Roosevelt for the signing of the Social Security Act. This is held on the anniversary of the signing. Richard Dow, Worthy President of Middletown Aerie also spoke on this subject informing the delegates that wreaths are placed at the gravesite of both Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt and a memorial service held. He pointed out that Eleanor Roosevelt was a member of the Middletown Auxiliary. In closing he extended an invitation to all Eagles to join with Middletown on that special occasion.

### REPORT OF THE BLOOD DONORS COMMITTEE

Read by D. James Shay, Chr. Elmira Aerie No. 941

Brother Delegates:

The most effective way to establish a Blood Donors Program is through the American Red Cross or the Canadian Red Cross. However, the individual aerie may establish a Blood Donor Program in conjunction with the nearest hospital to their aerie.

An example of such a program is the program in Hoosick Falls Aerie. The individual has on file his or her name, blood type, phone number, address and an indication on the part of the donor whether they would be willing to appear as donors at any time of the day or night. Such a donor list would be most effective in areas of low population and away from the more metropolitan centers where there is a greater source of blood supply.

Blood is the nectar of life. While it is the greatest gift for one to give his life for a friend, just one pint of your blood might do the same thing for a friend or a stranger. Such a gesture would certainly prove again that we are an organization whose motto is "People Helping People."

Your committee has been notified that both Elmira and Olean Aeries will be holding blood banks during the month of July 1975.

Respectfully submitted,

D. James Shay, Chr. 941  
W. Lyle Wightman, 1043  
Walter Manry, 2640

It was moved by Brother Shay that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Harold Long Jr., Olean Aerie No. 616 and carried.

State Secretary Lane announced there would be a State Membership meeting at four P.M. Friday afternoon in the home of Rochester Aerie. All delegates were invited to attend.

At this time a partial report of the State Fund Raising Committee by Kenneth Decker, Chairman, Ithaca Aerie No. 1253, during which a check for \$200.00 was presented by Olean Aerie No. 616. Brother Decker moved that the partial report be accepted as read. This was seconded by Anthony DiPio, Elmira Aerie No. 941 and carried.

### REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Read by Louis Dion, Chr. Montreal Aerie No. 2130

Brother Delegates:

The Nominating Committee after much consideration and deliberation recommend the following slate of Officers for 1975 - 1976.

State President ..... Larry Roy, Montreal Aerie No. 2130

State Vice President ..... Owen McNally, Fort Hamilton Aerie No. 2621  
State Chaplain ..... Donald Gregory, Utica Aerie No. 97  
State Secretary ..... Alfred W. Lane, Bronx Aerie No. 491  
State Treasurer ..... Kenneth Decker, Ithaca Aerie No. 1253  
State Conductor ..... Arthur Cichon, Depew-Lancaster Aerie No. 2692  
State Inside Guard ..... Ralph Pauly, Olean Aerie No. 616  
State Outside Guard ..... Robert Woodruff, Rochester Aerie No. 52  
State Trustee ..... Charles Straub, Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467  
State Trustee ..... Wayne Monroe, Elmira Aerie No. 941  
State Trustee ..... Laverne Graham, Lockport Aerie No. 825  
State Trustee ..... Arthur Gonyea, Glens Falls Aerie No. 2486

Respectfully submitted,

Louis Dion, Chr. 2130  
Laverne Weber, 825  
A. Raymond Lance, 2486  
Gazo Samok, 2692  
Raymond Womble, 1253

It was moved by Brother Dion that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Frank Crowley, Elmira Aerie No. 941 and carried.

Following the acceptance of the report State President Carrick called for further nominations from the floor. There were no further nominations and the nomination of officers was declared closed.

A motion was made by Howard Colby Jr., Lockport Aerie No. 825 and seconded by Brother Kenneth Decker, Ithaca Aerie No. 1253, that in view of the fact there was no contest for State Office the State Secretary cast one ballot and State President Carrick declare all of the nominated brothers elected to office. This was approved and brothers were officially declared elected.

Under the Good of the Order a lengthy discussion was held with relation to a situation that took place on Thursday evening in the Sheraton Motel in connection with the holding of hospitality room parties. Many of the delegates spoke on this issue and it was concluded when Brother Woodruff, Rochester Aerie No. 52, stated he would contact the police chief and the personnel of the Sheraton in reference to this matter.

A number of announcements were made with relation to ritualistic contests, committee meetings and the like, after which the convention was recessed until 10 O'clock Saturday morning. The session was brought to a close at 12:15 P.M.

### THIRD SESSION

The Third Session of the 69th Annual Convention of the New York State Aerie was called to order at 10 A.M. by State President William Carrick.

The obligation and oath of allegiance to the new members were given by Past State President Kenneth Decker, Ithaca Aerie No. 1253.

A special mailgram from Arthur Ehrmann, Editor of Eagle Publications was read by State Secretary Lane. In it, Art expressed his congratulations on a tremendous year in New York and his best wishes for a most successful year to come.

## REPORT OF THE YOUTH GUIDANCE COMMITTEE

Read by Larry Roy, Chr. Montreal Aerie No. 2130

### Brother Delegates:

The search for the causes of delinquent and criminal behavior has been a concern of mankind since the beginning of time. Parents, teachers, the clergy, criminologists, police officers, fraternal orders, like us and many others have puzzled over this question.

Our hope is that if we can find the causes we can eliminate them and thus correct behavior.

What are the causes of juvenile delinquency?

Why the corner gang?

Why do juveniles run away from home?

Why do juveniles use drugs?

Why is there juvenile vandalism?

Of these five questions, few can be answered. If we from the Eagles make contact with them, and have a plan of action, such as financially supporting a baseball, football, or hockey team, a boy scout troop or a summer camp. If our finances would permit it certainly would help us to build a better home town.

Let's not forget that charity begins at home and that our children really make for a better home. The more local youth programs we conduct in our community, the better we will sleep each night and the better our aerie's public image will appear on the horizon of tomorrow.

Although many aeries have Youth Guidance Programs, very few have reported their activities. Here are some that have submitted a report:

Elmira Aerie No. 941, who sponsors a precision Drill Team, "The Yankee Rebels", a team in the Babe Ruth Baseball League and a girl's team in the Cinderella Soft Ball League.

Steubeg Aerie No. 2299 sponsors a baseball team, send an underprivileged boy and girl to summer camp, also sponsors a Christmas party for children under 12.

Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467 sponsors a team in the Little League for boys and a team in the Junior Miss League for girls.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Roy, Chr. 2130

John Kenney, 1411

John Bergum Sr., 2692

It was moved by Brother Roy that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Carl Roehner, Depew-Lancaster Aerie No. 2692 and carried.

## REPORT OF THE STATE LEGAL ADVISOR

Read by Thomas Burns, State Legal Advisor, Rochester Aerie No. 52

### Brother Delegates:

During the course of the past year I have been privileged to visit Aeries in Olean, Elmira and Middletown. I am most appreciative of the hospitality extended to me by the respective Aeries and I must congratulate each of them on their operations.

Also during the past year the 1975 Convention Agreement was prepared and executed in proper form.

As State Legal Advisor, I have also had the privilege of assisting Hoosick Falls Aerie 2467 to take advantage of the protective corporate status provided by New York Law. Under the guidance and direction of Brothers Charles Straub and Gordon Brenestuhl, the Aerie was incorporated under the New York Benevolent Orders Law on May 2, 1975.

I am also pleased to report that the newest Aerie in the State of New York, Rotterdam Aerie 3610, has initiated the process of incorporating and the proper certificate was forwarded to the New York State Department of State of June 26, 1975. I would anticipate that this Aerie will receive back its filing receipt within the next few days.

