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FIRST SESSION

Thursday, June 10, 1937

The Thirty-first Annual Session of New York State Aerie was held in the meeting room of Auburn Aerie 96.

The opening ceremony was called to order at 11:15 A. M. with T. J. Hennessy, Chairman of the Convention Committee, presiding.

The invocation was made by Lieutenant Colonel William Aiken, a retired Army Chaplain, after which Brother Hennessy introduced Worthy President Mahoney of Auburn Aerie, who in behalf of his Aerie expressed their pleasure of having the State Aerie meet at their city as their guest, and hoped they would have a most pleasant stay in their city.

Brother Hennessy then introduced Mayor Charles D. Osborne, of the City of Auburn, who, with a few well chosen words, welcomed the delegates to the city and stated that while the city officials were unable to guarantee the weather, they could, however, guarantee satisfaction in all other conditions.

Brother Hennessy, in behalf of the Convention Committee, stated that he wished to apologize that the programs were not ready for distribution at this time, but was sure they would soon be ready for distribution.

He also gave a report of the entertainment arrangements that have been planned, and extended an invitation to all delegates and visitors to attend the banquet to be given this evening at the Osborne Hotel, and further stated that the committee was making every effort possible to see that every one connected with the convention would be properly entertained; after which he turned the gavel over to State President John J. Shortell, who responded to the welcome given by the previous speakers in behalf of the State Aerie.

The State President then proceeded to open the first business session with full ritualistic ceremonies.

All State Officers were presented with the exception of State Inside Guard Leslie McDermott. The State President appointed William L. Christiansen acting Inside Guard and Francis Sullivan of Ithaca acting Outside Guard.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

Paul Tatascore, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, presented a preliminary report of the committee, showing 62 delegates and 18 delegates at large in attendance at this opening session. There being no opposition, the State President ordered the report of the committee received and the committee continued. A complete list of the representatives present was read by John Holley, a member of the committee.

SESSION COMMITTEES

The following session committees were appointed by State President Shortell.

Credentials

Paul Tatascore, Chairman	Ithaca Aerie 1253
M. Monat	Montreal Aerie 2130
John Holley	Rochester Aerie 52
James Carroll	Geneva Aerie 95
Jacob Ludwig	Buffalo Aerie 46

Laws

Wm. F. Mentzinger, Chairman	Rockaway Beach Aerie	1544
Florence Sullivan	Elmira Aerie	941
Jay D. Cronk	Ossining Aerie	1545
Ladislaw M. Pollak	Fort Johnson Aerie	1575
Kenneth Decker	Ithaca Aerie	1253

Resolutions

Walter E. McGrath, Chairman	New York Aerie	40
Thomas G. Welsh	Elmira Aerie	941
William H. Mostyn	Rochester Aerie	52
Charles G. Maraldo	Staten Island Aerie	543
Charles F. Watmuff	Chautauqua Aerie	2145

Ritualistic

George A. Zimmerman, Chairman	Tonawandas Aerie	1411
Harry Cleveland	Buffalo Aerie	46
Henry Kohaut	New Yonkers Aerie	0473
Andrew Flanigan	Watertown Aerie	782
Michael Wolf	Brooklyn Aerie	393

Grievance and Appeal

Michael H. Sweeney, Chairman	Chenango Valley Aerie	2119
Walter Cowie	Brooklyn Aerie	393
George Fessler	Long Island City Aerie	1509
Walter H. Blum	Rockaway Beach Aerie	1544
Arthur Jennings	Elmira Aerie	941

Parade

William H. Alf, Chairman	Buffalo Aerie	46
John D. Kelly	New Syracuse Aerie	053
Thomas A. Miller	Flushing Aerie	583
Raymond McCarthy	Rochester Aerie	52
Aaron Siegler	Staten Island Aerie	543

Press

Dewitt Martin, Chairman	Buffalo Aerie	46
Nelson A. Miles	Auburn Aerie	96
Joseph Cassidy	Bay Ridge Aerie	1924
Anton L. Shroul	Port Chester Aerie	1166
Frank Mengler	Elmira Aerie	941

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS SESSION

The proceedings of the 1936 State Aerie session having been printed and distributed to each delegate in attendance at the last session, to each Aerie in the State; and available to each member at this session, were approved as printed on motion by Ralph Lagonegro of Aerie 941, seconded by George Zimmerman of Aerie 1411.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were read by the State Secretary and action taken on each as noted.

1. A telegram from Past Grand Worthy President Frank E. Hering: "Please convey to those attending the State Aerie my sincere hope that the

sessions will advance the cause of Eagledom: Our tremendous increase of more than 125,000 members during the year is evidence of the place we occupy in American life. May nothing but good come from your deliberations." Ordered filed.

2. A letter from Past State President Joseph M. Scherer: "Due to circumstances beyond my control, I shall be unable to attend the State Aerie session. May I, therefore, extend my greetings to the delegates and trust that they all will have a happy reunion. Needless to say that it is my hope that the session will be harmonious and one which will be productive of good to our fraternity." Ordered filed.

3. A letter from the United States Constitution Sesquicentennial Commission, located at Washington, D. C., inviting the Fraternal Order of Eagles of the State of New York to assist in helping to make the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the formation of the Constitution a success, and requesting, if possible, that a resolution of that nature be adopted at this session and forwarded to them. The celebration is to begin September 17, 1937, and continue through April 30, 1939. This letter was referred to the resolution committee.

REPORT OF STATE PRESIDENT

The following report was submitted by State President John J. Shortell, and was received and ordered printed in the proceedings on motion by State Trustee Pentoney, seconded by James C. Carrol of Aerie 95.

The motion also included the comments and thanks of the State Aerie to Brother Shortell for his activities and the success of his administration.

To the Officers and Members of New York State Aerie,
Fraternal Order of Eagles, in Convention Assembled:

My Brothers:

Swiftly passing months have brought me to the end of my term as State President. It has been a year of enjoyable efforts and associations; one of the happiest years of my life made happier by the spirit of fraternal accomplishment.

I would fall short if, in the presentation of my annual report I failed to acknowledge the assistance given me by my fellow officers. Any organization succeeds only as its leaders are given the whole-hearted cooperation of members and other officers.

Whatever has been accomplished during the past year has been due to the combined efforts of those who worked with me in the advancement of our fraternal program. It has been well said that one receives, from any organization, what one puts into that organization. I hold that maxim out for those who follow me, even as I realize now more completely its full meaning.

For the opportunity of service during the past year I wish to offer my sincere gratitude and to wish those who follow me every good wish for a successful and productive term of office.

To review in brief manner, that is made necessary by the emphasis that should be placed on the more significant details, the term of my office, I would first like to speak of the membership campaign.

As you are all aware, this year the Managing Organizer, Conrad H. Mann, set a membership quota for the State and every Aerie in the jurisdiction. It was based on population and on past performance. Each quota was worked out carefully and as fair as it was humanly possible to make it. I am happy at this time to state that most of the Aeries made their quota.

At a State Officers Meeting held in Schenectady on August 30th, it

was decided upon that each state officer visit the Aeries assigned him, for the purpose of increasing the membership in New York State. And it pleases me to report that every Aerie was visited during the month of October.

A short time after assuming office, I sent a personal letter to each delegate who attended the Olean State Convention, recalling to their minds the inspiring address made by Past Grand Worthy President Howard Ragland on membership.

During my term of office, I issued three circular letters asking all Aeries to cooperate with me in building up our membership.

Am sorry to report we have lost two Aeries in the past year, Cohoes and Oswego, but have instituted an Aerie at Lackawanna with a greater membership than the two lost Aeries combined.

Due to an illness, I regret that I could not visit every Aerie in the State. I will now outline the Aeries visited.

- June 22—Buffalo, Class Initiation of 42.
- July 19—Lackawanna, new Aerie instituted with 194 charter members. Present, Deputy Auditors Carl Yurk, Dr. Tupa, Grand Worthy Chaplain John P. Saxer, and a large delegation from surrounding Aeries.
- July 26—Jamestown, Field Day.
- Aug. 9—Buffalo, Outing.
- Aug. 30—Schenectady, Class Initiation of 20.
- Sept. 20—Ithaca, Class Initiation of 35 from Ithaca and 6 from Cortland. State Officers meeting.
- Sept. 25—Staten Island, Class Initiation of 10. All Aeries of eastern zone represented.
- Oct. 4—Lockport Class Initiation of 10.
- Oct. 6—Niagara Falls, Class Initiation of 3.
- Oct. 7—Tonawanda, Class Initiation of 10.
- Oct. 11—Elmira, Class Initiation of 18.
- Oct. 15—Rochester, Class Initiation of 15.
- Oct. 21—Lackawanna, Class Initiation of 9.
- Oct. 22—Olean, Class Initiation of 7.
- Oct. 27—Auburn, Class Initiation of 8.
- Oct. 28—Oneonta, Class Initiation of 3.
- Nov. 1—Jamestown, Class Initiation of 16.
- Nov. 10—Oswego, Business Meeting.
- Nov. 12—New York, No. 40 Class Initiation of 12. Speaker P.G.W.C. Fred Lenper, representatives from all Aeries in the eastern zone.
- Nov. 13—Johnstown, Official Visit of Grand Worthy President Dr. Mehrmann.
- Nov. 20—Jamestown, Business Meeting.
- Dec. 1—Montreal, Class Initiation of 15, Official escort State Vice-President Chas. Maraldo and P.S.P. Wm. Mentzinger.
- Dec. 7—Jamestown, Class Initiation of 15, speaker Past Grand Worthy President Geo. Nordlin.
- Dec. 15—Utica, Class Initiation of 22, speaker Past Grand Worthy President Edward Ryan.
- Jan. 17—Lackawanna, Class Initiation of 52.
- Jan. 19—Yonkers, Class Initiation of 31, speaker P.S.P. Walter E. McGrath, district meeting held after regular meeting; all Aeries from eastern zone represented.
- Jan. 24—Olean, Class Initiation of 2.
- Jan. 26—Binghamton, Class Initiation of 9.
- Jan. 31—Jamestown, Class Initiation of 14.
- Feb. 22—Rochester, Class Initiation of 46.
- Feb. 28—Buffalo, Class Initiation of 129.
- Mar. 5—Gloversville, Business Meeting.
- Mar. 10—Auburn, Good of the Order Meeting.

- Mar. 14—Jamestown Business Meeting.
- Mar. 22—Buffalo Business Meeting.
- Apr. 4—Rochester, Class Initiation of 40.
- Apr. 11—Auburn, Good of the Order Meeting.
- Apr. 18—Geneva, Class Initiation of 12 in honor of Deputy Auditor Carl Yurk.
- Apr. 25—Buffalo, Class Initiation of 96, honor of Secretary Geo. Gavey.
- May 2—Syracuse, Class Initiation of 92, speaker Managing Organizer Conrad H. Mann.
- May 9—Olean, Class Initiation of 13, speaker Florence Sullivan of Elmira, Mother's Day Address.
- May 16—Rochester, Class Initiation of 70, honor of Worthy President Mostyn, speaker P.S.P. Sacks of Akron, Ohio.

In closing, I again wish to express my gratitude for the helpful assistance given me during the past year, particularly to Charles Maraldo, State Vice-President; to Walter Neafie, State Secretary, whose efficient efforts made my path so much easier; also my good friend and brother, Honorable Fred Forness, Mayor of Olean, for his company on many of my trips.

Realizing the importance of such cooperation, it is my earnest desire that full support be given those who are to carry on during the ensuing year. And for them I wish all good fortune in the months to come.

Respectfully submitted:

JOHN J. SHORTELL,
State President.

REPORT OF STATE SECRETARY

State Secretary Neafie gave the following annual report which was received and ordered printed in the proceedings on motion by Past State President Walter McGrath, seconded by M. Monat of Aerie 2130.

Auburn, June 10, 1937.

To the Officers and Members of
New York State Aerie, F. O. E.

My Brothers:

I have the honor of submitting herewith the annual report of your State Secretary for the fiscal year ending June 9, 1937, for your information and consideration.

1936 Proceedings

Following the usual custom, the proceedings of our last session held at Olean June 11-13, 1936, were printed and a copy mailed to the Secretary of each Aerie, to each Representative in attendance at the session, and to the Grand Aerie Officers, on July 18th. Each year there has been a considerable delay in getting the proceedings printed and mailed after the close of the session due to the fact that a few of the subordinate Aerie Secretaries are slow in submitting their May 31st semi-annual report, which report is most necessary to have at hand for this office to prepare the complete copy for the printer. If the Secretaries would bear this in mind and have their reports filed promptly as required by our State Aerie Law it would be possible not only to have the proceedings in the mail at an earlier date but also make it possible to have a more complete membership report ready for presentation at our annual opening session of the State Aerie.

Funds

Brother Thomas C. Reynolds of Oneonta having been elected at the last session to the office of State Treasurer, necessitated a change of depository for the State Aerie funds, and on July 11, 1936, the Interest Account was removed from the Niagara County National Bank and Trust Co. at Lockport and deposited in The Wilber National Bank at Oneonta after the Board of State Trustees had approved of the latter bank as the depository for the funds. On August 15th the Checking Account was likewise transferred to the new bank. This latter transfer was delayed because of outstanding checks that had been previously drawn on the Lockport bank. The sincere thanks of the State Aerie is due Ex-State Treasurer Brother John M. Hoenig of Lockport for his services and continued cooperation with this office and with Brother Reynolds during this period until the transfer of funds were finally completed.

At the beginning of the fiscal year on June 11, 1936, there was a balance of \$1,372.52 in the General Fund of the Checking Account, however, by October 30th this fund had been depleted through normal routine State Aerie expenses to less than \$100.00 with several bills pending. The situation was taken up with State President Shortell who in turn submitted the matter to the Board of State Trustees with a recommendation that the sum of \$300.00 be approved by them for transfer from the Interest Account to the Checking Account to provide sufficient funds to meet necessary financial obligations until January 1st. The transfer of \$300.00 was accordingly made on November 24th after having been approved by the State Trustees.