As to those Aeries that have not incorporated, I would again advise them that in order to protect the members from any personal liability flowing from the operations of the Aerie, it is important that they contact their attorney and incorporate. The office of the State Legal Advisor is, of course, available to assist at any time.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas R. Burns  
State Legal Advisor

A motion was made by Wayne Monroe, Elmira Aerie No. 941 that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Charles Straub Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467 and carried.

## REPORT OF THE STATE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Read by Thomas Burns, Chr. Rochester Aerie No. 52

### Brother Delegates:

There has not been any new legislation directly dealing with the status of the State or Local Aeries during the course of the year.

However, existing legislation which continues to have a great impact on us is the Internal Revenue Code and the amendments to it enacted through the 1969 Tax Reform Act and the New York State Not-for-Profit and Benevolent Orders law.

Aeries whose annual gross receipts from all sources exceeds the sum of \$5,000.00 are required to file annual information returns. Each Aerie should consult its accountant or attorney to make sure that it is in compliance with this law.

Both the Not-for-Profit and Benevolent Orders Law of the State of New York provide protective status to Aerie members. Aeries should take advantage of these pieces of legislation so that they can assure their members that there will not be any personal liability in case of a lawsuit against the Aerie.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gordon Brenestuhl, 2467  
Herman Cassidy, 941  
Thomas R. Burns, Chr. 52

A motion was made by Charles Straub, Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467 that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Robert Woodruff, Rochester Aerie No. 52 and carried.

**REPORT OF THE CANCER RESEARCH COMMITTEE**

Given by Ralph Pauly, Chr. Olean Aerie No. 616

Brother Delegates:

It is with great pleasure that we, the committee, extend our sincere gratitude to the aeries and auxiliaries of New York State and Eastern Canada for their generosity and marvelous support in our fight against cancer. In years gone by Eagles have donated over a million dollars in an effort to wipe out this killer and in the years to come they will continue to support this project until a cure is found for this dreaded disease.

Elmira Aerie No. 941 sent in a fine report about their activities in this particular field which included the fact that they were able to make available to the Chemung County Cancer Society a special type wheel chair.

Again your committee thanks you for making our job such an easy one. Following is the list of donations received to date:

**NEW YORK STATE CONTRIBUTIONS**

**AUGUST 6, 1974 to JUNE 1, 1975**

NO.	CITY	AERIE AMT.	AUX. AMT.	JOINT
52	Rochester	\$	\$ 25.00	\$1,318.35
88	Niagara Falls		60.00	
97	Utica	500.00	8.00	
482	Gloversville		5.00	
514	Schenectady		70.00	
544	Middletown		158.00	
616	Olean		122.35	
782	Watertown	100.00		
825	Lockport	230.00		317.84
941	Elmira		100.00	
1042	Tarrytown	25.00	5.00	
1253	Ithaca	100.00	30.00	
1260	Oneonta	172.00	284.12	
1411	Tonawanda		25.00	
1575	Johnstown	32.00		
2145	Jamestown		50.00	
2191	Cortland		25.00	
2269	Endicott	100.00	36.00	
2299	Corning		110.00	
2311	Toronto	15.00		
2447	Dunkirk		2.00	
2467	Hoosick Falls	100.00		
2486	Glens Falls			853.42
2640	Hornell		100.00	
2692	Depew	200.00	15.00	
3128	Elmont		40.00	
Personal				
Henry Becker, Elmont		206.50		
Alfred Lane, Bronx		20.00		
		\$1,800.50	\$1,270.47	\$2,489.61

**Total Aerie and Auxiliary \$5,560.58**

**CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AT THE CONVENTION**

Niagara Falls No. 88	\$ 10.00
Schenectady 514	100.00
Middletown 544	236.00
Olean 616	1,000.00
Lockport 825	200.00
Elmira 941	1,100.00
Binghamton 2119	75.00
Endicott 2269	150.00
Toronto 2311	700.00
Elmont 3128	25.00
	<b>\$3,596.00</b>

Contributions Previously	\$5,560.58
State Convention Donations	3,596.00
Overall Total	<b>\$9,156.58</b>

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph Pauly, Chr. 616  
Patrick Lance, 2486  
Alonzo LaValley, 941

A motion was made by Brother Pauly that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by D. James Shay, Elmira Aerie No. 941 and carried.

**FINAL REPORT OF THE BY-LAW COMMITTEE**

Read by Kenneth Decker, Chr. Ithaca Aerie No. 1253

Brother Delegates:

It is with pleasure that your By-Law Committee reports we had no requests for a by-law change at this convention.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Decker, Chr. 1253  
Harry Woodruff, 52  
William Keegan, 941

It was moved by Robert Woodruff, Rochester Aerie No. 52 and seconded by William Deegan, Elmire Aerie No. 941 that the report be adopted as read. This was approved.

**REPORT OF THE STATE FUND RAISING COMMITTEE**

Read by Kenneth Decker, Chr. Ithaca Aerie No. 1253

Brother Delegates:

The following is a final report of our State Fund raising efforts for the year 1974 - 1975.

Rochester 52	\$ 50.00
Utica 97	100.00
Middletown 544	100.00



Olean 616	200.00
Elmira 941	50.00
Ithaca 1253	50.00
Oneonta 1260	50.00
Montreal 2130	100.00
Endicott 2269	5.00
Corning 2299	25.00
Hoosick Falls 2467	25.00
Glens Falls 2486	95.00
Depew 2692	50.00
Elmont 3128	50.00
	\$950.00

Again, these donations were strictly on a volunteer basis and we wish to thank all who participated. We bettered last year by \$20.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Decker, Chr. Ithaca Aerie 1253  
 Leo Rought 2269 Endicott Aerie  
 David Hoyt 2640 Hornell Aerie

It was moved by Brother Decker that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Chester Halliday and approved.

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

Read by Raymond Womble, Chr. Ithaca Aerie No. 1253

Brother Delegates:

In our opinion the R.E.A.C. program is the greatest thing that has happened to the Eagles in New York State and Eastern Canada, since the Order was founded. Quoting Judge Robert Hansen: *"It is simple to start a R.E.A.C. Club in your aerie or auxiliary, just write to Retired Eagles Activities Clubs National Headquarters, 2401 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53233 and get an instruction kit."* Following are the steps to be taken: appoint an over 60 aerie member as chairman; call a meeting of aerie and auxiliary members who are over 60 or retired, for the purpose of forming a R.E.A.C. Club. Have the group adopt the recommended by-laws, elect a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Sergeant at Arms. Set a schedule for daytime meetings either weekly, bi-monthly or monthly. Schedule parties, dances, card parties, bingo and any kind of panny games. Appoint committees; we found the most important committee to be the Sick Visiting Committee. On Meeting Days serve coffee and doughnuts, have a light lunch. You will find that you can serve a good sandwich with a little salad and potato chips for 50 cents and break even.

We have unsolicited reports from Hoosick Falls that state since starting a R.E.A.C. program their bar business has picked up 40%. In Corning, they started in October 1974 with 8 members and now have 105. Ithaca has 268 members of which 80 are "social." By "social" we mean a member that is not 55 years old but would like to take part in the lunch program and social activities. They have no vote in the business meetings. Most meetings are held from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M. so as not to conflict with the regular schedule of the aerie.