While it was found necessary to transfer a small sum from the reserve Interest Account to the Checking Account again this past year as it was also in 1933 and 1935, it is believed by your State Secretary that with the increased number of members in good standing throughout the State and the change that has been made in the Grand Aerie Laws effective June 1st, 1937, once more requiring payment of Per Capita Tax on all members carried on the roll of the Aeries, that our State Aerie revenue should be sufficient to meet the normal routine expenses of our State Aerie without having to call upon the reserve fund.

From the financial records of the past five years the following tabulation is given showing a comparison of the actual State Aerie revenue from Per Capita Tax and Interest on Deposits, with the routine State Aerie expenses for each year. These figures do not include the State Aerie prize money nor the Old Age Pension Fund.

Year	Revenue	Expenses	Surplus or Deficit	Transferred to Checking Acct.
1932-33	1664.92	2610.24	945.32 Deficit	
1933-34	1452.07	2479.19	1027.12 Deficit	1500.00
1934-35	1882.81	1835.21	47.60 Surplus	
1935-36	1777.02	2390.88	513.86 Deficit	200.00
1936-37	1872.31	1979.21	106.90 Deficit	300.00

It will be seen from the above that it is possible, as in 1934-35, to keep the expenses within the revenue and it is earnestly recommended that our serious consideration be given to this phase of our finances.

Bonds

Beginning December 1, 1936, the amount of the Bonds of the State Secretary and State Treasurer were reduced from a total of \$7,000.00 to \$4,000.00 as recommended in my last annual report, thus reducing the annual bond premium from \$28.00 to \$16.00. At present the State Secretary is bonded for \$500.00 and the State Treasurer for \$3,500.00.

Reduced Railroad Rates for Convention

Owing to the refusal of the Passenger Association to grant reduced railroad fares for our 1936 session at Olean because of the general reduction in fares throughout the eastern section of the United States which became effective June 2, 1936, no application was made for reduced fares for this session. It is believed, in this connection, that the fact that so many of our members now travel by automobile instead of by train in attending the sessions was an important factor also in the decision of the Passenger Association to refuse reduced rates for our session last year.

Aeries

At the present time there are 41 Aeries in our State Aerie jurisdiction all in good standing in the State Aerie except one, that exception being Vernon Aerie No. 1031. This Aerie apparently is functioning and seems to be making some effort to survive as their semi-annual report is submitted regularly.

During the year the Grand Aerie has revoked the charters of two Aeries in the State: Cohoes Aerie No. 591 on September 17, 1936, and Lake Ontario Aerie No. 2200 on January 12, 1937. The last membership reports available in each of these Aeries showed Cohoes to have a membership of 387 with 98 in good standing on November 30, 1935, and Lake Ontario a membership of 88 with 52 in good standing on November 30, 1936.

One Aerie has been newly instituted in the State during the year at Lackawanna, and is known as Lackawanna Aerie No. 2231. This Aerie was instituted on July 10, 1936, with 194 members and has had quite remarkable success during its short existence, having reached a membership of 381 on May 31st. Although the baby Aerie of the State, Lackawanna appears to be destined to soon be among the leading Aeries in membership and financial standing. I am sure we all most heartily welcome this new Aerie, the Representative of which is here with us today, and wish them every success.

State Aerie Laws

The alterations and amendments to the State Aerie Laws adopted at the last session were submitted to Chief Auditor Conrad H. Mann on June 26th for approval and were so approved under date of July 1st. These changes are as follows:

Article II, Section 7, correcting the roster of Aeries.

Article II, Section 8, amending the section making regularly elected Representatives from the State Aerie to the Grand Aerie a Delegate-at-Large to the next following State Aerie session and requiring each such Representative to submit a written report to the State Aerie in session.

Article II, Section 9. This is a new section providing permission for any Past Worthy President to attend State Aerie sessions whether or not an elected Delegate of his Aerie, but without voice or vote, and further providing that a seating space for such brothers be provided apart from the area occupied by the regular Delegates.

As authorized at the last session the State Aerie Laws were reprinted in a revised to date edition and on November 16th a copy of same was mailed to the Secretary of each Aerie, also to the Grand Worthy President, the Grand Secretary, and the Chief Auditor.

Per Capita Tax

The 1937 Per Capita Tax has been paid by every Aerie except Vernon Aerie No. 1031, which Aerie, by the way, has not paid its State Tax for the years 1935 and 1936 and is the only Aerie in the jurisdiction that is not in

good standing in the State Aerie for not having paid the Per Capita Tax. The amount of indebtedness of Vernon Aerie to the State Aerie is \$33.90 tax arrearage and \$15.00 in fines.

The total amount of the 1937 Tax collected is \$1,851.00, an increase of \$116.40 over the amount collected for 1936.

And at this time may I be permitted to express my regrets and to apologize for having attempted, through a misinterpretation of the Grand Aerie General Order No. 195, to collect a State Per Capita Tax on January 1st on all members carried on the rolls. I may add that I was properly and sufficiently chastized by the Chief Auditor, Brother Mann, and by the Grand Worthy President when the matter was referred to them for a decision. However, the error was corrected in time to prevent any over collections from the Aeries.

Membership

Unofficial reports from many sections of the State indicate that several Aeries have been conducting extensive membership drives during the year in an effort to make their Quota set by the Organization Department. Regardless of these efforts, however, the figures on which this report is prepared (taken from the State Aerie semi-annual reports from each Aerie) show the net increased membership in the State to be somewhat disappointing, due in a large degree no doubt to the change in the Grand Aerie Laws requiring hereafter the payment of both Grand Aerie and State Aerie per capita tax on all members carried on the roll. The natural tendency will be to drop those members who have been carried for many months in some cases if there appears to be no hope of their being salvaged, which condition will mean a considerable loss in membership just at this time, but the net result should be a wholesome increase in members in good standing. After all, it is the active paying members that is an asset to every Aerie and to our Order.

First, considering the membership activities and results for the first half of the fiscal year from June 1, to November 30, 1936, there was an actual net loss of 245 in total membership while there was a gain of 635 members in good standing. A total of 1886 were added to the membership, 1367 by initiation, 194 by charter, 8 by card and 317 by reinstatement and reinvestment, while there was a loss of 2131—1580 being dropped, 7 withdrawing by card, 23 resigning, 7 expelled and 127 deceased. 22 Aeries made net gains and 9 of these were greater than 10% net gain, as follows:

Lackawanna Aerie 2231	25.2%	Geneva Aerie 95	12.0%
Ithaca Aerie 1253	21.8%	Port Chester Aerie 1166	11.6%
Bay Ridge Aerie 1924	15.8%	New Yonkers Aerie 0473	11.4%
Brooklyn Aerie 393	13.1%	Bronx Aerie 491	11.2%
Auburn Aerie 96	12.3%		

Comparing the membership on November 30, 1936, with the membership on November 30, 1935, it is interesting to note that while the total membership had dropped from 27,037 to 26,824 during that period, the number of members in good standing had increased from 17,472 to 18,674, an increase of 1,202 in one year.

Now considering the membership activities and results for the last half of the fiscal year from December 1, 1936, to May 31, 1937, with the May 31st reports missing from Ogdensburg Aerie No. 1154, Long Island City Aerie No. 1509, Sound Shore Aerie No. 1815 and College Point Aerie No. 2065, we find there was a total net loss of 6322 during the period, but a gain of 831 members in good standing. A total of 2245 were added to the rolls of which number 2201 were initiations, 4 admitted by card, and 40 by reinstatement or reinvestment, while there was a total loss of 8577. Of these 8286 were dropped from the rolls, 9 withdrew by card, 20 resigned, 4 were

expelled, 170 were deceased, and 88 by revocation of charter. 22 Aeries made net gains, those Aeries making over 10% net gains being as follows:

Lackawanna 2231	58.8%	Staten Island 543	14.6%
Utica 97	37.2%	Bay Ridge 1924	14.4%
New Yonkers 0473	28.2%	Washington Heights 1117	11.3%
New Syracuse 053	24.3%	Chenango Valley 2119	10.2%
Chautauqua 2145	17.7%	Watertown 782	10.1%
Tarrytown 1042	14.7%		

Analyzing the membership results for the entire fiscal year, there was a total membership loss of 6561 with an increase of 1466 members in good standing. 4131 members were added to the rolls of which number 3568 were new initiations, which is, I believe, a record for this State. 15 Aeries made a net gain over the full year period, of which the following had net gains of over 10%.

Lackawanna 2231	96.3%	Chautauqua 2145	28.4%
New Yonkers 0473	42.8%	Bronx 491	19.8%
New Syracuse 053	34.8%	Tarrytown 1042	16.7%
Bay Ridge 1924	32.5%	Brooklyn 393	15.1%
Utica 97	30.5%		

The following Aeries suffered the greatest percentage net loss:

New York 40	60.3%	Olean 616	30.4%
Buffalo 46	43.2%	Ossining 1545	27.5%
Elmira 941	38.5%	Port Chester 1166	14.8%
Montreal 2130	34.2%	Flushing 583	11.3%

Each of these Aeries initiated new members, some having made the quota set by the Grand Aerie, the large loss being due to cutting out the unhealthy timber.

The following is a list of those Aeries that made the quota set by the Grand Aerie for initiations:

	Quota	Initiated		Quota	Initiated
Buffalo 46	840	863	Elmira 941	144	163
Brooklyn 393	48	58	Amicus 1043	48	54
Gloversville 482	84	85	Ithaca 1253	96	138
Olean 616	120	120	Tonawandas 1411	72	76
Watertown 782	120	120	Fort Johnson 1575	72	84
Lockport 825	96	98	Lackawanna 2231	60	192

Detailed total gains and losses for the entire year are shown in the following tabulation:

GAINS		LOSSES	
Initiated	3568	Dropped for N. P. Dues	9866
Received by Card	12	Withdrawn by Card	16
Reinstated and Reinvested	357	Resigned	43
By Charter	194	Expelled	11
		Deceased	297
Total Gains	4131	Charter Revocation	475

Total Losses10708

Net Gain or Loss	6577
Total Membership May 31, 1937	(Estimated) 20493
Membership in Good Standing	(Estimated) 19505

Complete detailed membership statistics of each Aerie for each six months term of the fiscal year are submitted herewith in tabulated form as prepared from information contained in the semi-annual reports of each Aerie.

MEMBERSHIP DATA
June 1, 1936, to November 30, 1936

AERIE No. Name	GAINS				LOSSES					Net Gain or Loss	Membership Nov. 30, 1936	Membership in Good Standing Nov. 30, 1936	Percentage Gain or Loss During Term		
	Membership June 1, 1936	Initiated	By Card	Reinstated	Total Gain	Dropped for Non- Payment of Dues	By Card	Resigned	Expelled					Deceased	Total Loss
40 New York	474	17	0	0	17	305	0	0	0	2	307	290	184	166	61.1-
46 Buffalo	12872	379	3	32	414	9	3	2	0	45	59	355	13227	7154	2.7
52 Rochester	1278	54	0	48	102	120	1	0	0	8	129	27	1251	1087	2.1-
053 New Syracuse	178	12	0	5	17	0	0	0	0	3	3	14	192	177	7.8
88 Niagara Falls	280	23	1	5	29	3	0	0	0	2	5	24	304	265	8.5
95 Geneva	100	9	0	6	15	0	0	1	1	1	3	12	112	70	12.0
96 Auburn	315	27	0	14	41	0	0	0	0	2	2	39	354	299	12.3
97 Utica	144	9	0	3	12	18	0	0	0	1	19	7	137	128	4.8-
393 Brooklyn	152	33	0	0	33	12	0	0	0	1	13	20	172	159	13.1
0473 Yonkers	70	9	0	0	9	0	0	1	0	0	1	8	78	71	11.4
482 Gloversville	402	37	0	7	44	33	0	1	0	2	36	8	410	401	1.9
491 Bronx	187	21	1	0	22	0	0	0	0	1	1	21	208	185	11.2
514 Schenectady	539	38	0	48	86	112	0	0	1	5	118	32	507	496	5.9-
543 Staten Island	204	38	0	0	38	70	0	0	0	1	71	33	171	162	16.1-
544 Empire	313	2	0	1	3	17	0	2	0	4	23	20	293	247	6.3-
583 Flushing	292	13	0	0	13	4	1	0	0	0	5	8	300	218	2.7
591 Cohoes	387	No Report.				Charter revoked					387	387			100.0-
616 Olean	592	98	1	21	120	209	0	0	0	6	215	95	497	497	16.0-
782 Watertown	545	12	0	7	19	17	0	3	0	3	23	4	541	521	0.7-
825 Lockport	1275	27	0	5	32	178	1	4	0	4	187	155	1120	941	12.1-
941 Elmira	1218	65	0	10	75	2	0	0	0	5	7	68	1286	667	5.5
1031 Vernon	114	5	0	1	6	13	0	0	0	1	14	8	106	106	7.0-
1042 Tarrytown	167	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	170	94	1.7
1043 Amicus	285	15	0	0	15	35	0	0	0	2	37	22	263	229	7.7-
1117 Washington Heights	120	13	0	5	18	20	1	2	0	0	23	5	115	115	4.1-
1154 Ogdensburg	94	0	0	1	1	21	0	0	0	1	22	21	73	35	22.3-
1166 Port Chester	155	17	0	2	19	0	0	0	0	1	1	18	173	125	11.6
1253 Ithaca	550	111	0	12	123	0	0	1	0	2	3	120	670	542	21.8
1260 Oneonta	301	25	0	2	27	8	0	0	0	2	10	17	318	265	5.6
1411 Tonawandas	628	19	0	0	19	65	0	2	0	3	70	51	577	551	8.1-
1509 Long Island City	303	4	0	1	5	17	0	0	0	3	20	15	288	229	4.9-
1544 Rockaway Beach	264	17	0	1	18	28	0	0	0	2	30	12	252	239	4.5-
1545 Ossining	138	5	0	1	6	17	0	0	0	1	18	12	126	95	8.7-
1575 Fort Johnson	805	39	0	15	54	36	0	1	0	4	41	13	818	818	1.6
1815 Sound Shore	129	8	0	1	9	29	0	0	0	0	29	20	109	89	15.5-
1924 Bay Ridge	120	15	1	3	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	139	115	15.8
2065 College Point	79	3	1	0	4	0	0	1	0	1	2	2	81	68	2.5
2119 Chenango Valley	188	23	0	7	30	58	0	0	0	3	61	31	157	140	16.5-
2130 Montreal	350	28	0	0	28	75	0	0	0	1	76	48	302	239	10.8-
2145 Chautauqua	274	24	0	32	56	28	0	1	0	2	31	25	299	265	9.0
2191 Crown City	103	21	0	16	37	21	0	0	5	1	27	10	113	109	9.7
2200 Lake Ontario	85	0	0	5	5	0	0	1	0	1	2	3	88	52	4.7
2231 Lackawanna	*194	49	0	0	243	0	0	0	0	0	0	243	243	243	**25.2
TOTALS	27069	1367	8	317	1886	1580	7	23	7	127	2131	245	26824	18674	0.9-

* Membership at Institution on July 10, 1936.
** Percentage Gain after institution.

MEMBERSHIP DATA
December 1, 1936, to May 31, 1937

AERIE No. Name	GAINS				LOSSES					Net Loss or Gain	Membership May 31, 1937	Percent Loss or Gain in This Period	Percent Loss or Gain for Fiscal Year		
	Membership Dec. 1, 1936	Initiated	By Card	Reinstated	Total Gains	Dropped for Non- Payment of Dues	By Card	Resigned	Expelled					Deceased	Total Losses
40 New York	184	28	1	0	29	16	0	1	0	8	25	4	188	2.1	60.3-
46 Buffalo	13228	484	0	4	488	6339	1	6	0	58	6404	5916	7312	44.7-	43.2-
52 Rochester	1251	224	1	14	239	114	0	0	0	18	132	107	1358	8.5	6.2
053 New Syracuse	193	87	0	0	87	38	0	0	0	2	40	47	240	24.3	34.8
88 Niagara Falls	304	27	0	5	32	66	1	0	0	3	70	38	266	12.5-	5.0-
95 Geneva	112	15	0	0	15	36	0	0	1	3	40	25	87	22.3-	13.0-
96 Auburn	354	20	0	0	20	84	0	0	0	0	84	64	290	18.0-	7.9-
97 Utica	137	62	0	1	63	10	0	0	0	2	12	51	188	37.2-	30.5
393 Brooklyn	172	25	2	0	27	21	0	2	0	1	24	3	175	1.7	15.1
0473 New Yonkers	78	26	0	5	31	9	0	0	0	0	9	22	100	28.2	42.8
482 Gloversville	410	48	0	2	50	35	1	0	0	3	39	11	421	2.7	4.7
491 Bronx	208	28	0	0	28	12	0	0	0	0	12	16	224	7.7	19.8
514 Schenectady	507	77	0	0	77	47	0	1	0	7	55	22	529	4.3	1.8-
543 Staten Island	171	50	0	1	51	26	0	0	0	0	26	25	196	14.6	3.9-
544 Empire	293	12	0	0	12	17	0	0	0	3	20	8	285	2.7	8.9-
583 Flushing	300	41	0	0	41	83	0	0	0	0	83	42	258	14.0	11.3-
616 Olean	497	22	0	2	24	105	0	1	0	3	109	85	412	17.1-	30.4-
782 Watertown	541	108	0	0	108	49	0	0	0	4	53	55	596	10.1	9.3
825 Lockport	1120	71	0	1	72	0	1	2	8	13	59	1179	5.3	7.4-	
941 Elmira	1286	98	0	0	98	620	0	4	0	11	635	537	749	41.8-	38.5-
1031 Vernon	106	14	0	0	14	12	0	0	1	2	15	1	105	0.9	7.9-
1042 Tarrytown	170	26	0	0	26	1	0	0	0	0	1	25	195	14.7	16.7
1043 Amicus	263	39	0	1	40	32	0	0	0	3	35	5	268	1.9	5.9-
1117 Washington Heights	115	24	0	0	24	8	1	2	0	0	11	13	128	11.3	6.6
*1154 Ogdensburg	73												73		
1166 Port Chester	173	24	0	0	24	65	0	0	0	0	65	41	132	23.7-	14.8-
1253 Ithaca	670	27	0	0	27	128	0	0	0	1	129	102	568	15.2-	1.6-
1260 Oneonta	318	23	0	0	23	40	1	0	0	5	46	23	295	7.2-	1.9-
1411 Tonawandas	577	57	0	0	57	26	1	1	0	6	34	23	600	3.9	4.4-
*1509 Long Island City	288												288		
1544 Rockaway Beach	252	35	0	0	35	8	0	0	0	6	14	21	273	8.3	3.3
1545 Ossining	126	6	0	0	6	30	0	0	0	2	32	26	100	20.6-	27.5-
1575 Fort Johnson	818	45	0	0	45	35	0	0	0	4	39	6	824	0.7	2.3
*1815 Sound Shore	109												109		
1924 Bay Ridge	139	50	0	1	51	28	1	0	0	2	31	20	159	14.4	32.5
*2065 College Point	81												81		
2119 Chenango Valley	156	33	0	0	33	16	0	0	0	1	17	16	172	10.2	8.5-
2130 Montreal	302	35	0	0	35	105	0	0	0	2	107	72	230	23.8-	34.2-
2145 Chautauqua	299	52	0	3	55	0	0	1	0	1	2	53	352	17.7	28.4
2191 Crown City	113	15	0	0	15	25	0	0	0	1	26	11	102	9.7-	0.9-
2231 Lackawanna	243	143	0	0	143	0	0	0	0	0	0	143	386	58.8	96.3
2200 Lake Ontario	88	Charter Revoked									88	88			
TOTALS	26825	2201	4	40	2245	8286	9	20	4	170	8577	6332	20493	23.5-	24.2-

* May 31st reports not received. Figures used are from Nov. 30, 1936, reports.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

Herewith is also submitted a tabulation of financial data concerning each Aerie for the year ending November 30, 1936. On that date 69.6% of the total membership was in good standing compared to 64.6% on November 30, 1935, an increase of 5% to about the same ratio as existed on November 30, 1934. On June 1, 1937, it is estimated that 95% of the total membership is in good standing.

MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCIAL DATA

November 30, 1936

Aerie No.	Membership November 30, 1936	Membership 6 Mos. in Arrears	Membership in Good Standing	Percentage of Membership in Good Standing	Benefits Paid During Year		Liabilities	Net Assets	Net Assets per Member in Good Standing	Amount of P. C. Tax Due State Aerie for 1937				
					Death	Sick								
40	184	18	166	90.0	\$ 100.00	\$ 220.50	\$	\$ 2150.98	\$ 12.95	\$ 16.60				
46	13227	6073	7154	54.0	7000.00	11291.00	284000.00	482718.01	67.47	715.40				
52	1251	164	1087	86.8	1800.00	3026.00	54948.27	188179.84	173.11	108.70				
053	192	15	177	92.1	300.00	310.50	6.00	999.43	5.64	17.70				
88	304	39	265	87.1	400.00	725.00	6177.29	33724.83	127.26	26.50				
95	112	42	70	62.5	200.00	332.00	28563.43	23378.34	333.97	7.00				
96	354	55	299	84.4	600.00	329.00	.....	58472.95	195.56	29.90			
97	137	9	128	93.4	100.00	392.00	.....	22259.43	173.90	12.80			
393	172	13	159	92.4	100.00	416.00	500.00	3998.85	25.15	15.90				
0473	78	7	71	91.0	.....	.....	.....	762.56	10.74	7.10	
482	410	9	401	97.7	300.00	1153.50	22979.71	116758.96	291.16	40.10				
491	208	23	185	88.9	300.00	710.00	743.20	9852.34	53.25	18.50				
514	507	11	496	97.8	900.00	1106.46	34413.50	55872.77	112.64	49.60				
543	171	9	162	94.7	100.00	151.00	184.25	1586.64	9.79	24.70				
544	293	46	247	84.3	300.00	475.00	.....	23891.86	96.72	24.70			
583	300	82	218	72.6	100.00	473.00	.....	11230.05	51.51	21.80			
616	497	.....	497	100.0	433.57	807.58	18986.89	81135.55	163.25	49.70			
782	541	20	521	96.3	600.00	1657.50	.....	35087.52	67.34	52.10			
825	1120	179	941	84.0	600.00	2729.00	8500.00	66588.73	70.76	94.10				
941	1286	619	667	51.8	400.00	808.50	6306.05	77983.23	116.91	66.70				
1031	106	.....	106	100.0	100.00	245.00	2068.50	159.13	1.50	10.60			
1042	170	76	94	55.2	200.00	264.00	.....	5057.30	53.79	9.40			
1043	263	34	229	87.0	225.00	265.90	400.94	5839.56	25.50	22.90				
1117	115	.....	115	100.0	100.00	211.00	37.61	576.06	5.00	11.50			
1154	73	38	35	49.3	75.00	.....	.....	261.84	7.48	3.50		
1166	173	48	125	72.2	200.00	383.00	1048.97	3346.12	26.76	12.50				
1253	670	128	542	80.8	400.00	757.00	84600.00	184208.36	339.86	54.20				
1260	318	53	265	83.3	200.00	835.00	.....	5701.75	21.51	26.50			
1411	577	26	551	95.4	200.00	1002.00	.....	55471.59	100.67	55.10			
1509	288	59	229	79.5	750.00	712.00	2451.00	24376.60	106.44	22.90				
1544	252	13	239	94.8	300.00	551.00	500.00	4217.89	17.64	23.90				
1545	126	31	95	75.3	100.00	159.00	2146.50	8814.02	92.77	9.50				
1575	818	.....	818	100.0	700.00	2914.50	9410.59	76501.13	93.52	81.80			
1815	109	20	89	81.6	.....	300.00	4044.50	9508.02	106.83	8.90			
1924	139	24	115	82.7	.....	94.00	1146.20	4269.16	37.12	11.50			
2065	81	13	68	83.9	300.00	100.75	.....	473.48	6.96	6.80			
2119	157	17	140	89.1	300.00	433.25	11.97	1105.54	7.89	14.00				
2130	302	63	239	79.1	100.00	719.00	308.70	1586.29	6.63	23.90				
2145	299	34	265	88.6	100.00	273.00	130.00	4481.11	16.00	26.50				
2191	113	4	109	96.4	.....	62.00	200.00	3922.88	35.98	10.90			
2200	88	36	52	59.0	.....	7.50	150.00	29.97	0.57	5.20			
*2231	243	.....	243	100.0	.....	.....	.....	895.18	3.68	24.30
					26824	8150	18674	69.6	18983.57	\$37402.44	\$574964.07	\$1697435.85	\$ 90.82	\$1867.40

* Instituted July, 1936.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The following is a detailed financial statement for the fiscal year from June 10, 1936, to June 9, 1937:

Amount in hands of State Treasurer on June 10, 1936, as per audit of State Trustees at Olean:

Checking Account	\$1,446.05
Interest Account	1,581.55

Total \$3,027.60

RECEIPTS

Date	From	For	Amount
1936			
June 11	New Yorkers Aerie 0473, 1936 P. C. Tax		\$ 6.30
June 17	Bronx Aerie 491, 1936 P. C. Tax		17.30
June 15	Olean Aerie 616, State Aerie Prize Money		285.00
July 2	Niagara Co. Nat. Bank & Trust Co., Accrued Interest		7.90
Dec. 8	Tonawandas Aerie 1411, 1937 P. C. Tax		55.10
9	Fort Johnson Aerie 1575, 1937 P. C. Tax		81.80
11	New York Aerie 40, 1937 P. C. Tax		16.50
12	Ossining Aerie 1545, 1937 P. C. Tax		9.50
14	Geneva Aerie 95, 1937 P. C. Tax		7.00
	Schenectady Aerie 514, 1937 P. C. Tax		49.60
	Gloversville Aerie 482, 1937 P. C. Tax		40.10
	Oneonta Aerie 1260, 1937 P. C. Tax		26.50
	Olean Aerie 616, 1937 P. C. Tax		49.70
15	Bay Ridge Aerie 1924, 1937 P. C. Tax		11.50
	Empire Aerie 544, 1937 P. C. Tax		24.70
16	Washington Heights Aerie 1117, 1937 P. C. Tax		11.50
	Rochester Aerie 52, 1937 P. C. Tax		108.70
	Chautauqua Aerie 2145, 1937 P. C. Tax		26.50
	Niagara Falls Aerie 88, 1937 P. C. Tax		26.50
	Elmira Aerie 941, 1937 P. C. Tax		66.70
17	New Yorkers Aerie 0473, 1937 P. C. Tax		7.10
	Sound Shore Aerie 1815, 1937 P. C. Tax		8.90
	Watertown Aerie 782, 1937 P. C. Tax		52.10
19	Auburn Aerie 96, 1937 P. C. Tax		29.90
	Montreal Aerie 2130, 1937 P. C. Tax		23.90
21	Brooklyn Aerie 393, 1937 P. C. Tax		15.90
22	Ithaca Aerie 1253, 1937 P. C. Tax		54.20
23	Amicus Aerie 1043, 1937 P. C. Tax		22.90
	Bronx Aerie 491, 1937 P. C. Tax		18.50
24	Ogdensburg Aerie 1154, 1937 P. C. Tax		3.50
	Crown City Aerie 2191, 1937 P. C. Tax		10.90
28	Port Chester Aerie 1166, 1937 P. C. Tax		12.50
	Rockaway Beach Aerie 1544, 1937 P. C. Tax		23.90
31	Tarrytown Aerie 1042, 1937 P. C. Tax		9.40
	Utica Aerie 97, 1937 P. C. Tax		12.80
1937			
Jan. 2	Long Island City Aerie 1509, 1937 P. C. Tax		22.90
4	New Syracuse Aerie 053, 1937 P. C. Tax		17.70
19	Staten Island Aerie 543, 1937 P. C. Tax		16.20
Feb. 18	Lockport Aerie 825, 1937 P. C. Tax		94.10
Mar. 8	College Point Aerie 2065, 1937 P. C. Tax		6.80
24	Lackawanna Aerie 2231, 1937 P. C. Tax		24.30
29	Flushing Aerie 583, 1937 P. C. Tax		21.90

May 13	Wilbur National Bank, Accrued Interest	12.81
19	Chenango Valley Aerie 2119, 1937 P. C. Tax	14.00
	Buffalo Aerie 46, 1937 P. C. Tax	715.40