Your committee, in traveling around the State trying to organize new R.E.A.C. Clubs, met with some opposition from the aerie officers and

Board of Trustees in the beginning. They were of the opinion that the R.E.A.C. was trying to take something away from the club. In no way do we take anything from the aerie club. We meet when the clubrooms are closed ordinarily. We buy our own food and furnish our own entertainment. We patronize the aerie bar and pay regular prices. We do not touch any of the merchandise or ask for anything free. The Board of Trustees furnishes their own bartender.

The second objection that we have encountered is that people seem to think we are trying to go in competition with the local Senior Citizens Organization. This is unfounded as we all belong to the Senior Citizens clubs in our home towns and in no way do we conflict with their programs. In most cases we have found that senior citizens who knew nothing about the Eagles have joined the Order because the R.E.A.C. programs are more varied and interesting than the normal schedule of events.

We suggest that anyone interested about the R.E.A.C. program operation attend a R.E.A.C. club meeting, visitors from other aeries are always welcome. Your committee feels that this is a real "shot in the arm" for our fraternity. We are happy, at all times, to assist in the organization of any new units.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond Womble, Chr. 1253  
 Allan Barody, 2486  
 John Share, 2299

A motion was made by Brother Womble and seconded by William Callahan, Rochester Aerie No. 52, the report was adopted as read. This was approved.

Following the adoption of the report a number of discussions relating to senior citizens matters were presented to the delegates. Wayne Monroe presented a letter asking that some consideration be given to the holding of a Senior Citizens State-wide Bowling Tournament.

Reverting back to the Social Security report, Brother Womble moved that we support Bill H.R. 863, which would increase from \$210 to \$240 a month, the permitted earnings without penalty, for over 62 retirees under the Social Security Act. This was seconded by Earle Willis, Maple Leaf Aerie No. 2311 and carried.

Under a special order of business State President Carrick introduced Grand Trustee Anthony Angelo, from Latrobe, Pa. Brother Angelo, who is a fine speaker and an excellent singer and combined both talents into an interesting and instructive Eagle address.

**REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE**

Read by Carl Richardson, Chr. Olean Aerie No. 616

Brother Delegates:

Audit of the New York State Aerie books. Period of audit: June 1, 1974 to May 31, 1975. We, the undersigned members of the 1975 New York State Auditing Committee, have audited the books of both the State Secretary and the State Treasurer. We found the books of both the Secretary and the Treasurer properly maintained and in balance with the bank statement, which was in evidence. Verified balance as of May 31, 1975 - \$5,102.69. We commend Brother Lane and Brother Decker for

the excellent manner in which they have executed the duties of their respective offices.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl Richardson, Chr. 616  
John L. Harner, 2191  
Robert L. Waite, 941

It was moved by Brother Richardson, the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Charles Eber, Tonawanda Aerie No. 1411 and carried.

**REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Read by Laverne Weber, Chr. Lockport Aerie No. 825

Brother Delegates:

With the rise in cost of all merchandise along with the accelerated activities of the past year, the New York State Officers are to be congratulated in meeting the requirements of the budget, as presented to them in 1974. After careful and a lengthy study of all financial activities, this committee recommends the following budget for the fiscal year 1975 - 1976:

Balance as of June 1, 1975 ..... \$5,120.69

**ESTIMATED RECEIPTS**

State Per Capita Tax .....	\$ 7,500.00
State Membership Fund .....	6,000.00
State Convention Advance .....	800.00
State Fund Raising .....	650.00
State Convention Committee .....	1,500.00
<b>Total Estimated Receipts</b>	<b>\$21,570.69</b>

**ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:**

State Secretary's Salary .....	\$ 1,000.00
State Treasurer's Allowance .....	100.00
State President's Visitations .....	1,800.00
Various Assignments .....	2,000.00
State Postage .....	500.00
State Printing & Mimeographing .....	800.00
Membership Meetings .....	2,000.00
Social Security Tax .....	125.00
State Telephone and Telegrams .....	800.00
State Officers Convention Assignments .....	2,200.00
State Convention Miscellaneous Expenses .....	1,800.00
Delegates to Grand Aerie Convention .....	400.00
State Secretary's Office Supplies .....	100.00
State Officers Bond .....	30.00
Ads in State and Grand Aerie Conv. Journals .....	200.00
State Conference (Spring and Fall) .....	2,300.00
State Membership Activities .....	150.00
Grand Aerie Supplies .....	50.00
State Membership Awards .....	1,500.00
State Treasurer's Office Expense .....	100.00

State Legal Advisor's Expense .....	100.00
Printing of Convention Proceedings .....	1,200.00
State Auxiliary Convention Advance .....	400.00
Regional Conference Assignments .....	1,000.00
Contingency Fund .....	915.69
	<b>\$21,570.69</b>

Respectfully submitted,

Laverne Weber, Chr. 825  
Owen McNally, 2621  
Donald Gregory, 97

It was moved by Brother Weber and seconded by Charles Straub, Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467, the report be adopted as read. This was approved.

**REPORT OF THE JIMMY DURANTE FUND**

Read by Raymond Womble, Chr. Ithaca Aerie No. 1253

Brother Delegates:

Once again New York State is in the Big Ten, as far as monies raised for the Jimmy Durante Fund is concerned. As of May 30th, New York State and Eastern Canada was in 7th place with an excess of \$5,300 reported. We will have a full report available following the parade of checks at this convention.

Highlights of this year was presenting \$1,000 grants to the following deserving institutions: Elmira Burn Center, Elmira, N.Y.; Oneida County Mental Retardation Center, Utica, N.Y.; Community Vocational Rehabilitation Center, Niagara Falls, N.Y.; Maple Ridge Center for Retarded Children, Rotterdam, N.Y.; and Allegany County Rehabilitation Center, Olean, N.Y.

In addition to the Jimmy Durante Children's Fund, the sum of \$855.00 was raised for the Eagles House in Nicaragua. It is a great sense of pride here in New York State and Eastern Canada that we have never been out of the Big Ten, even though we have only 49 aeries. We feel sure that this record will not be broken this year. Following is a list of donations received to date:

**NEW YORK STATE CONTRIBUTIONS  
AUGUST 3, 1974 TO JUNE 1, 1975**

NUMBER	CITY	AERIE AMT.	AUX. AMT.	JOINT
46	Buffalo	\$ 10.00		
52	Rochester		\$ 35.00	\$ 689.38
88	Niagara Falls		38.75	
97	Utica		66.75	
482	Gloversville		5.00	
514	Schenectady		50.00	
544	Middletown		168.00	
616	Olean		105.50	
782	Watertown			100.00
825	Lockport	50.00	85.00	
941	Elmira	132.00	200.00	
1042	Tarrytown		5.00	
1253	Ithaca	100.00	61.25	
1260	Oneonta		192.42	
1411	Tonawanda	200.00	25.00	
2130	Montreal		35.00	
2145	Jamestown		50.00	
2191	Cortland		25.00	
2269	Endicott			187.63
2299	Corning			110.00
2311	Toronto		10.00	
2467	Hoosick Falls	110.00		
2486	Glens Falls	815.65		
2640	Hornell		65.00	100.00
2692	Depew	200.00	25.00	
2695	Cobleskill	100.00		
3128	Elmont		10.00	
3176	St. Jerome		10.00	
3504	Granville		7.00	
		\$1,717.65	\$1,274.67	\$1,187.01

Total aerie and auxiliary \$4,179.33

**CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AT THE CONVENTION**

Niagara Falls No. 88	\$ 10.00
Utica 97	500.00
Schenectady 514	100.00
Middletown 544	215.00
Olean 616	325.00
Lockport 825	200.00
Tarrytown 1042	10.00
Binghamton 2119	75.00
Endicott 2269	100.00
Toronto 2311	300.00
Hoosick Falls 2467	50.00
Elmont 3128	200.00
	\$2,085.00

Previous Contributions \$4,179.33

State Convention Donations ..... 2,085.00  
Overall Total ..... \$6,264.33

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond Womble, Chr. 1253  
James Stewart, Co-Chr. 1411  
Richard Dow, 544

A motion was made by Brother Womble and seconded by Robert Waite, Elmira Aerie No. 941, the report be adopted as read. This was approved.

**FINAL REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE**

Read by Roswald Viele, Chr. Elmira Aerie No. 941

**RESOLUTION NO. 2**

WHERE AS: Rochester Aerie No. 52 has spent much time and effort to sponsor a fine productive Convention and:  
WHEREAS: All State Officers and delegates have enjoyed their hospitality.  
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the officers of the New York State Aerie and the delegates here assembled express their sincere appreciation and thanks to the Rochester Aerie Committee and all who made this convention a wonderful success.

Respectfully submitted,

Roswald Viele, Chr. 941  
Harry Kincaid, 616  
Thomas Philpott, 2311  
Glenn Amesbury, 1042  
Rene Lessard, 2130

A motion was made by Brother Viele and seconded by Charles Straub, Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467, the report be adopted as read. This was approved.

**REPORT OF THE NET GAIN COMMITTEE**

Read by Donald Gregory, Chr. Utica Aerie No. 97

Brother Delegates:

The 1974 - 1975 Fraternal Year marked the 19th anniversary of the Net Gain Program, introduced on June 1, 1956, by the Grand Aerie Membership Department.

As you undoubtedly know, a Net Gain Aerie achieves that honor by having a larger number of members on the roll at the close of the fiscal year than it had at the start of the year. In order to achieve this end, several important steps must be taken. The President of each aerie must pick a hard working Membership Chairman. This Membership Chairman, in turn, must devote his attention to two important functions:

1. He must have means of controlling delinquency.
2. Plan a variety of aerie activities which will help maintain a high level of enthusiasm among the members.

To a yearly net gain of new members, it is obvious that an aerie must conduct a vigorous membership campaign in the first place. In the second place, it must use effective dues reminders and delinquent notices, in order to cut down on delinquency. In some cases even personal contact by the Aerie Membership Security Committee.

Since aerie activities have a direct bearing on increasing the number of members who wish to join and at the same time decreasing the number of delinquents, it seems advisable to keep members busy through committee work, social activities, etc. Experience has shown that an active aerie is a successful aerie.

This committee, on behalf of the State Aerie Officers, wishes to take this opportunity to offer our sincere congratulations to all aeries in New York State and Eastern Canada, who have met with all the conditions and requirements which entitle them to Net Gain Banners. And particularly, we wish to congratulate the following top three Net Gain leaders:

1. St. Jerome No. 3176, with a net gain of 151
2. Montreal No. 2130, with a net gain of 53
3. Depew-Lancaster No. 2692 with a net gain of 45

Respectfully submitted,

Don Gregory, Chr. 97  
Mason J. Brunskill, 2640  
Joseph Strassner, 52

A motion was made by Brother Gregory, and seconded by Owen McNally, Fort Hamilton Aerie No. 2621, the report be adopted as read. This was carried.

Following the adoption of the report the State Net Gain Trophy was presented to a representative of St. Jerome Aerie No. 3176 by Brother Gregory.

#### REPORT OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE COMMITTEE

Read by Harry Meyer, Empire Aerie No. 544

Brother Delegates:

The request for contributions to the newest project of the Grand Aerie, The Golden Eagle Fund, established in Boston, Mass. has been met with an overwhelming response by the State of New York and Eastern Canada.

In our estimation the Senior Citizens of today do not want to be cared for, they just want to be cared about. They want to make use of their capabilities, which they still possess. Let's not cast them aside. Just remember that they were the ones that made this a better world to live in.

We wish to thank all the aeries and auxiliaries that contributed to this worthwhile fund. They are as follows:

#### NEW YORK STATE CONTRIBUTIONS

AUGUST 3, 1974 to JUNE 1, 1975

NUMBER	CITY	AERIE AMT.	AUX. AMT.	JOINT
52	Rochester		\$181.43	
88	Niagara Falls		50.00	
97	Utica		31.75	
482	Gloversville		5.00	
514	Schenectady		10.00	
514	Schenectady R.E.A.C.			\$50.00
544	Middletown		100.00	
616	Olean		65.33	
825	Lockport		25.00	
941	Elmira		100.00	
1253	Ithaca	\$ 50.00	60.00	
1260	Oneonta		105.98	
1411	Tonawanda		25.00	
2130	Montreal		25.00	
2191	Cortland		15.00	
2299	Corning		25.00	
2311	Toronto		10.00	
2467	Hoosick Falls	100.00		
2486	Glens Falls	531.81		
2640	Hornell		100.00	
2692	Depew	100.00	25.00	
		\$781.81	\$959.49	\$50.00
Aerie and Auxiliary Total			\$1,791.30	

#### CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AT THE CONVENTION

Utica No. 97	\$500.00
Middletown 544	201.00
Olean 616	100.00
Lockport 825	10.00
Binghamton 2119	75.00
Endicott 2269	50.00
Elmont 3128	25.00
	\$961.00
Previously Contributed	\$1,791.30
State Convention Donations	961.00
	\$2,752.30

Respectfully submitted,

Alvie Coons Sr. Chr. 544  
Walter Lull, 46  
Purley Taylor, 2119

It was moved by Brother Meyers and seconded by Earle Willis, Maple Leaf Aerie No. 2311, the report be adopted as read. This was approved.

#### REPORT OF THE HOME AND FAMILY COMMITTEE

Read by Richard Baire, Chr. Olean Aerie No. 616

Brother Delegates:

In talking to my co-chairmen from Glens Falls and Watertown, I find that most clubs closely associate Home and Family. Most Aerie homes seem to be closely connected to family homes.

With your permission I will use my Aerie home in Olean as an example of most all Eagle homes.

Our activities began with the Mayor proclaiming Thanksgiving to Christmas as Home and Family Month. We held a testimonial dinner at which time our aerie home was opened to the public. Awards were given to the Police Department, Fire Department, outstanding civic leaders, local clergy, businessmen, students, teachers, etc. A poster contest was held with prizes for the winners from different schools. Essays were written by children on their family life and again prizes were given to the winners picked by judges. The meal was provided at no cost to the guests and with the auxiliary's help the whole affair was a huge success.

During the year we have many family activities such as our family picnic, Christmas Party for our children, basketball games, bowling, our Mr. and Mrs. Award Dinner, etc.

I hope that all aerie homes will join in the Home and Family project so that it will become another successful Eagle venture.

A fine report was received from Elmira Aerie in connection with Home and Family activities which also contained a suggestion that was offered to the Grand Aerie with reference to having programs for children at the Grand Aerie Convention site.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Baire, Chr. 616  
Maurice Helmer Jr. 782  
Robert Malan, 2486

A motion was made by Brother Baire and seconded by John Bergum, Depew-Lancaster Aerie No. 2692, the report be adopted as read. This was carried.

#### REPORT OF THE PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Read by Donald Gregory, Chr. Utica Aerie No. 97

Brother Delegates:

The Fraternal Order of Eagles has reason to be proud of its accomplishments during the year just past. First we should be proud of the increase in membership and proud indeed, that we are in a position to support the many projects of the Grand Aerie, whether it be in contributions to the Heart Fund, Cancer Fund or Cripple Children's Fund.