Total received from outside sources\$2,180.91

1936		
Nov. 24	Received from Interest Account	300.00
	Total received from all sources	\$2480.91

RECEIPTS CLASSIFIED:

1936 P. C. Tax	\$ 23.60
1937 P. C. Tax	1,851.60
Accrued Interest	20.71

Actual State Aerie Income\$1,895.91

State Aerie Prize Money	285.00
Transfer from Interest Account	300.00
Total received	\$2,480.91

DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Paid to	For	Check No.	Amount
1936				
June 13	John P. Saxer, Expenses to State Aerie, Office Expenses, and Trophies (State Pres.)		1363	\$ 129.25
	Walter A. Neafie, Expenses to State Aerie & Office Expenses (State Secretary)		1364	74.79
	John M. Hoenig, Expenses to State Aerie (State Treasurer)		1365	42.00
	Geo. J. Pentoney, Expenses to State Aerie (State Trustee)		1366	78.20
	Fred S. Clark, Expenses to State Aerie (State Trustee)		1367	71.40
	Chas. M. Johannes, Expenses to State Aerie (State Trustee)		1368	54.75
	Ralph Lagonegro, Expenses to State Aerie (Credential Committee)		1369	36.62
	William Luban, Expenses to State Aerie (Ritual Committee)		1370	48.40
	John P. Saxer, Compensation to Grand Aerie		1371	150.00
	Ralph Lagonegro, Compensation to Grand Aerie		1372	100.00
	George Fessler, Compensation to Grand Aerie		1373	100.00
	Lipsett & Hill, Inc., J. P. Saxer Trophies		1374	43.75
	John P. Saxer, Expenses of Good of Order Committee		1375	55.27
	Buffalo Aerie 46, State Aerie Prize		1376	50.00
	Rochester Aerie 52, State Aerie Prize		1377	50.00
	Chautauqua Aerie 2145, State Aerie Prize		1378	50.00
	Buffalo Aerie Drum Corps, State Aerie Prize		1379	50.00
	Buffalo Aerie Drill Team, State Aerie Prize		1380	50.00
	Rochester Aerie Ladies' Auxiliary, State Aerie Prize		1381	35.00
July 2	The Daily News, Printing State Aerie Stationery		1383	20.50
Aug. 28	The Billington Press, Printing 1936 Proceeding & Envelopes		1385	180.50

Sept. 15	Walter A. Neafie, 1st Quarter Salary & Office Expenses	1386	83.99
Oct. 30	John J. Shortell, Expenses of Visitations	1387	75.00
Nov. 27	John S. Parry, Premium on State Officers Bonds	1388	16.00
	The Daily News, Printing State Aerie By-Laws	1389	42.00
	John J. Shortell, Expenses of Visitations	1390	75.00
Dec. 15	Walter A. Neafie, 2nd Quarter Salary & Office Expenses	1391	82.00
1937			
Jan. 12	John J. Shortell, Expenses of Visitations	1392	100.00
15	The Daily News, Printing Circular Letter	1393	7.50
Mar. 10	John J. Shortell, Expenses of Visitations	1394	100.00
	Walter A. Neafie 3rd Quarter Salary & Office Expenses	1395	77.51
Apr. 5	The Daily News, Printing Forms for State Aerie Session	1396	34.50
	John J. Shortell, Expenses of Visitations	1397	150.00
May 26	The Daily News, Printing Circular Letter	1398	4.50
	Thomas C. Reynolds, Salary as State Treasurer	1399	10.00
	Walter A. Neafie, 4th Quarter Salary, Postage & Supplies	1400	81.80

Total Disbursed\$2,410.23

DISBURSEMENTS CLASSIFIED

Expenses of State Officers and Committeemen to last S. A. Session	\$ 471.77
Compensation to Representatives to Grand Aerie	350.00
State President Visitations, 1936-37	500.00
State President Office Expenses, 1935-36	25.60
State President Trophies, 1935-36	65.15
Expenses of Good of the Order Committee arranging for 1936 Session	55.27
Routine Printing, Postage, Stationery and Supplies	70.03
Printing for this Session	34.50
Printing and mailing Proceedings of last Session	184.91
Premium on State Officers Bonds	16.00
Printing State Aerie Laws	42.00
Salaries of State Secretary and State Treasurer	310.00

Total routine State Aerie Expenses\$2,125.23
State Aerie Prizes—supplied by Olean Aerie 285.00

Total Disbursed\$2,410.23

STATEMENT OF EACH FUND, AND INTEREST ACCOUNT

General Fund No. 1	
Balance in Fund last report	\$1,372.52
Receipts: 1936 Per Capita Tax	\$ 23.60
1937 Per Capita Tax	1,851.60
Accrued Interest from Interest Account	20.71
S. A. Prize Money, from Aerie No. 616	285.00
Total Received	\$2,180.91
Total on hand and received	\$3,553.43
Disbursed: State Aerie Expenses	\$1,910.23
Transferred to Fund No. 3	199.99
Total Disbursed	\$2,110.22
Balance in Fund this report	\$1,443.21
Old Age Pension Fund No. 2	
Balance in Fund last report	\$ 73.52
Receipts:	Nil
Disbursed:	Nil
Balance in Fund this report	\$ 73.52
State President's Fund No. 3	
Balance in Fund last report	\$ 0.01
Receipts: Transfer from Interest Account	\$ 300.00
Transfer from General Fund	199.99
Total Received	\$ 499.99
Total on hand and received	\$ 500.00
Disbursed: Expenses for Visitations	\$ 500.00
Total Disbursed	\$ 500.00
Balance in Fund this report	Nil
Interest Account	
Balance in Account last report	\$1,581.55
Transferred to Checking Account	300.00
Balance in Account this report	\$1,281.55
Recapitulation	
Total amount in hands of State Treasurer last report	\$3,027.60
Distributed as follows: Checking Account	\$1,446.05
Interest Account	1,581.55
Total amount received from all sources (less Interest Transfer)	\$2,180.91
Total amount on hand and received	\$5,208.51
Total amount disbursed (Checks No. 1363 to No. 1400 (except No. 1382 and No. 1384 which were used for transfer of funds from previous bank to new bank)	\$2,410.23
Total amount in hands of State Treasurer at this report	\$2,798.28
Distributed as follows: Checking Account	\$1,516.73
Interest Account	1,281.55
	\$2,798.28

DECEASED

During the past twelve months, 297 of our Brothers have been called to that other life of eternal peace and tranquility. Among this number there were 8 Past Worthy Presidents. A complete roll of the names of our departed Brothers forms a part of this report.

In conclusion I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to the subordinate Aerie Officers and Members; the State Aerie Officers; and the Grand Aerie Officers, for their splendid cooperation and the courteous manner in which the business transactions with this office have been treated, all of which have been most pleasant. Trusting my efforts in handling the matters pertaining to the office of State Secretary may meet with your approval, this report is respectfully submitted.

WALTER A. NEAFIE,
State Secretary.

REPORT OF STATE TREASURER

Auburn, June 10, 1937

To the Officers and Members of
New York State Aerie, F. O. E.

Brothers:

I submit herewith my annual report as State Treasurer for the fiscal year of 1936-1937:

Amount on hand in Checking Account June 11, 1936	\$1,446.05
Received from State Secretary:	
Per Capita Tax	\$1,875.20
Interest	20.71
State Aerie Prize Money	285.00
Transfer from Interest Account	300.00
	\$2,480.91
Total on hand and received	\$3,926.96
Disbursed by check	\$2,410.23
Amount on hand in Checking Account June 9, 1937	\$1,516.73
Amount on hand in Interest Account June 11, 1936	\$1,581.55
Transferred to Checking Account	300.00
Amount on hand in Interest Account June 9, 1937	\$1,281.55
Total amount on hand June 9, 1937, as shown by bank statement and bank book	\$2,798.28

THOMAS C. REYNOLDS,
State Treasurer.

The above report was submitted by State Treasurer Thomas C. Reynolds, and was received and ordered printed in the proceedings on motion by Past State President Saxer, seconded by State Chaplain Barber.

REPORT OF STATE TRUSTEES

The following report was presented by State Trustee Clark on behalf of the Board and was received and ordered printed in the proceedings on motion by State Chaplain Barber, seconded by Frank Mengler, Aerie 941.

To the Officers and Members of New York State Aerie
Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Brothers:

We, the undersigned Board of State Trustees of New York State Aerie, in compliance with Article XII, Section 2, of our State Aerie Laws, beg to submit the following report for your consideration and approval:

After our last session, the newly elected State Treasurer named the Wilber National Bank of Oneonta as his choice for depositing the Funds of the State Aerie, and after investigating the standing of the Bank we unanimously approved the selection.

Upon the recommendation of the State President and State Secretary early in November, your Trustees approved the transfer of \$300.00 from the Interest Account to the Checking Account because of the low balance in that account at that time with several outstanding bills to be paid.

Since arriving at this session of our State Aerie we have examined the books and audited the accounts of both the State Treasurer and State Secretary. We have also carefully compared and checked the accounts with the reports submitted at this State Aerie session by these officers, and as a result of our audits and examinations we hereby certify that we find the accounts true and correct. We find the actual amount of money on hand in the Wilber National Bank deposited to the account of New York State Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles, to be \$1,516.73, in the Checking Account, and \$1,281.55 in the Interest Account, or a total of \$2,798.28.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED S. CLARK, Chairman
CHARLES M. JOHANNES
GEORGE J. PENTONEY
Board of State Trustees.

Dated this 10th day of June, 1937.

GRAND AERIE REPRESENTATIVES

The State Aerie was signally honored by having the Grand Aerie represented by Grand Worthy President Dr. H. B. Mehrmann, and by Past Grand Worthy President George Nordin, Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees.

The State President first introduced Brother Mehrmann, who was received with grand honors, and he gave a most interesting and instructive address; bringing the greetings from the Grand Aerie with the wish that the sessions of our State Aerie may bring great good to the State Aerie and to our organization in general. He congratulated the State Officers on the completeness of their reports and stated that the Grand Aerie greatly appreciates the efforts that have been made throughout the State during the past year, but is looking forward for increased activities during the coming year because it is felt that the great Empire State should take its place in the foremost ranks of Eagledom. He dwelled at some length on the kind of Order the Eagles are striving to be, and urged the Brothers to consider the quality of men asked to join the Fraternity. He paid tribute to the Organization Department for what he believed to be the reason for the great

success the Eagles have attained and mentioned the fact that 73,000 new members were added during the past year, making it the most successful year in the history of the Fraternity, but predicted that the continued activities during the coming year promises even greater success.

Brother Nordin was next introduced and received with the grand honors. In a few brief remarks he expressed his great pleasure in again being permitted to visit with his friends and brothers of New York and stated that he wants to be of any aid possible to not only the State Aerie but to the individual members of the subordinate Aeries.

PROPOSED CHANGES IN STATE AERIE LAWS

A resolution introduced by Michael Wolf of Aerie 393 proposing to hold the nomination, election and installation of State Officers on the second day of the session was read and referred to the Committee on Laws.

A resolution proposing an amendment to Article XVIII, Section 1, providing for a Chairman of the Good of the Order Committee, introduced by State Secretary Neafie, was also read and referred to the Committee on Laws.

State President Shortell made a few remarks during which he requested all the delegates to renew their obligations to the Fraternal Order of Eagles in the hope that it will stimulate their activities so that during the coming year the various Aeries in the State will be able to go over the top in their quotas set by the Grand Aerie.

The chairman of the various session committees announced the time and place for the meeting of the respective committees.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

A motion was made by Past State President John Saxer, seconded by David J. Donohue of Aerie 616 and carried, that one hour be set aside during Friday's session as a special order of business to consider Organization.

Edward W. Murphy of Aerie 40 made a motion which was seconded by J. R. Easter of Aerie 782 and carried, that the delegates stand in silent prayer in memory of the Mother of Past Grand Worthy President Frank E. Hering.

Past State Trustee Andrew Flanigan, in behalf of Watertown Aerie 782, extended an invitation to New York State Aerie to hold its 1938 Convention in the city of Watertown. On motion by Past State President Welch, seconded by E. J. Taylor of Aerie 782, the invitation was referred to the special committee to be appointed by the State President to arrange for the holding of the 1938 session, and Brother Flanigan was thanked for the invitation.

On motion by Past State President Saxer, seconded by Edward W. Murphy of Aerie 40, the Good of the Order Committee was instructed to send telegrams to Past State President Frank X. Bernhardt, and to Past State President Joseph M. Scherer, expressing our regrets that illness prevents them from being with us at this session.

Recess was taken at 1:30 until 10 A. M. tomorrow.

BANQUET

At 7:30 P. M., Thursday Evening, about 300 delegates, ladies and guests gathered in the large dining room of the Hotel Osborne where a fine banquet

was provided to the accompaniment of music by Nick Gross's orchestra—both instrumental and vocal. P. W. P. Robert Bell, the first Worthy President of Auburn Aerie, presided as toastmaster and introduced the following speakers:

John J. Shortell State President
Hon. Charles D. Osborne Mayor
Dr. H. B. Mehrmann Grand Worthy President
Hon. Benn Kenyon Justice of Supreme Court
Senator George Nordlin Past Grand Worthy President
T. J. Hennessy Chairman of Convention Committee.

Brother Melgier of Aerie 46 also rendered a vocal selection.

SECOND SESSION

Friday, June 11, 1937

The State Aerie reconvened at 10:30 A. M. with State President Shortell presiding. Pass word taken and opening prayer by State Chaplain Barber. State Outside Guard Leslie McDermott was present at this session.

Brother Tatascore, Chairman of the Credential Committee, presented a supplemental report showing 25 additional representatives registered since his last report.

The minutes of yesterday's Session were read and approved.

The State President announced that the exemplification of the ritual would take place at St. Mary's Hall at 2:00 P. M. today.

At this point, State President Shortell turned over the gavel to Past State President Mahoney.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAWS

Chairman Mentzinger of the Laws Committee read a proposed amendment to the State Aerie Laws to provide that State Officers and Committeemen when elected or appointed shall be accredited representatives in attendance at a State Aerie session. The resolution as worded brought comments from P. G. W. President Nordlin and State Secretary Neafie and on motion by Secretary Neafie, seconded by Chairman Mentzinger, the resolution was referred to the Laws Committee with instructions to revise the wording as they felt was necessary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were presented by the Resolution Committee and action taken as noted.