We should also be proud of our efforts to make life more enjoyable for our Senior Citizens through R.E.A.C. and in throwing our weight behind the small fry in Little League Baseball, football and hockey. For our adult members, our co-ed bowling and golf tournaments have given many the opportunity to relax.

However, we have to look at the Order in a broader light. What image does the individual aerie create in its respective community. With the Bicentennial so close at hand, it behooves us, as Americans to take a hard and close look at ourselves. Do we strive to uphold the law, are we truly patriotic and do we contribute to the community's betterment?

These are not easy questions to answer, but they must not go unanswered, because it is the true spirit of Eagledom to support individually or collectively the projects important to the community, as a whole.

In this connection, good press recognition is important and there are ways to receive such recognition. We must always remember that people make news and with this thought in mind we should pick the person or persons worthy of any Grand Aerie Award with great care. If we pick people who are, without a shadow of a doubt, entitled to win public acclaim, the press will not fail to concur in our judgement and give the event proper coverage.

All and all we should be proud and grateful for the opportunity given each of us to serve our great Fraternity and we must now prepare for the challenges which lie ahead. As the New Year 1975 - 1976 dawns, we can rededicate ourselves to the principles of our great Order. Let us set even higher goals and make even greater resolves. Like Lincoln at Gettysburg stated, let us proclaim that this Order "will have a new birth of freedom" and it will remain ever determined to serve America and Canada and help keep them free.

The committee wishes to thank Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467, Steuben Aerie No. 2299 and Lockport Aerie No. 825 for the informative reports received which explained in detail their program activities and the efforts expended in making our humanitarian projects so successful.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Gregory, Chr. 97  
Arthur J. Cichon, 2692  
Robert Woodruff, 52

A motion was made by Brother Gregory and seconded by Rene Lessard, Montreal Aerie No. 2130, the report be adopted as read. This was carried.

Under a special order of business State President Carrick introduced Grand Aerie Auditor, Michael T. Gaffney. He spoke on the history of the New York State Aerie paying special tribute to Buffalo's Bill Alf, the State Aerie's oldest living Past State President, who served as such during the 1931 - 1932 fiscal year. He then presented the Eagle Press Award to Lockport Aerie. The Award was accepted by Brother Howard Colby, Editor of the Lockport Aerie Bulletin. Brother Gaffney then gave an outstanding address with relation to the local aerie officers and their particular duties. In closing he referred to the condition of Arthur Ehrmann, Editor of Eagle Publications, who is seriously ill in St. Joseph's Hospital in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He suggested sending cards to Brother Ehrmann.

#### REPORT OF THE MAX BAER HEART FUND

Read by Arthur J. Cichon, Chr. Depew-Lancaster Aerie No. 2692

Brother Delegates:

It is a very great pleasure for me to present this report on the convention floor. First, I would like to thank each and every aerie and auxiliary for all the hard work you have done in promoting the Max Bear Heart Fund to help in reaching our goal of \$10,000.00. It has been a year of generosity, hard work and lot of good planning to see that the goal is met. We now come to the parade of checks. The total we have collected

to date is \$6,022.25 and by the time we meet in Dallas we will be able to say a job well done by all.

Brothers, the Max Baer Heart Fund Committee wishes to thank you again for the wonderful support that you have given so cheerfully. Following is the complete financial report to date.:

**NEW YORK STATE CONTRIBUTIONS  
AUGUST 6, 1974 to JUNE 1, 1975**

NUMBER	CITY	AERIE AMT.	AUX. AMT.	JOINT
52	Rochester		\$ 5.00	\$ 848.50
88	Niagara Falls		68.00	
97	Utica	\$ 500.00	50.00	
482	Gloversville		10.00	
514	Schenectady		50.00	
544	Middletown		300.00	
616	Olean		85.00	
782	Watertown			300.00
825	Lockport	80.00	86.10	
941	Elmira	50.00	75.00	
1042	Tarrytown	5.00	5.00	
1253	Ithaca	115.00	50.00	
1260	Oneonta	172.00	156.80	
1411	Tonawanda		40.00	
1575	Johnstown	58.00		
2130	Montreal		50.00	
2145	Jamestown		50.00	
2191	Cortland		25.00	
2269	Endicott			188.20
2299	Corning			700.00
2311	Toronto		25.00	
2348	Batavia	57.00		
2447	Dunkirk		14.00	
2467	Hoosick Falls	100.00		
2486	Glens Falls			694.05
2640	Hornell		100.00	
2644	Johnson City		303.00	
2692	Depew	200.00	89.60	
2695	Cobleskill	100.00		
3128	Elmont	110.00	50.00	
3176	St. Jerome		37.00	
	Miscellaneous			20.00
		\$1,547.00	\$1,724.50	\$2,750.75

Total Aeries and Auxiliaries \$6,022.25

**CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AT THE CONVENTION**

Niagara Falls No. 88	\$ 10.00
Schenectady 514	50.00
Middletown 544	400.50
Olean 616	325.00
Lockport 825	200.00
Tonawanda 1411	300.00
Johnstown 1575	10.00

Binghamton 2119	75.00
Endicott 2269	100.00
Toronto 2311	425.00
Hoosick Falls 2467	100.00
Fort Hamilton 2621	100.00
Elmont 3128	25.00
N.Y. State Officers	622.01

*Personal:*

Robert Woodruff, Rochester	10.00
	\$2,752.51

Previous Contributions	\$6,022.25
State Convention Donations	2,752.51
	\$8,774.76

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Cichon, Chr. 2692  
Arthur Gonyea, Co-Chr. 2486  
Harold Fields, 52

Brother Cichon moved that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Earle Willis, Maple Leaf Aerie No. 2311 and carried.

**FINAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE**

Read by Ronald Stickney, Chr. Lockport Aerie No. 825

Grand Aerie Representatives	5
State Officers	13
Past State Presidents	10
Delegates	96
Alternates	10
Past Worthy Presidents	98
Total Credentials Issued	147

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald A. Stickney, Chr. 825  
Jack Harter, 2299  
Ray Haggerty, 1411  
Carl Richardson, 616  
Calvin Morton, 2269

A motion was made by Brother Stickney, the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Charles Eber, Tonawanda Aerie No. 1411 and carried.