Resolution

IN MEMORIUM

Whereas, our beloved Brother, Past Grand Worthy President Frank E. Hering, who has been acclaimed by millions as the Father of Mother's Day, has himself recently been deprived of the love and companionship of his Mother by Almighty God calling her to her last long rest from the earthly duties and responsibilities of this life, be it therefore

Resolved, that we, the Representatives assembled in attendance at the 1937 annual session of New York State Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles, at Auburn this tenth day of June, in behalf of the entire membership of the Order in the State of New York and the Province of Quebec, Canada,

extend to Brother Hering our sincere and reverent sympathy in his great loss and bereavement, and, be it further

Resolved, that this resolution be embodied in the proceedings of this State Aerie session and a copy thereof be forwarded to Brother Hering.

Submitted by Past State President Joseph M. Scherer.

The above resolution was unanimously adopted on motion by Past State President Walter E. McGrath, seconded by Ralph Lagonegro, Aerie 941.

Resolution

Being firmly convinced that a more lasting, more favorable impression is made upon candidates receiving the obligation of our Order in front of the altar when they are required to repeat same while being given by the Worthy President, therefore, be it

Resolved, that New York State Aerie petition the Grand Aerie that the ritual of our Order be so amended that it will permit subordinate Aeries, who so desire, to have the candidates repeat the obligation of our Order when same is requested from them by the Worthy President.

Submitted by Buffalo Aerie 46.

Approved by the committee and unanimously adopted for presentation to the Grand Aerie on a motion by Past State President McGrath, seconded by Bernard L. Lilley, Aerie 941.

Resolution

After years of experience of the present custom, we are firmly convinced that interest of the subordinate Aerie is far better served by having the election and installation of Officers at the end of the calendar year than as now, namely, June 1st, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the New York State Aerie petition the Grand Aerie for an amendment of its laws permitting the subordinate Aeries to elect their Officers at the first meeting in December of each year and have Installation of Officers at the first meeting in January of each year.

Submitted by Buffalo Aerie 46.

Approved by the committee and adopted for presentation to the Grand Aerie on motion by Past State President McGrath, seconded by Richard P. Downey, Aerei 053.

Resolution

Whereas, in the State of New York there are many large cities wherein Aeries of the Fraternal Order of Eagles could be instituted if the paper Organizer were sent into these cities for that purpose, and

Whereas, the New York State Aerie is anxious to increase the number of Aeries in this State and add to its membership so that it may properly take its place among the leading State Aeries,

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the State Aerie appoint a Committee of competent men to devise a plan for carrying out the intent aforesaid and that this Committee join with Conrad H. Mann, the Managing Organizer, and combine ideas so that at the next State Aerie Session a favorable report will be rendered and more Aeries added to its roster.

Submitted by

GEORGE PENTONEY,

State Trustee.

Approved by the committee and adopted on motion by William H. Mostyn, Aerie 52, seconded by A. L. Shrout, Aerie 1166.

Resolution

Whereas, much is to be gained by advertising outside of the immediate Aerie rooms and we feel that much may be accomplished by outdoor advertising of our Order, and

Whereas, other organizations have erected signs on the main highways, such as "Safety Warnings to Drivers," and "Notices of Meetings and where held," therefore, be it

Resolved, that the New York State Aerie recommend to the subordinate Aeries the erection of signs advertising their Order on the main highways near the entrance to their immediate localities.

Submitted by Aaron Siegler, Staten Island Aerie No. 543.

Approved by the committee and adopted on a motion by Brother Mostyn, Aerie 52, seconded by Michael Kebles, Aerie 583.

Resolution

Whereas, there has been witnessed grave fear of a future war among the European Nations due to the selfishness of certain individuals who have set themselves up at the head of their respective governments and have been carrying on in a manner that does not conform with the teachings of our past history and doctrines, and

Whereas, the Fraternal Order of Eagles through its membership at all times teaches Patriotism as applied by our Oath of Allegiance to the United States of America and its Government, and

Whereas, in the last World War, this nation bore the brunt of a quarrel among litigating nations and gave many of its young men as a sacrifice only to derive no benefit therefrom and we of the Fraternal Order of Eagles gave and contributed many of our young men who sacrificed their all so that this Nation might live and carry on, and

Whereas, the Grand Aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles has from time to time condemned all forms of radicalism, communism, fascism and has upheld only Americanism in its true form and in accordance with the cardinal principles of this Order, Liberty, Truth, Justice and Equality,

Be It Therefore Resolved, that we recommend to the Grand Aerie at its next session in August, 1937, a Resolution Memorializing the President of the United States and the Congress of this Nation, to do all in their power to maintain a peaceful stand in the matter of all European conflicts and that they enact only laws which will tend to protect the welfare of this Nation only and that other Nations abroad be obliged to settle their own questions and that this Nation remain neutral.

Submitted by

WALTER H. COWIE,
Brooklyn Aerie No. 393.

Approved by the committee, adopted and referred to the Grand Aerie on motion by State Vice-President Maraldo, seconded by John Williams, Aerie 46.

Resolution

Whereas, during the Past Year in New York City and vicinity appropriate Radio Programmes were broadcast over the air through the Courtesy of Fred J. Leuper, Radio Director of the Grand Aerie, for the benefit of the Aeries comprising New York City, Brooklyn, Westchester County and Long Island, and

Whereas, the response received after these Broadcasts show the possibilities of advertising the Fraternal Order of Eagles by this medium, and

Whereas, during the last year we were highly honored in being able to tune in over the Networks of the National Broadcasting Company, a speech by Managing Organizer Conrad H. Mann which brought to the attention of millions listening in the work and accomplishments of this great Order, and

Whereas, it is needless to say that many corporations are in this era increasing the amount of business heretofore done by them by advertising over the Radio, and

Whereas, the Members of the New York State Aerie feel that this matter should be given the proper consideration by the Grand Aerie and the Organization Department and that if found that it could favorably be accomplished to the end that our Membership will increase, even though a slight per capita tax might be imposed on the individual members,

Be It Resolved, Therefore, that the New York State Aerie recommend to the Grand Aerie the possibility of establishing a Radio Publicity Department headed by P.G.W.P. Frank E. Hering and P.G.W.P. Conrad H. Mann and regular periodical broadcasts on the F. O. E. be had.

Submitted by

KENNETH DWYER,
Rockaway Beach Aerie 1544

Approved by the committee, adopted and referred to the Grand Aerie on motion by Brother Maraldo, seconded by Jay D. Cronk, Aerie 1545.

Resolution

Whereas, the City of New York, Westchester County, Long Island and Brooklyn have benefitted somewhat by periodical Radio Broadcasts which were sponsored by P. G. W. Chaplain Fred J. Leuper, of Hoboken, N. J., during 1936-37.

Be It Resolved, Therefore, that a letter of Thanks be forwarded to this Brother by the New York State Aerie.

Submitted by

FRANK COGNATA,
Staten Island Aerie, No. 543.

Approved by the committee and adopted on motion by Brother Maraldo, seconded by Walter Glenn, Aerie 1924.

Resolution

Whereas, that Congress of the United States has established a United States Constitution Sesquicentennial Commission to arrange a fitting nationwide observance of the 150th anniversary of the formation of the Constitution of the United States, and

Whereas, the United States Constitution Sesquicentennial Commission is authorized to prepare plans and programs for the adequate celebration of the sesquicentennial anniversary; to give due and proper consideration to any plan or plans which may be submitted to it; and to take such steps as may be necessary in the coordination and correlation of plans prepared by the various State Commissions, or by bodies created under appointment by the Governors of the respective States, and by representative civic bodies, and

Whereas, the United States Constitution Sesquicentennial Commission, desiring the full cooperation of the people of the United States, has extended a most cordial and urgent invitation to our organization to participate in the celebration, therefore be it

Resolved, that the New York State Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles, does hereby endorse the program of observance of the 150th anniversary of

the formation of the Constitution of the United States; accept with appreciation the invitation of the United States Constitution Sesquicentennial Commission; appoint a special committee; pledge this organization to extend cooperation to the United States Commission in all possible ways so that our members may acquire a knowledge of the history of the Constitution of the United States; and unite our efforts with those of other organizations for the enlightenment of the whole nation and the stimulation of a patriotic interest in our immortal document.

And Be It Further Resolved, that this resolution be incorporated in the official proceedings of this meeting, and that a copy thereof be transmitted to the United States Constitution Sesquicentennial Commission, Washington, D. C.

Submitted by Resolution Committee.

Approved by the committee and adopted on motion by Brother Maraldo, seconded by Edward H. Costello, Aerie 1117.

At this point the gavel was turned over to Past State President Walter McGrath.

Nomination of Officers

The nomination of officers resulted as follows:

For the office of **State President**, Charles D. Maraldo, of Staten Island Aerie 543, was nominated by Past State President Mahoney. The nomination was seconded by Brothers Siegler, Aerie 543; Kohaut, Aerie 0473; Shrout, Aerie 1166; Cronk, Aerie 1545; Costello, Aerie 1117; Mentzinger, Aerie 1544; McGrath, Aerie 40, and others.

For the office of **State Vice-President**, Raymond R. Barber of Ithaca, Aerie 1253, was placed in nomination by Kenneth Decker, Aerie 1253, the nomination being seconded by Brothers Sullivan, Aerie 941; McGrath, Aerie 40, and Pentoney, Aerie 583.

For the office of **State Chaplain**, William H. Mostyn of Rochester Aerie 52 was placed in nomination by Dewitt Martin, Aerie 46, the nomination being seconded by Brothers Fessler, Aerie 1509; Kelly, Aerie 053; Wolf, Aerie 393; Mahoney, Aerie 52; Mentzinger, Aerie 1544; Cronk, Aerie 1545; McGrath, Aerie 40; Cassidy, Aerie 1924; Welsh, Aerie 941; Mitchel, Aerie 1260.

William Lovell of Tonawandas Aerie 1411 was also nominated for the office of **State Chaplain** by Ralph Lagonegro, Aerie 941, the nomination being seconded by William Luban, Aerie 40, but this nomination was withdrawn by Brother Lagonegro before nominations for the next office in order were called for.

For the office of **State Secretary**, Walter A. Neafe of Ossining Aerie 1545, was placed in nomination by Past State President Sweeney, the nomination being seconded by Brothers Lagonegro, Aerie 941; Donohue, Aerie 616; Costello, Aerie 1117; Potter, Aerie 782, and others.

For the office of **State Treasurer**, Thomas C. Reynolds of Oneonta Aerie 1260, was placed in nomination by Past State President Saxer, the nomination being seconded by Brothers Mitchel, Aerie 1260, and Tatascore, Aerie 1253.

For the office of **State Conductor**, Leslie McDermott of Lockport Aerie 825, was placed in nomination by Frank Woock, Aerie 825, the nomination being seconded by Brothers Dolzen, Aerie 514; Decker, Aerie 1253, and Welch, Aerie 941.

For the office of **State Conductor**, Walter H. Cowie of Brooklyn Aerie 393, was also placed in nomination by Michael Wolf, Aerie 393, the nomination being seconded by Edward Cairns, Aerie 1117, and Past State President McGrath.

For the office of **State Inside Guard**, William L. Christiansen, of Schenectady Aerie 514, was placed in nomination by Charles J. Dolzen, Aerie 514. The nomination was seconded by Ralph Lagonegro, Aerie 941.

For the office of **State Outside Guard**, Francis A. Markiewicz, of Amicus Aerie 1043, was placed in nomination by Albert Schraft, Aerie 1043, seconded by Edward Dumka, Aerie 97. Loren A. Swanson of Chautauqua Aerie 2145, was also placed in nomination by Charles Watmuff, Aerie 2145, seconded by Charles Kaiser, Aerie 46.

For the office of **State Trustee** for three years in place of Fred S. Clark, Harry W. Cleveland, of Buffalo Aerie 46, was placed in nomination by Leonard Brizdle, Aerie 46. The nomination was seconded by Brothers Pentoney, Aerie 583; Welch, Aerie 941; Siegler, Aerie 543; Mahoney, Aerie 52; Wolf, Aerie 393, and others.

M. Monat, of Montreal Aerie 2130, was also nominated by A. Ablett, Aerie 2130, the nomination being seconded by Brothers Clark, Aerie 97; Taylor, Aerie 782; Luban, Aerie 40, and Downey, Aerie 053.

Organization

The special order of business to consider Organization was taken up at this point, with Past State President Alf presiding, and Past State President Saxer, State Organizer, in charge of the subject.

Brother Saxer reviewed the results accomplished in membership gains in the State Aerie during the past year and stated that while the record made by the organization throughout the United States and Canada has never been equalled by any fraternity, the record made by New York State fell short by over 600 from the State Quota set by the Grand Aerie and that we should concentrate all our efforts during the coming year in activities to increase membership. He paid his respect to Ithaca Aerie for having been the first Aerie in the State to reach its Quota and presented to Brother Barber, as the representative of Ithaca Aerie, a beautiful loving cup in recognition of that event. Brother Barber, in accepting the cup, repeated an offer made a year ago to the effect that Ithaca Aerie would be most happy to send its officers and degree team to any Aerie in the State of New York without cost to them to assist them in the initiation of candidates.

Brother Saxer next presented a loving cup to Brother Schwed, the representative of Lackawanna Aerie 2231, in recognition of that Aerie having been the second Aerie in the State to make its Quota. This Aerie increased its membership from 194, when instituted, to 381 on May 31. The membership of Cohoes Aerie when its charter was revoked being assigned to Lackawanna Aerie. He also presented a loving cup to Brother Markiewicz, of Amicus Aerie 1043, in recognition of that Aerie having been the third Aerie in the State to make its Quota.

He stated that the Organization Department was planning on instituting several new Aeries in the State during the coming year. He called attention to the merchandise being offered by the Organization Department as an added stimulus to the members for their efforts in securing new members, and to the literature being sent out to each Aerie with the new Quota for the coming year emphasizing the necessity for the posters being prominently displayed in the Aerie room. He also explained in detail the campaign outlined by the Organization Department and requested the officers of the Aerie to study this carefully and follow it implicitly. He said that the Organization Department was planning on giving special attention to New York State during the coming year and requested on behalf of the Managing Organizer and himself complete cooperation. He closed by stating that the Organization Department would be glad to furnish speakers at any time upon request made reasonably in advance and requested that such request be made direct to him.

Brother Saxer then introduced Past Grand Worthy President Nordlin,

whose remarks took the form of a heart to heart talk with the Delegates. For the reason that he feels that he himself is a part of the Organization of the State of New York, he felt that he could be more personal in his remarks and proceeded to go into some detail on the reason why he believed that New York State did not occupy the rank in Eagledom that it should. With its great population and its resources, New York State should be the leader in membership and must be second to none if we are to do the things we have set out to do.

Grand Worthy President Mehrmann was the next speaker and talked briefly along the same lines. He stated that the fact that the President of the United States was a member of the Eagles from the State of New York should alone inspire us to make New York State foremost in the ranks of Eagledom.

Past State President Welch was granted permission to speak on the subject of Organization and went into considerable detail as to what the State Aerie has been doing and the problems that are met. He said in part:

"I think that while the Grand Worthy President and Past Grand Worthy President are with us we might as well discuss both sides of the story, and I am certain they will have no objections. I am quite familiar with methods of organization, and know that the Eagles of our State are proud of the efforts put forth and the advancement made in our State.

"Many of the remarks made by my friend Senator Nordlin are true. He, like myself, is an idealist. We fight for ideals rather than for men but he asked me yesterday what was wrong with Eagledom in New York State and I told him I believed there was too much interference from outside our Aeries with affairs of our Aerie. We live in America where majority rule is the accepted rule and in our Order we are taught to believe that the membership is entitled to elect those whom they wish as officers of their Aerie, but we see some men or men from outside our Aerie and many times from outside our State step in and summarily remove from office these men whom the majority of members have elected and as I believe most times without good reasons and with lack of evidence of anything wrong. I believe every officer of an Aerie proven to be, after a fair and impartial hearing before a fair and impartial jury, beyond a reasonable doubt to be either dishonest in his dealings with the funds of the Aerie or immoral in character or to be working against the best interest of the Aerie or the Order should be punished according to the law of the fraternity. I have seen a Grand Aerie trial committee come into Syracuse in this State on complaint of a tale bearing Brother who has on two occasions been expelled from the Aerie and the Order, and accept his hospitality to the extent of being his guest at a shack in the country over Saturday, Sunday and Monday, which was Labor Day, and then decide the case in favor of their host and thereby crucify many of the best men and Eagles I have ever known. That Aerie was wrecked by design and a \$350,000.00 home lost to the Eagles in that city. The Aeries of this State have been permitted to go too far in debt in the building of club house homes without seemingly any effort made to figure income or earnings against interest and general expense, and I have seen the spectacle of the loss of club house homes in Binghamton, Syracuse, Oswego, and Yonkers, and a repudiation of debts and forfeiting of the charter. And the forming of a new Aerie with a new name and new charter. These things make it extremely hard to interest good men in our affairs in these cities. I regret the open house idea, now quite prevalent in the Aeries of our State, where people not members of our Order are permitted in our club without much regard to who they are or what they are. These things all tend to give the Aerie a bad name in the city where it may be and again keeps worthwhile men from our ranks.

"The organizers in this fraternity must be like a duck who sheds water from its back with ease. He must be able to take it. There are many worthwhile men in our ranks who will pitch in and help wholeheartedly if

they are invited to help, but who will never force themselves or their ability on any one. Personally, I am always ready and willing to help any officer in Grand Aerie, the State Aerie or any subordinate Aerie, if invited, and I don't mean for pay but I do mean just for the good of the Order. I hope every man here will go home and forget any real or assumed differences he may have and will wipe away any malice or hate in his mind or heart and dive in and build up the Aerie so that we can show a fine increase in members and hope, too, that those in charge of the affairs of the State Aerie or local Aeries will not be tale bearers but will realize there is room for everyone with inclinations to serve and ability to give in the Order of Eagles without knifing or killing any member of this Order so we may reach our goal over his dead body."

Andrew Flanigan, of Aerie 782, was also given permission to speak on the subject. He stated that he felt that the matter of lapsations was one of our greatest problems and that we should have more instructions on how to keep our members and properly operate our club rooms.

Brother Saxer mentioned what he considered the best meeting held in the State of New York in the past year which was held at Syracuse on May 2, it being the occasion of a visit by Chief Auditor Conrad H. Mann, there being delegates from 17 Aeries present. He presented a ring to William Mostyn of Rochester Aerie 52, which he had offered to the Worthy President bringing the largest delegation to that meeting.

One hour and forty-five minutes was devoted to this special order of business.

State President Shortell again occupying the chair, announced that the parade will be held on Saturday at 1:00 P. M. sharp, and that when we recess today, the sessions will start again at 9:00 A. M. Saturday and it was hoped that it would be possible to adjourn by 12:00.

It was reported that State Outside Guard William Christiansen had been suddenly called home by serious illness in the family.

William Luban, of Aerie 40, made a motion that the memorial services for our deceased brothers be held at 4:00 P. M. this afternoon, the motion was seconded by A. L. ShROUT, Aerie 1166 and carried. However, it was found later to be impossible to hold the services at that hour and they were postponed until the session on Saturday morning.

At 1:45 P. M. the session recessed until 9 A. M. tomorrow.

THIRD SESSION

Saturday, June 12, 1937

The third and final session of the Thirty-first Annual Meeting of New York State Aerie was called to order by State President Shortell at 9:15 A. M. with all State Officers present except State Outside Guard Christiansen. Loren A. Swanson, Aerie 2145, was appointed acting Outside Guard. The session was opened with prayer and pass word taken.

The reading of the minutes of the previous session was dispensed with.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

The following final report of the Committee on Credentials was submitted by Chairman Tatascore, which on motion by Bernard L. Lilley, Aerie 941, seconded by George A. Zimmerman, Aerie 1411, was received and adopted as the roll call of the 1937 session. The committee was discharged with a vote of thanks.

Auburn, N. Y., June 10, 1937.

To the Members of New York State Aerie,
Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Brothers:

We, the undersigned, constituting the Committee on Credentials for this our Thirty-first Annual Session of our State Aerie, most respectfully beg to submit the following report:

Number of Aeries in State	41
Total entitled representation of Aeries	118
Number of Aeries certifying Delegates to this Session	34
Number of Delegates Certified to Secretary	100
Number of Delegates registered	89
Number of Delegates-at-Large in State Aerie	26
Number of Delegates-at-Large registered	20
Total number of Members of State Aerie registered	109
Number of Delegates-at-Large registered who are also a certified Delegate of their Aerie	3

Your committee convened for its first session at the Headquarters at Auburn Aerie Club Rooms on Wednesday, June 9th, at 7 P. M., and has been in session at various times since as necessary, for the purpose of examining the Credential Certificates and Membership Cards of the Representatives to this session. We have compared the Certificates of the Representatives with the list of Certified Representatives furnished us by the State Secretary and have satisfied ourselves that each Representative to whom a Session Credential has been issued is a qualified Delegate, Alternate Delegate or Delegate-at-Large and entitled to a seat and a vote in this State Aerie Session.

Following is a list of the names of all Representatives to whom a Session Credential has been issued.

Delegates-at-Large

Junior Past State President	John P. Saxer
State President	John J. Shortell
State Vice-President	Charles G. Maraldo
State Chaplain	Raymond R. Barber
State Secretary	*Walter A. Neafie
State Treasurer	Thomas C. Reynolds
State Conductor	William H. Mostyn
State Inside Guard	Leslie McDermott
State Outside Guard	Wm. L. Christiansen
State Trustee	Fred S. Clark
State Trustee	*Charles M. Johannes
State Trustee	George J. Pentoney

Past State Presidents	Thomas G. Welsh Michael H. Swency William F. Mentzinger William H. Alf Walter E. McGrath Ernest J. Mahoney
Grand Aerie Representatives	Ralph G. Lagonegro *George Fessler

* Denotes also a Delegate from his Aerie.

**Denotes also an Alternate Delegate from his Aerie.

Delegates

40 New York	William Luban Edward W. Murphy Leonard Briddle Harry Cleveland Robert Carpenter George Haeberli Jacob Ludwig Charles Lauchner Dewitt Martin William Melgier Vincent Scharf John Williams Harry Wende George Young Charles Kaiser George C. Gavey
46 Buffalo	Raymond McCarthy Emil Brodzinski John Holley Robert Smith
52 Rochester	Richard P. Downey John D. Kelly
053 New Syracuse	Carl S. Olsen
88 Niagara Falls	James C. Carroll
95 Geneva	Earl Mislner
96 Auburn	John Miller Nelson A. Miles William B. Mahoney
97 Utica	Edward Dumka M. D. Clark
393 Brooklyn	Walter H. Cowie Michael Wolf
0473 New Yonkers	Henry Kohaut
482 Gloversville	No Delegates certified
491 Bronx	No Delegates certified
514 Schenectady	James J. Sheehan Charles J. Dolzen
543 Staten Island	Frank Cognata Aaron Siegler
544 Empire	No Delegates certified
583 Flushing	Thomas A. Miller Michael Kebles
616 Olean	Francis J. Collins David J. Donohue Donald R. Harvison
782 Watertown	Andrew Flanigan Henry Potter J. R. Easter E. J. Taylor

825	Lockport	Lester Bentley Melvin Raymond Frank Woock Dennis Carney
941	Elmira	Florence J. Sullivan Arthur W. Jennings Bernard L. Lilley Frank J. Mengler
1031	Vernon	No Delegates certified
1042	Tarrytown	No Delegates certified.
1043	Amicus	Francis A. Markiewicz Albert Schraft
1117	Washington Heights	Edward Cairns Edward Costello
1154	Ogdensburg	No Delegates certified
1166	Port Chester	A. L. Shroul Sam J. Provino
1253	Ithaca	John C. Powers Paul Tatascore Kenneth Decker Francis Sullivan
1260	Oneonta	Bert Mitchel William Fitzgerald Charles Werkins
1411	Tonawandas	George A. Zimmerman William Lovell Walter E. Sullivan
1509	Long Island City	*George Fessler
1544	Rockaway Beach	Walter H. Blum Kenneth Dwyer
1545	Ossining	Jay D. Cronk
1575	Fort Johnson	Stephen Gaydusek Ladislaw M. Pollak *Charles M. Johannes J. Clarence Hennelly
1815	Sound Shore	Not represented
1924	Bay Ridge	Joseph Cassidy Walter Glenn
2065	College Point	No Delegates certified
2119	Chenango Valley	Frank Lee Ray Ellsworth
2130	Montreal	M. Monat F. Cardinal A. Ablett
2145	Chautauqua	Loren A. Swanson Charles F. Watmuff
2191	Crown City	Harry A. Dunlap Henry Glab
2231	Lackawanna	Patsy Pitillo Joseph Schwed

* Denotes also a Delegate-at-Large.

Signed: PAUL TATASCORE, Chairman
DR. M. MONAT
JAMES C. CARROLL
JOHN E. HOLLEY
JACOB LUDWIG

Committee on Credentials.

REPORT OF GRAND AERIE REPRESENTATIVES

The following reports of the Representatives to the 1936 Grand Aerie Session were presented and on motion by Andrew Flanigan, Aerie 782, seconded by George H. Zimmerman, Aerie 1411, were received and ordered printed in the proceedings.

To the Officers and Delegates Assembled at the
Thirty-first Annual Session of New York State Aerie
Fraternal Order of Eagles, Auburn, N. Y.

My Brothers:

Greetings:

As your Delegate-at-Large to the Thirty-eighth Annual Convention of the Grand Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles held in the City of Chicago, Ill., August 13th to 17th, 1936, I am pleased to present a condensed report of same.

The Sessions were held in the Cameo Room of the Hotel Morrison, with the informal opening on Thursday evening, August 13th. This was an open meeting at which time the principal address was delivered by Past Grand Worthy President Frank E. Hering. It was a most inspiring address.

On Friday morning the first official session was held, at which time the annual reports were made by all Grand Aerie Officers and Committees. The report Grand Worthy President George Nordlin submitted was one any man should be proud of. One of much activity, but very modest as to himself. Knowing George as we do in New York State we know his term as Grand Worthy President was one of the most successful in the history of our Order. To him, let us say, "Well done, George."

One of the most important events of the business sessions of the Convention, I believe, was the report of the Chief Auditor and Managing Organizer, Brother Conrad H. Mann, wherein he pointed out the successful record attained by our Fraternity during the five previous years.

He thanked the Officers and the membership for their wholehearted cooperation during the past years and gave them credit for this accomplishment, but in my opinion if anyone should be given credit it should be none other than our leader, Brother Mann, he showed the way, he led, we only followed. He gave his time and advanced thousands of dollars to keep us going, therefore, let me say, "It's hats off to Brother Mann," the Greatest Fraternalist and Leader in the Country.

On Thursday evening one of the greatest sights ever seen was presented to the Delegates when they entered the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Stevens. At this time Brother Mann played host to 1,700, members and their wives and lady friends. It was the occasion of the Producers Banquet. I doubt if there ever was an affair of its equal held by or for any other fraternal organization. Those who were in attendance are still talking about it, and we of the Fraternal Order of Eagles have every reason to be thankful that we have a Leader like Brother Conrad H. Mann. It will go down in the history of our great Fraternity as one of the most magnificent affairs ever held. I trust that it will be the happy privilege of every Delegate present in this convention to be Brother Mann's guest at his Banquet at Chicago this year and partake of his wonderful hospitality.

The Chief Auditor, Brother Mann, in submitting his report, spoke at length on the operation of the Social Rooms of the Aeries and warned the officers in attendance that the Grand Aerie Laws governing them must be lived up to otherwise drastic action would be taken by the Grand Aerie against those responsible.

Brother Mann spoke on the Quota Plan Campaign for the year 1936-37. He also had on display the various prizes to be offered in addition to the cash award. The Delegates were very favorably impressed by the quality of merchandise offered.

Brother Mann concluded his report with the following statement:

"If I have any prayer to offer on behalf of this Fraternity, it is this:

"Give us, O Lord, men who, within their Aeries will exercise the qualities of leadership. Men who will choose the harder right before the easier, wrong. Men who will rally the younger men, the stronger men, and the honest men and weld them into a force that will make their Aerie a thing of strength and power."