COMPLETE LIST OF REGISTERED DELEGATES

DELEGATE	AERIE	DELEGATE	AERIE
1 Ronald Stickney	825	54 John Kunzog	2145
2 Jack L. Harter	2299	55 Theodore M. Hurwitz	1260
3 Ray P. Haggerty	1411	56 Raymond Womble	1253
4 Ralph E. Pauly	616	57 Richard L. Baire	616
5 Calvin E. Morton	2269	58 Walter S. Lull	46
6 Carl D. Richardson	616	59 Jack D. Arend	52
7 Harold A. Long Jr.	616	60 James Harris	616
8 Alfred W. Lane	491	61 Francis W. Crowley	941
9 Robert Malan	2486	62 Herman E. Cassidy	941
10 John W. Share	2299	63 Richard Keech	782
11 Kenneth Decker	1253	64 David J. Hoyt	2640
12 Al Hubbard	2119	65 James Updike Sr.	2191
13 Robert Manry	2299	66 Harold Woolschlager	2191
14 Charles A. Lee	825	67 Roswald C. Viele	941
15 Laverne Weber	825	68 Jack Cunliffe	52
16 Duane Bruning	825	69 Charles Eber	1411
17 Laverne Graham	825	70 William Deegan	941
18 William C. Carrick	544	71 Nino Ghezzi	053
19 Arthur L. Gonyea	2486	72 James Barrows	52
20 Donald Gregory	97	73 Vincent M. Scharf	46
21 Alonza Lavelley	941	74 Thomas Pearson	52
22 Wayne Monroe	941	75 Joseph E. Cangialosi Jr.	52
23 Thomas Philpott	2311	76 John C. Cole	544
24 A. Fred LaBelle	2311	77 Albert W. O'Brien Jr.	544
25 Harold H. Fields	52	78 Walter Manry	2640
26 Charles Straub	2467	79 Charles R. Neff	2621
27 Rene Lessard	2130	80 Louis Dion	2130
28 Harry B. Meyre	544	81 John R. Lobene	52
29 Richard J. Dow	544	82 Marcel Metras	2130
30 Jacques Samson	3176	83 Raymond Lance	2486
31 Alvie Coons Sr.	544	84 John L. Horner	2191
32 Russell Catlin	1411	85 Robert W. Schick	52
33 Henry Becker	3128	86 Earle Willis	2311
34 William Mullare	3128	87 Patrick A. Lance	2486
35 D. James Shay	941	88 Charles Michaud	2130
36 Marcel Boileau	2130	89 Gerard Greaves	2130
37 Cecil Moshier	88	90 Stanley E. Singer	3504
38 Richard Lute	616	91 William J. Stone Sr.	941
39 Ernest Davies	514	92 Maurice Helmer Jr.	782
40 Ernest Bates	2299	93 Michael Lopez	2486
41 Alan Barody	2486	94 Roger J. Dillon	97
42 Walter Rouse	2486	95 Gordon Brenenstuhl	2467
43 Arthur J. Cichon	2492	96 Charles Gleichauf	52
44 Robert J. Sharkey	52	97 Anthony DiPio	941
45 Richard Sherry	2621	98 Frank Pooley	941
46 Owen McNally	2621	99 John R. Kenney	1411
47 Laurient Roy	2130	100 Vincent Indovina	52
48 William Callahan	52	101 Harry Kincaid	616
49 Martin Hoyt	52	102 Leo Rought	2269
50 Harmon Sawyer	96	103 William H. Alf	46
51 Robert L. Travers	053	104 William H. Fox	1253
52 Louis D. Sassone	97	105 Richard Henderson	1253
53 Joseph F. Strassner	46	106 Herbert Snow	1253

DELEGATE	AERIE	DELEGATE	AERIE
107 Mason J. Brunskill	2460	127 Gazo Samok	2692
108 Raymond Roggenkamp	2621	128 Richard Updike	941
109 Robert Woodruff	52	129 Donald A. Derx	616
110 Wesley W. Barnes	616	130 Howard J. Colby Jr.	825
111 George Hollister	1253	131 E. LeRoy Miller	1253
112 Edwin E. Carpenter	941	132 John Bergum	2692
113 Arlow E. Linton	52	133 Raiche Andre	3176
114 Douglas Bleier	52	134 Marcel Brodeur	3176
115 Harry Woodruff	52	135 Andre Ducharme	2130
116 Donald Hall	3155	136 John R. Threadgill	616
117 Harold Myers	2119	137 George Blakeslee Sr.	1575
118 Floyd L. Jones	782	138 Richard Helwig	1575
119 Carl L. Roehner	2692	139 John P. Mulcahy	2640
120 Virgil Stimpson	1260	140 Roy F. Mapes	2692
121 Chester P. Halliday	46	141 Peter Heim	2119
122 Harold L. Royer Sr.	2586	142 Alvin Garren	2119
123 Dominick McKenzie	2586	143 Purley Taylor	2119
124 Frank H. Beatty II	52	144 Joseph Mercun	1260
125 Robert Waite	941	145 Glenn A. Amesbury	1042
126 D. Gordon Ireland	2311	146 Clayton Day	1043
		147 Leo Beaudry	2130

REPORT OF THE PAST STATE PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE

Read by Robert Schick, Chr. Rochester Aerie No. 52

State President Carrick, Grand Aerie Representatives,  
State Officers and Brother Delegates:

Yesterday afternoon the Past State Presidents of the New York State Aerie held their annual luncheon at Rick's Prime Ribs Restaurant. This followed by the annual business session. Distinguished guests included Past Grand Worthy President James Bailey and Eastern Regional President William Menges. Following the Treasurer's report, a suggestion was offered by State Treasurer Kenneth Decker, that the annual dues be increased to \$10.00. This was unanimously approved. The new officers appointed for the coming year were Raymond Womble, as President and Laverne Weber, as Vice President.

All of the Past State Presidents in attendance pledged their support to the New York State Aerie and their sincere thanks to Rochester, for the hospitality shown. Brother Schick extended his personal thanks and expressed his personal pleasure in having the Past Presidents as guests in his home aerie. Also expressed at the meetings were best wishes for a most successful year to the New State President and a safe journey home for all the visitors.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert W. Schick, Chr. 52  
Thomas Philpott, 2311  
Raymond Womble, 1253

Brother Schick moved the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Wayne Monroe, Elmira Aerie No. 941 and carried.

## REPORT OF THE STATE OF THE ORDER COMMITTEE

Read by Louis Dion, Chr. Montreal Aerie No. 2130

For the past three years we have passed the 3500 mark in new members. This was made possible by the support of the State leaders and all you good brothers. We can honestly say this is an achievement we are all proud of and wish that this coming year we will be able to reach the magic 4,000 mark. What it all takes is only a small effort by the recruiting committees of each aerie. All of the State Committee reports were outstanding; the Humanitarian programs were very successful and the different grants by the Eagle Funds have reflected on the Order, giving favorable publicity to all of our local aeries. We surely can feel proud of the fact, that during the course of the year we finished high up on the list of contributors, in most of the humanitarian programs suggested by the Grand Aerie. We were also fortunate in having a new aerie instituted in Rotterdam, N.Y., due to the efforts of Brother Charles Straub. In one word we can be proud of all the records achieved and we expect more new aeries for the State during the coming year.

We sincerely hope this coming year will bring us a new 4,000 mark in new members under the leadership of Larry Roy, to whom we wish a most successful term of office.

Respectfully submitted

Louis Dion, Chr. 2130  
Raymond Lance, 2486  
Robert Schick, 52  
Gazo Samok, 2692

A motion was made by Brother Dion and seconded by William Callahan, Rochester Aerie No. 52 that the report be adopted as read. This was approved.

## REPORT OF THE CIVIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Given by Kenneth Decker, Ithaca Aerie No. 1253

Brother Delegates:

In the absence of Salvatore Ventura Chairman of the State Civic Affairs Committee, I would like to comment on some of the communications received by the committee:

Steuben Aerie reported that one of the biggest events of their year was Law Enforcement Week, which was declared as such, by the Mayor of Corning. Events included a Law Enforcement Banquet, with many of the Law Enforcement officers as guests. Awards were presented and guest speakers included the Steuben County District Attorney, City Judge and Steuben County Sheriff. Each day the local radio station interviewed local aerie and auxiliary officers with relation to the program. At the same time the local R.E.A.C. started to blow the Whistle on Crime Campaign, with proceeds going to the Corning Policemen's Childrens Fund.

The report from Hoosick Falls Aerie stated because of their participation in local Civic Affairs during the past 8 years they have gained the confidence and respect of the citizens and have induced a majority of the village, town and county leaders to become members of the Order.

Brother D. James Shay of Elmira Aerie gave an oral report con-

cerning Elmira's participation in this program and told of an incident of a fireman from the aerie rescuing a boy who had fallen through the ice.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Decker, Chr. 1253  
Lawrence Maye, 2644  
Frantz Peterson, 3128

Brother Decker moved the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Charles Straub, Glens Falls Aerie No. 2486 and carried.