Brother Frank E. Hering, Editor of the Eagles Magazine and Chairman of the Publicity Department and Old Age Pension Commission, submitted his report. The enthusiasm of the Delegates was greatly aroused by his reference to the progress made towards Old Age Pensions and Stabilization of Employment Legislation, both of which you have learned about from the pages of our National Magazine. The State of the Order Committee pointed out to the Delegates the low cost per issue of our magazine and were loud in their praise of its management.

The resolution of New York State Aerie pertaining to the levying of a one per cent per capita tax for broadcasting purposes was defeated as the Grand Aerie is opposed to any increased levy on the per capita tax.

The resolution of New York State Aerie that the Grand Aerie formulate plans to bring about a successful culmination in every State a minimum wage law for men and women, the following report was submitted by the State of the Order Committee and was adopted.

"While this committee is in complete accord with the object expressed in this resolution, yet on account of our extensive program of old age pensions and stabilization of employment and our united efforts to bring about to all of the people in all of the States of our Republic the benefits to which they are entitled under the National Security Act, which would be helpful to the people throughout the nation, they were of the unanimous opinion that our efforts should be directed to the accomplishments of these activities, not losing sight of the fact that a minimum saving wage to men and women is necessary and essential to the proper standard of American living and the contentment and happiness of the American home."

The Grand Aerie parade was held at noon Sunday on Michigan Avenue, which was closed to all traffic. It was a very colorful parade with thousands of people watching along the line of march.

After a rather busy Monday morning, at which time many resolutions were presented and adopted, the new Officers of the Grand Aerie were installed by Past Grand Worthy President Wm. L. Grayson, with Dr. H. B. Mehrmann as the new Grand Worthy President.

I am deeply grateful to the Officers, Delegates and members of the various Aeries in having the honor to represent them at this Convention, and for their loyal support, especially so, as I was elected to the Office of Grand Worthy Chaplain for the year 1936-37. As I have repeatedly stated, my one desire is that every Eagle in the Great Empire State share this honor with me, for it was by their unflinching support that made this possible.

Complete details of the Convention will be found in the Grand Aerie Journal, which has been sent to every Aerie.

JOHN P. SAXER, P.S.P.

To the Officers and Delegates assembled at the 31st Annual Session of the New York State Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Auburn, N. Y.

My Brothers:

As your Delegate from the Western District to the Thirty-eighth Annual Session of the Grand Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles, held in the City of Chicago, Illinois, August 13 to 17, 1936, I hereby submit the following condensed report:

The Thirty-eighth Annual Session of the Grand Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles, was called to order in the Cameo Room of Hotel Morrison, in the

City of Chicago, Illinois, at 10:30 Friday morning, August 14, 1936, by Grand Worthy President George Nordlin.

I would like to read to you a few lines of the prayer, from the report of Chief Auditor Conrad H. Mann which caught and held my attention:

"Make us choose the harder right instead of the easier wrong, and never to be content with a half truth when the whole can be won. Endow us with the courage that is born of loyalty to all; that is noble and worthy; that scorns to compromise vice and injustice and knows no fear when right and truth are in jeopardy."

The other prayer in Mr. Mann's report which impressed me was as follows:

"Give us, O Lord, men who, within their Aerie, will exercise the qualities of leadership; men who will choose the harder right before the easier wrong; men who will rally the younger men, the stronger men, and the honest men, and weld them into a force that will make their Aerie a thing of strength and power."

The Chairman of the Committee on State of the Order presented the following:

Your committee has considered the resolution of the New York State Aerie relative to levying a per capita tax of one cent for broadcasting Eagles' programs. We see no reason why we shall not adhere to our report on this subject at the last Grand Aerie Convention held at Dayton, Ohio, as follows:

"We are in accord with the spirit of this resolution but, in our judgment, the expense incident to such a program prevents the Grand Aerie from adopting this desirable publicity at this time"; and, further, the committee is opposed to an additional levy of any per capita tax.

The following was also presented by the Chairman of the Committee on State of the Order:

"Your Committee on the State of the Order has had before it, the resolution of New York Aerie recommending to the Grand Aerie at this session that we formulate plans by special committee or otherwise to bring to a successful culmination the passage in every State a minimum wage law for men and women."

While this committee is in complete accord with the object expressed in this resolution, yet on account of our extensive program of old age pensions, stabilization of employment, and our united efforts to bring to the people of all the States of our Republic, the benefits to which they are entitled under the National Security Act, which would be so helpful to the people throughout the nation at this time, we are, therefore, of the unanimous opinion that our efforts should be directed to the accomplishment of these activities; however, not losing sight of the fact that a minimum and saving wage to men and women is necessary and essential to the proper standard of American living and the contentment and happiness of the American home.

The banquet was held in the main auditorium of The Stevens Hotel. It is difficult for the writer to portray in adequate English the magnificence and splendor of this event.

Picture this spacious room artistically decorated, tables covered with linen spotlessly white, shining silver, exquisite china, and tastefully decorated with beautiful flowers. Add to this, beautiful women resplendently gowned, men in formal attire, the soft glow of a novel lighting system and you have a picture of a banquet which, for magnificence and picturesque beauty, has seldom, if ever, been equalled by this or any other organization.

Sunday, August 16, the Grand Aerie parade took place and was the most colorful affair of all time. Past State President John P. Saxer of Buffalo was elected Grand Worthy Chaplain. He received the unanimous vote of the Grand Aerie

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH G. LAGONEGRO.

REPORT OF LAWS COMMITTEE

Past State President Mentzinger, Chairman of the Laws Committee, presented the following:

Resolution

Be It Resolved, that Article III, Section 2, of the State Aerie Laws be amended by striking out the words "Representatives to the Grand Aerie" in lines 6 and 7 on page 7, and by changing the period after the word "Eagles" in line 11, page 7, to a comma and adding thereafter the words "and shall be accredited representatives in attendance at the State Aerie session," so that, as amended, the said section shall read as follows:

Section 2. The officers of the New York State Aerie shall be a State President, State Vice-President (both of whom must be Past Worthy Presidents), State Chaplain, State Secretary, State Treasurer, State Conductor, State Inside Guard, State Outside Guard and three (3) State Trustees, who shall, excepting the three (3) Trustees, be elected annually, and all of whom shall be members in good standing of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, AND SHALL BE ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVES IN ATTENDANCE AT THE STATE AERIE SESSION. The State Trustees shall be elected for three (3) years, one each year. The nominations for said State Officers shall be held during the second day's session of the State Aerie, but may be reopened during the third day's session at the request of any delegate.

Introduced by Walter Blum, Aerie 1544.

The above resolution was approved by the committee and unanimously adopted on motion by Brother Mentzinger, seconded by Ralph Lagonegro, Aerie 941.

Resolution

To provide for a Chairman of Committee on Good of the Order.

Whereas, it is believed that any committee to properly function should be headed by a Chairman whose duty it is to preside over the meetings of the committee and supervise its functioning, and

Whereas, there has apparently been some confusion or uncertainty at past State Aerie sessions as to who should act as the Chairman of the Committee on Good of the Order as constituted in Article XVIII, of the Laws of New York State Aerie, and

Whereas, the above said Article does not appear to make any designation of a Chairman of the Committee in its present wording, therefore, be it

Resolved, that Article XVIII, Section 1, of the Laws of New York State Aerie, be amended by changing the period at the end of the section to a comma and adding thereafter the following: "the Senior Past State President in attendance at any session of the State Aerie acting as Chairman thereof during such session," so that when amended the said section shall read as follows:

"Section 1. All State Presidents, who have served as such for the term elected, shall constitute a committee to be known as Committee on Good of the Order, the Senior Past State President in attendance at any session of the State Aerie acting as Chairman thereof during such session."

Submitted by Walter A. Neafie, State Secretary.

This resolution was unanimously adopted on motion by Brother Mentzinger, seconded by Brother Lagonegro, Aerie 941.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GOOD OF THE ORDER

In behalf of the members of the Good of the Order Committee, Past State President Sweeney presented the following report which was received

and ordered printed in the proceedings on motion by Brother Sweeney, seconded by E. J. Taylor, Aerie 782.

To the Officers and Members of New York State Aerie, in Convention Assembled:

We are, indeed, fortunate to hold the 31st Annual Session of the New York State Aerie in the City of Auburn.

The Auburn Aerie provided every convenience for the Delegates and ladies. They have fulfilled every promise made, and we appreciate their hospitality and extend our sincere thanks to the Committee in charge.

State President Shortell appointed Past State Presidents William H. Alf, Michael H. Sweeney, Walter McGrath and Ernest Mahoney a Special Committee of the Good of the Order to arrange for a Convention city in which to hold the State Convention. They visited Auburn, and the Eagles of Auburn accepted the task of entertaining the Convention. We believe that every Delegate in attendance is pleased with the selection made.

The banquet on Thursday night was a grand affair, and a great credit to the Committee in charge. The inspiring address of Grand Worthy President Mehrmann pleased and edified all of those present. P. G. W. President Geo. Nordlin thrilled us in a brilliant and true picturization of the real good Eagledom has done and is doing for the human beings who make up our great civilization, and we believe left a real thought in the minds of all of how progress is being made and why we are Eagles. Supreme Court Justice Ben Kenyon of Auburn, in his very eloquent oration, convinced all of the real benefits of this great Fraternity. State President John J. Shortell's address was brief, but left no doubt in the minds of those present that he is a successful State President and worthy of every honor which has been bestowed upon him.

Mayor Charles Osborne of Auburn welcomed the Delegates and ladies to Auburn and pledged the Administration of the City to take care of the Delegates and all visitors in a manner befitting the dignity of our Fraternity.

The attendance at this Convention is a very fine one, and has been brought about by the upward trend of our economic conditions in State and Nation.

On the night of June 9th, we witnessed the initiation of twenty-nine candidates into membership in Auburn Aerie. The initiatory work was performed by the officers of Ithaca Aerie, No. 1253, in the correct manner for which they are noted.

The report of State President John J. Shortell was short, but concise and comprehensive, for his term as State President. His labors have been many and arduous, but he has carried on and produced results. He was able to report the initiation of 3,840 new members for the fiscal year and has, we believe, earned the everlasting thanks of all the Eagles of the State of New York.

Again, it has been a pleasure to have the comprehensive and unusual report of our State Secretary, Walter A. Neafie, who has served us so well for many years. His capacity as Secretary grows greater as his office continues. His suggestions are needed often, and show a comprehensive grasp of the conditions of the State Aerie at large. We again commend him, and feel that he is outstanding as State Secretary.

The Old Age Pension Committee seemingly had no work to do this year. We are of the opinion that work could and should be done during the coming year. We believe the Committee should work along lines tending towards a minimum allowance of a fair amount to each person entitled to said assistance. We particularly advise that the Colorado and California Old Age Pension Law be studied and, if advisable, an endeavor be made to have the good points enacted into law in New York State.

We pay our respects to all departed Officers and Members of our State and Subordinate Aeries, and note their great loss to our Fraternity.

We are proud to have one new Aerie instituted in our State, and hope for continued growth and prosperity for Lackawanna Aerie, No. 2231. We deplore, however, the loss of Oswego and Cohoes Aeries, and hope some plan will be prepared that will bring new Aeries in these cities, and that a concerted drive will be made to organize local Aeries in the several cities in our State which do not have Aeries. We urge all Delegates to this Convention to return to their Aeries and become active working members, and work for a renewal of interest in getting new members and getting reinvestments of worthy ex-members who have been dropped from our Membership Rolls.

We advise, too, that all Officers of the State and Subordinate Aeries forget all differences which may exist and all pull together, so that New York State will show a large increase in membership during the next fiscal year.

We wish to thank the Grand Worthy President and Past Grand Worthy President for their attendance at this session and for their several inspiring addresses. And we believe that our Delegates will show their appreciation by each one doing his share in the building of a larger membership in Local and State Aeries.

We thank the retiring State President and other State Officers for their splendid services during the past year, and wish the incoming Officers and Delegates and their Aeries a most successful, prosperous and harmonious year, so that our Order shall grow and maintain its place as the leading beneficial Fraternity in our great Country.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

At this time a short intermission was taken to make preparations for the holding of the annual memorial service, which was conducted by members of Buffalo Aerie in accordance with the State Aerie ritual. The stations were filled by the following Officers: Worthy President, Leonard Brizdle; Worthy Vice-President, Dr. Harry Wende; Worthy Chaplain, Grand Worthy Chaplain John P. Saxer; Past Worthy President, George Haerberli; Secretary, State Secretary Neafie.

Vocal and instrumental music was rendered by William Melgier of Aerie 46.