## REPORT OF THE SPEAKER'S COMMITTEE

Given by Alfred W. Lane, Chr. Bronx Aerie No. 491

Brother Delegates:

Once again we have been fortunate in securing a number of outstanding speakers for our Annual State Convention. The opening remarks and greetings by Jack Hart, Supervisor of the Town of Gates, along with those of Thomas Roach, Police Chief, plus the outstanding Keynote Address by Grand Treasurer Al T. Williams, opened the convention in a masterly fashion. During the convention we had the pleasure of listening to such outstanding Eagle leaders as Eastern Regional President William Menges, Grand Trustee Anthony Angelo, better known as the singing Mayor of Latrobe, Pennsylvania, and only moments ago, to one of the most forceful speakers in our Order, Grand Aerie Auditor Michael T. Gaffney. This evening at the Convention Banquet, Past Grand Worthy President James J. Bailey, of Rockland, Mass. will be the principal speaker. As always, we had the pleasure of listening to some of the interesting speakers from the New York State Aerie.

In closing, the sincere thanks of the committee go to Rochester Aerie and all those who helped in anyway towards making our part of the program possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred W. Lane, Chr. 491  
Kenneth Decker, 1253  
John C. Cole, 544

It was moved by Brother Lane and seconded by Roswald Viele, Elmira Aerie No. 941, the report be adopted as read. This was approved.

Under a special Order of Business State President Carrick vacated the President's chair which was taken over by Past State President Decker. Past State President Raymond Lance was called upon to make a number of presentations. He called State President Carrick to the altar and presented him with his Past State President's Certificate, his Past State President's diamond pin and plaque, plus a small cash purse for the efforts expended during his year as State President.

Brother Carrick, extended his sincere thanks and spoke briefly about the year just passed, the wonderful experiences he enjoyed and the fine hospitality that was shown to Betty and him during their travels throughout the State jurisdiction. He pledged his support to President-elect Larry Roy and stated he would do his best to make the year ahead another progressive one for New York and Eastern Canada.



## REPORT OF THE GRIEVANCE AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

Read by Jack Harter, Chr. Steuben Aerie No. 2299

### Brother Delegates:

During this New York State Convention one grievance was filed with this committee, and it is as follows: "Elmira Aerie No. 941 protests the action of the Ritualistic Committee for allowing the Ithaca Degree Team to compete the second time. We feel that the judgement should be on their first performance. Signed: Roswald Viele, Chairman of the Elmira Degree Team."

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Harter, Chr. 2299  
Duane Dennison, 2640  
Adrian Domingues, 1042

It was moved by Brother Harter and seconded by Harold Wooschlager Cortland Aerie No. 2191 the report be accepted as read. This was carried.

On the question of the protest State President Carrick stated he received a complaint from the Ithaca Team with reference to the setting up of the hall for the contest and the confusion that ensued which they claimed was the cause for a great number of errors on the part of the team. Following the complaint, Brother Carrick visited the site of the contest, spoke with the Ritualistic Committee and received reports from all who were present. When all information was compiled, it was his belief that the Ithaca Team should be given another chance and he so instructed the Chairman of the Ritualistic Committee Henry Becker, to do so.

A motion was made by Earle Willis, Maple Leaf Aerie No. 2311, and seconded by William Mullare, Nassau Aerie No. 3128, the decision made by State President Carrick be approved and the request made by Elmira Aerie No. 941 be rejected. This was carried.

Under the Good of the Order Charles Straub, Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467, spoke about conditions in Granville Aerie No. 3504. He stated a plan was now in operation to raise money by asking the aeries in the State jurisdiction to raffle off chairs that Granville would supply, and to give 50% of the proceeds back to Granville. He further stated any request for information should be directed to him.

A motion was made by Earle Willis, Maple Leaf Aerie No. 2311 and seconded by Kenneth Decker, Ithaca Aerie No. 1253, that a rising vote of thanks and appreciation be given to Hilda Mercun, who served so well as the secretary during the business sessions of the convention. This was approved and the entire group of delegates stood and applauded.

A motion was made by David Hoyt, Hornell Aerie No. 2640, that a letter be forwarded to the Grand Aerie, suggesting that the Eastern Regional Conference be held in September or October instead of March or April. The reasons being first, early in the fiscal year would help the serving officers and secondly, the weather would be more favorable for a larger attendance. This was seconded by Laverne Weber, Lockport Aerie No. 825 and carried. Brother Lane was instructed to forward such a letter.

State New Aerie Chairman Charles Straub announced a short meeting would be held following the close of this session for all interested in organizing a new aerie.

## INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The following brothers were installed into office by Grand Aerie Comptroller, Michael T. Gaffney, who acted as Grand Worthy President, James Bailey, Past Grand Worthy President, who acted as Grand Worthy Conductor and William Menges, Eastern Regional President who acted as Grand Secretary:

Past State President ..... William Carrick, Empire Aerie No. 544  
State President ..... Larry Roy, Montreal Aerie No. 2130  
State Vice President .... Owen McNally, Fort Hamilton Aerie No. 2621  
State Chaplain ..... Donald Gregory, Utica Aerie No. 97  
State Secretary ..... Alfred W. Lane, Bronx Aerie No. 491  
State Treasurer ..... Kenneth Decker, Ithaca Aerie No. 1253  
State Conductor ..... Arthur Cichon, Depew-Lancaster Aerie No. 2692  
State Inside Guard ..... Ralph Pauly, Olean Aerie No. 616  
State Outside Guard ..... Robert Woodruff, Rochester Aerie No. 52  
State Trustee ..... Charles Straub, Hoosick Falls Aerie No. 2467  
State Trustee ..... Wayne Monroe, Elmira Aerie No. 941  
State Trustee ..... Laverne Graham, Lockport Aerie No. 825  
State Trustee ..... Arthur Gonyea, Glens Falls Aerie No. 2486

Following the installation ceremony a short speaking program was held in which Past State President William Carrick again expressed his appreciation for the co-operation he received during the past year. Newly installed State President Larry Roy spoke briefly, pledging to do his best and asking the support of the members of all the local aeries.

With all of the convention business completed up to this point State President Carrick announced that the report of the State Ritualistic Committee would be given at the State Convention Banquet. The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 P.M.

## STATE CONVENTION BANQUET

A crowd of over 500 delegates and visitors assembled in the main dining room of the Mapledale Party House in Rochester, N.Y. on Saturday evening June 28, 1975 for the Joint State Convention Banquet. Once again Past State President Kenneth Decker, of Ithaca, N.Y., served as the toastmaster. All of the newly elected State Officers were introduced. Short talks were given by the outgoing State President and Madam State President, the newly installed State President and Madam State President, Eastern Regional President William Menges, Grand Aerie Comptroller Michael T. Gaffney and Past Grand Madam President Lucille Lewis. One of the highlights was the presentation of a \$5,000 grant from the Eagle Cancer Fund to Dr. Roy T. Steigbigel of the Strong Memorial Hospital, Infectious Disease Unit. In a short little thank you talk he told how happy all concerned were to receive this grant. The retiring Mr. and Mrs. State President Team - Bill and Betty Carrick, were presented with an electric clock desk plaque as a memento of their year as the first Mr. and Mrs. New York State Presidents serving together. This was a token of appreciation from both the State Aerie and State Auxiliary. The principal address was delivered by Past Grand Worthy President James Bailey.

**REPORT OF THE STATE RITUALISTIC COMMITTEE**

Read by Henry Becker, Chr. Nassau Aerie No. 3128

This report was given at the State Convention Banquet and is as follows:

Grand Aerie Representatives, State Officers,  
Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen:

The State Ritualistic Committee is proud to present the following report: This year eight teams competed and the results were as follows:

1 - Elmira Aerie No. 941 .....	99.0%
2 - Ithaca Aerie No. 1253 .....	98.9%
3 - Lockport Aerie No. 825 .....	98.5%
4 - Maple Leaf Aerie No. 2311 .....	97.6%
5 - Jamestown Aerie No. 2145 .....	96.4%
6 - Olean Aerie No. 616 No. 1 .....	92.1%
7 - Olean Aerie No. 616 No. 2 .....	89.7%
8 - Glens Falls Aerie No. 2486 .....	89.2%

A motion was made by Brother Becker that the report be adopted as read. There being no objections it was ruled by the New State President, Larry Roy that the report of the committee was approved.

With no further business on the agenda this brought to a close the 69th Annual Convention of the New York State Aerie.

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred W. Lane  
State Secretary

## NEW YORK STATE AERIE CONVENTIONS

### YEAR and CITY

1907 — Rochester (Institution)	1941 — Rochester
1908 — Saratoga Springs	1942 — New York City
1909 — Little Falls	1943 — Auburn
1910 — Rockaway Beach	1944 — Batavia
1911 — Rochester	1945 — Rochester
1912 — Cohoes	1946 — Middletown
1913 — Carthage	1947 — Utica
1914 — Olean	1948 — Saratoga Springs
1915 — Auburn	1949 — Saratoga Springs
1916 — Rochester	1950 — Rochester
1917 — Buffalo	1951 — Rochester
1918 — Geneva	1952 — Binghamton
1919 — Syracuse	1953 — Schenectady
1920 — Niagara Falls	1954 — Oneonta
1921 — Saratoga Springs	1955 — Elmira
1922 — Binghamton	1956 — Montreal
1923 — Mount Vernon	1957 — Saratoga Springs
1924 — Rockaway Beach	1958 — Buffalo
1925 — Niagara Falls	1959 — Elmira
1926 — Watertown	1960 — Rochester
1927 — Binghamton	1961 — Toronto
1928 — Syracuse	1962 — Utica
1929 — Schenectady	1963 — Oneonta
1930 — Elmira	1964 — Watertown
1931 — Oswego	1965 — Rochester
1932 — Rochester	1966 — Syracuse
1933 — Lockport	1967 — Glens Falls
1934 — Johnstown	1968 — Olean
1935 — Ithaca	1969 — Rochester
1936 — Olean	1970 — Montreal
1937 — Auburn	1971 — Oneonta
1938 — Watertown	1972 — Utica
1939 — Gloversville	1973 — Glens Falls
1940 — Lockport	1974 — Olean
	1975 — Rochester

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

1 * JOHN J. HARRINGTON, Brooklyn 393	1907-08
2 * JOHN J. HARRINGTON, Brooklyn 393	1908-09
3 * FREDERICK HUGHES, Yonkers 473	1909-10
4 * FREDERICK HUGHES, Yonkers 473	1910-11
5 * JAMES CONLAN, Buffalo 46	1911-12
6 * JAMES CONLAN, Buffalo 46	1912-13
7 * GEORGE B. BEDFORD, Syracuse 53	1913-14
8 * GEORGE B. BEDFORD, Syracuse 53	1914-15
9 * JOHN F. MALONEY, Watertown 782	1916-16
10 * JOHN F. COLE, Binghamton 1118	1916-17
11 * GEORGE E. MORGAN, Buffalo, 46	1917-18
12 * WILLIAM KENEALY, Rochester 52	1918-19
13 * JOSEPH M. SCHERER, Long Island City 1509	1919-20
14 * THOMAS G. WELSH, Elmira 941	1920-21
15 * FRANK X BERNHARDT, Buffalo 46	1921-22
16 * THOMAS J. HICKEY, Syracuse 53	1922-23
17 * JOSEPH STREICHER, Buffalo 46	1923-24
18 * JOHN F. McGRATH, New York 40	1924-25
19 * MICHAEL H. SWEENEY, Binghamton 1118	1925-26
20 * WILLIAM B. HUTCHINSON, Buffalo 46	1926-27
21 * MICHAEL H. SWEENEY, Binghamton 1118	1927-28
22 * WILLIAM S. DODSON, Olean 616	1928-29
23 * WILLIAM MENTZINGER, Rockaway Beach 1544	1929-30
24 * CHARLES J. MENGLER, Elmira 941	1930-31
25 - WILLIAM ALF, Buffalo 46	1931-32
26 * WALTER E. McGRATH, New York 40	1932-33
27 * ALBERT LEONARD, Geneva 95	1933-34
28 * ERNEST J. MAHONEY, Rochester 52	1934-35
29 * JOHN P. SAXER, Buffalo 46	1935-36
30 * JOHN T. SHORTELL, Olean 616	1936-37
31 * CHARLES G. MARALDO, Staten Island 543	1937-38
32 * RAYMOND R. BARBER, Ithaca 1253	1938-39
33 * WILLIAM H. MOSTYN, Rochester 52	1939-40
34 * WILLIAM H. MOSTYN, Rochester 52	1940-41
35 - R. LESLIE McDERMOTT, Lockport 825	1941-42
36 * CHARLES J. DOLZEN, Schenectady 514	1942-43
37 - KENNETH DECKER, Ithaca 1253	1943-44
38 * HENRY KOHAUT, Yonkers 0473	1944-45
39 * JOHN R. TAGGERT, Buffalo 46	1945-46
40 - GEORGE GREEN, Gloversville 482	1946-47
41 * FRANCIS H. BRECHUE, Auburn 96	1947-48
42 - EDWARD M. KAMAS, Elmira 941	1948-49
43 - PAUL M. AYERS, Lockport 825	1949-50
44 - DONALD MANZER, Utica 97	1950-51
45 * CHARLES F. BOYLE, Buffalo 46	1951-52
46 * JOSEPH L. WURZER, Rochester 25	1952-53
47 * LOUIS ASIFAN, Watertown 782	1953-54
48 * HAROLD CRAWFORD, Fort Hamilton 2621	1954-55
49 - KEENE M. BROWN, Ithaca 1253	1955-56
50 - FRANK H. LEWIS, Empire 544	1956-57
51 * CHARLES P. EDWARDS, Schenectady 514	1957-58
52 * ROBERT MAGNAN, Montreal 2130	1958-59
53 - GEORGE SATTLER, Elmira 941	1959-60
54 - GAZO SAMOK, Depew-Lancaster 2692	1960-61
55 - THOMAS PHILPOTT, Maple Leaf 2311	1961-62
56 * ROBERT WATTS, Lockport 825	1962-63
57 - HERBERT OLD, Nassau 3128	1963-64
58 - THEODORE HURWITZ, Oneonta 1260	1964-65
59 - ROBERT HOOD, Elmira 941	1965-66
60 - LOUIS DION, Montreal 2130	1966-67
61 * FRED RICHIE, Fort Hamilton 2621	1967-68
62 - ROBERT SCHICK, Rochester 52	1968-69
63 - RAYMOND WOMBLE, Ithaca 1253	1969-70
64 - LAVERNE WEBER, Lockport 825	1970-71
65 - FRANK STOKES, Maple Leaf 2311	1971-72
66 * EDGAR IRELAND, Gloversville 482	1972-73
67 - A. RAYMOND LANCE, Glens Falls 2486	1973-74
68 - WILLIAM CARRICK, Empire 544	1974-75

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