The following is the roll of deceased Brothers:

40 NEW YORK

Joseph Smith
Jack Bergrist
Patrick J. Conlon
P.W.P. H. L. Leavitt
A. J. Collins
Robert McGee
L. L. Betts
Edward Burke
R. J. Joseph
P. D. Shea

E. M. Powers
Arthur Roney
E. T. O'Brien
J. McDonough
C. E. Buchanan
Frank Thompson
F. G. Holl
H. G. Burkhardt
N. J. Powers
C. T. Penton
James Neary
James Conwell
G. Lowenstein
P. A. Stensland
John Mydzian
R. J. Manning
K. Sawackas
A. J. Lagergren
R. J. Wynman
Phillip Klipfel
Edward Slater
J. X. Erler
J. F. Gavey
Henry Deans
C. F. Hubbs
W. C. Steen
J. F. Daly

C. L. Kranz
Ross Smith
H. Kirkman
J. Strobel
W. C. Fredricks
A. Salemi
George Trapp
Peter Yaeger
Louis Linder
Jacob Liefer
W. B. Mueller
Sam Altman
B. C. Bliss
M. Fiedens
J. K. Dunn
H. H. Nordin
E. J. Way
Joseph Panter
F. J. Spoonley
F. J. Kuechle
H. J. Shagan
S. Tauriello
J. A. Mahoney
S. Belliotti
E. B. McCormick
J. Rzeznik
H. S. Wasson

46 BUFFALO

J. M. Reusch
P. Bladenspiel
A. J. Heinz
Harry Hollywood
J. E. Ralph
L. C. Shamo
F. J. Franz
H. Dieckman
T. J. Dolan
T. D. Sullivan
J. F. Shryer
James Doherty

J. G. Grimmer
F. J. Walters
M. Solomon
James Leonard
Ed Gierstorf
Jos. Stiglmeier
R. A. Steigert
J. G. Trautwein
A. Eischen
Simon Wurzer
F. J. Schmidt
Ed A Moore
C. A. Richards
H. Greinert
P. Meagher
L. H. Keller
H. A. Schimmer
F. J. Murphy
R. F. Olson
George Ryder
F. C. Foehl
H. W. McDonough
Herbert Wolf
A. J. Schmitt
J. E. Hartung
J. C. O'Connor
R. H. Backus
J. C. Jaeger
G. E. Hoenig
W. H. Mahoney
L. Staltmayer
Charles Glaser
B. Mendelsohn
G. A. Klino
P. Pilarz
Fred Utter

52 ROCHESTER

Frank W. Kelly
William J. Baker
Martin Selsweisgutt
Jacquin Kunz
John M. Scanlan
John P. Williams
Andrew Kienel
James Battiglieri
Michael Heenan
John Michelson
Clinton Hall
Peter J. McGahan
John M. Howard
Henry Beaudry
Herman Haensel
Nickolas Enzinger
Edmund Tumulty
John T. Pearson
Frank Schoen
Nickolas Chiafory
Herbert E. Bryan
Herbert A. Love
Patrick Mahon
Jacob Myers
Chas. N. Spitz
George H. Younger

503 NEW SYRACUSE

George H. Harris
Elgen L. Sullivan
William Hornick
Reuben Miller
Milton Wagner

88 NIAGARA FALLS

James Brown
Henry Roth
William Tell
William Loeschke
William Marlin

95 GENEVA

P.W.P. F. J. Beatty
Eugene Buckley
Matthew Kane
Joseph Morrissey

96 AUBURN

Sol Podwasky
J. S. Hanlon

97 UTICA

John T. Buckley
Thomas Sims
L. A. Kavanaugh

393 BROOKLYN

Leon W. Bliss
George Lindsay

482 GLOVERSVILLE

William Butler
C. Miller
Giny W. Whitman
Carl Brown
Warren Shults

491 BRONX

John J. Shive

514 SCHENECTADY

P.W.P. Charles Dean
Max Wenzell
Frank Budka
Ralph Kniskern
Frank Novak
Matthew Freeling
George Fehr
Arthur O'Brien
Arthur Krum
Ralph Casey
Thomas Merchant
John Hangladder

543 STATEN ISLAND

John Trir

544 EMPIRE

George W. Doty
R. Wilson
R. H. Tennant
Charles Grossholz
P.W.P. John Osborn
F. W. Ramm
J. J. Henley

616 OLEAN

John J. Mooney
Edward J. Frost
John L. Kemp
C. H. Hartman
Charles M. Reed
Frank Palmer, Sr.
Joseph Leuzzi
Carl R. Harris
John M. Gena

782 WATERTOWN

Edward Simpson
Nelson Pelo
Eugene Manigold
Fred Reviere
Byron B. Cook
George Wilson
Henry Gahan

825 LOCKPORT

James Callihan
John Serlenski
Robert J. Smith
William Conley
Robert J. Smith
Harry Jackson
Daniel Kill
Barthelme Neylon
Frank J. Conover
Thomas J. Ryan
Louis Guezuraga
Alvin Heinman

941 ELMIRA

Raymond T. Seely
N. J. Fix
John Gilmore
George Bochnewetch
Terrance McCann
John F. Kelly
Jacob Preeth, Sr.
Peter Punzo
Thomas McReynolds
Edward Haller
H. M. Stoddard
Francis B. Jones
A. L. Halloran
John P. Finn
Wm. D. Buzzell
George H. Felker

1031 VERNON

Angelo M. Perito
Michael Storch
Fred W. Graves

1043 AMICUS

William Spencer
P.W.P. Wm. P. Crumb
P.W.P. L. H. Bahcock
Thomas J. Quinn
Dr. E. W. Wilcox

1154 OGDENSBURG

William Winters

1166 PORT CHESTER

Frank Chermak

1253 ITHACA

Eugene Brown
Frank Molnar
Walter J. McCormick

1260 ONEONTA

Leon Moore
Anthony Alley
Edward Richard
Scott Decker
Daniel Franklin
E. B. Holmes
John Olson

1411 TONAWANDAS

George Hobbler
E. F. Smith
L. Kamien
Harry Dean
H. J. Lennox
F. H. Rehberg
R. W. Smith
G. Parschke
George H. Urban

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| 1509 LONG ISLAND CITY | 1575 FORT JOHNSON | E. S. Moses
J. White |
| Frank Ventrelli
Leo Mello
Peter Longo | Raymond Kincaide
Archie Stenart
Raymond Snell
George H. Stata
Earl Chetuyng
John Crocker
Stephen Osusky
Charles Davey | 2130 MONTREAL
T. H. Goulden
C. Onofreiscul
L. A. Demers |
| 1544 ROCKAWAY BEACH | | 2145 CHAUTAUQUA
C. E. Bentley
Karl O. Tracy
William J. Anderson |
| D. Spennelli
J. Barnes
J. McManus
T. Harlebresch
W. Brunner
C. Seedenspinner
S. J. Thorn
C. Fry | 1924 BAY RIDGE
P.W.P. George Zoll
William F. Kauscher | 2191 CROWN CITY
La. Floyd Jaquett
John Mulligan |
| 1545 OSSINING | 2065 COLLEGE POINT
Frank Mullins | 2200 LAKE ONTARIO
J. E. Danio |
| Theron H. DePuy
Gustave Anderson
George E. Johnson | 2119 CHENANGO VALLEY
P.W.P. W. H. Diefl | |

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Past State President McGrath, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, presented the following resolutions:

Resolution

Whereas, the attendance at the State Conventions have been dwindling for the past few years and means must be found for increasing the attendance thereat; and

Whereas, ways must be found of arousing the enthusiasm and interest of the members in the State Conventions;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that all members in good standing of New York State Subordinate Aeries be permitted to attend sessions of the State Conventions without voice or vote in the proceedings and that they be segregated in the convention hall in such manner as the State President may order.

Submitted by Loren A. Swanson, Aerie 2145.

This resolution was disapproved by the Committee and the report of the Committee was adopted and the resolution disapproved on motion by Brother McGrath, seconded by Charles Dolzen, Aerie 514.

Resolution

Be It Resolved, that the sincere thanks of the Members of New York State Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles, assembled at their Thirty-first Annual Session, be hereby extended to the Mayor; the Municipal Officers; and the Police of the City of Auburn, and to the Officers and Members of the various organizations and to the Merchants of the City for their kindly courtesy and cooperation during our stay in their beautiful City, all of which has aided greatly in making this Convention a big success.

Introduced by the Resolution Committee.

This resolution was approved by the Committee and unanimously adopted on motion by Brother McGrath, seconded by Michael Wolf, Aerie 393.

Resolution

Whereas, the Convention Committee and Members of Auburn Aerie No. 96 have been unsparing in their efforts to entertain the visiting Dele-

gates, Members and ladies at this our Thirty-first Annual Session of New York State Aerie; providing a fine banquet, tours, and other entertainment, all of which has been greatly enjoyed by all, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, the Representatives in attendance, hereby extend to the Convention Committee and Members of Auburn Aerie our most sincere thanks and congratulate them on the successful manner in which the Convention arrangements were perfected and conducted.

Introduced by the Resolution Committee.

The above resolution was approved by the Committee and unanimously adopted on motion by Brother McGrath, seconded by State Chaplain Barber.

Resolution

Be It Resolved, that we, the Representatives attending the 1937 Annual Session of New York State Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles, hereby express to the Press of the City of Auburn our sincere thanks and appreciation for their cooperation during our session and for the splendid publicity given to our activities and the Order in general.

Introduced by the Resolution Committee.

The above resolution was approved by the Committee and unanimously adopted on motion by Brother McGrath, seconded by Francis Markiewicz, Aerie 1043.

REPORT OF OLD AGE PENSION COMMITTEE

The following report was presented by Past State President Saxer in behalf of the Old Age Pension Committee and was received and ordered printed in the proceedings on motion by Brother Saxer, seconded by Charles Workins, Aerie 1260.

Auburn, June 11, 1937.

To the Officers and Members of New York State Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles:

Your Old Age Pension and Stabilization of Employment Committee herewith submit the following report for the past year:

No meetings of the Committee were held since last Convention held at Olean, N. Y., in June, 1936. However, your Chairman arranged with members of the Assembly from Erie County for them to keep him posted on the various bills which might be introduced and if being detrimental to make every effort to have same defeated.

Bills introduced which were minor amendments to the present law:

By Mr. Burgdof in Assembly—Bill No. 2301, pertaining to the amount of insurance and personal property to change from \$300.00 to \$1,000.00.

Bill No. 2603, by Assemblyman Ehrlich, pertaining to the length of citizenship of at least twenty years.

Bill No. 851, by Mr. R. Foster Piper, pertaining to the investigations of applicants.

Bills No. 441 and 1093, by Assemblyman Stuart, pertaining to relief in cases of permanent disability.

Senate Bill 2336, by Mr. Livingston, pertaining to the aged unable to support themselves and the reimbursement to the local district by the State.

Due to the passage of the National Security Laws, many other bills have been introduced to have the State Laws conform with same.

It is the belief of your Committee that the watchful attitude be continued by the Eagles of this State, and the Committee continued by the State and Local Aeries.

REPORT OF RITUALISTIC COMMITTEE

Chairman Zimmerman of the Ritualistic Committee presented the report of his Committee as follows:

The competition of the exemplification of the ritual was held in St. Mary's Hall, Friday afternoon participated in by the Officers and Degree Teams of Ithaca Aerie 1253 and Tonawandas Aerie 1411. Both teams went through the ritualistic work in a most credible manner. The judges' decision was that Ithaca Aerie received 55.5 points on the ritualistic work and 37.6 points on the drill work, giving them a standing of 93.1.

Tonawandas Aerie was given 52 points on the ritualistic work and 31 points on the drill work, making a total of 83 points. Ithaca Aerie, therefore, was awarded first prize of \$75.00 and Tonawandas Aerie was awarded second prize of \$50.00.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

State President Shortell appointed DeWitt Martin, Aerie 46; Florence Sullivan, Aerie 941; John D. Kelly, Aerie 053, and Paul Tastacore, Aerie 1253, Tellers of Election and declared that the election of Officers was now in order for the year of 1937-38.

STATE PRESIDENT

There being no further nominations for this office, the nominations were closed and the State Secretary was ordered to cast one ballot for Charles G. Maraldo of Staten Island Aerie 543, on motions duly made and seconded. The State President declared Brother Maraldo duly elected.

STATE VICE-PRESIDENT

There being no further nominations for this office, the nominations were closed and the State Secretary was ordered to cast one ballot for Raymond R. Barber of Ithaca Aerie 1253, on motions duly made and seconded. The State President declared Brother Barber duly elected.

STATE CHAPLAIN

No further nomination was made for this office and the nominations were closed and one ballot cast for William H. Mostyn of Rochester Aerie 52 by the State Secretary, on motions duly made and seconded. The State President declared Brother Mostyn duly elected.

STATE SECRETARY

No further nominations being made for this office, State Vice-President Maraldo cast one ballot for Walter A. Neafie of Ossining Aerie 1545, on motions duly made and seconded. Brother Neafie was declared duly elected by the State President.

STATE TREASURER

James Carroll of Geneva Aerie 95 was nominated for this office by Walter H. Blum, Aerie 1544, the nomination was seconded by Loren Swanson, Aerie 2145. There being two candidates nominated, a ballot was taken on roll call, resulting in Thomas C. Reynolds of Oneonta Aerie 1260 receiving 54 votes and James Carroll 48 votes. The State President declared Thomas C. Reynolds elected to the office.

STATE CONDUCTOR

There being no further nominations made to this office, on motions duly made and seconded, the nominations were declared closed and a roll call ballot taken on the candidates nominated which resulted as follows: Leslie McDermott received 52 votes, Walter H. Cowie received 46 votes. The State President declared Brother McDermott of Lockport Aerie 825 duly elected to the office.

STATE INSIDE GUARD

There being no further nomination made for this office, the nominations were declared closed and the State Secretary ordered to cast one ballot for William L. Christiansen of Schenectady Aerie 514, on motion duly made and seconded. The State President declared Brother Christiansen duly elected to the office.

STATE OUTSIDE GUARD

No additional nominations were made for this office and the nominations were closed on a motion duly made and seconded. A roll call ballot being taken, resulting in Francis Markiewicz receiving 47 votes and Loren Swanson 53 votes. The State President declared Loren Swanson of Chautauqua Aerie 2145 duly elected to the office.

STATE TRUSTEE

As no additional nominations were made for the office of Trustee, the nominations were closed on a motion duly made and seconded. Roll call ballot resulted in Harry W. Cleveland receiving 54 votes and M. Monat 50 votes. The State President declared Harry W. Cleveland of Buffalo Aerie 46 duly elected to the office.

REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GRAND AERIE

After caucuses were held by the Eastern and Western Districts for the purpose of nominating Representative to the Grand Aerie, the following nominees were announced: Representative-at-Large, John J. Shortell; Representative Western District, George Young, Aerie 46; Alternate Representative Western District, Kenneth Decker, Aerie 1253; Representative Eastern District, Joseph Cassidy, Aerie 1924; Alternate Representative Eastern District, William L. Christiansen, Aerie 514.

Past State President Saxer, who would ordinarily be the Alternate Representative-at-Large to the Grand Aerie, waived his rights thereto because of his position as Grand Worthy Chaplain and the State President named Past State President Mahoney as the Alternate Representative-at-Large.

On motion of State Vice-President Maraldo, seconded by State Conductor Mostyn, the nominations made by the Eastern and Western Districts were approved, and the State Secretary authorized to draw the necessary checks as compensation to the Representatives to the Grand Aerie in the amount of \$150.00 to the Delegate-at-Large and \$75.00 to each of the two District Representatives.

On motion made by State Chaplain Barber, seconded by Frank Lee, Aerie 2119, the reports made by the Tellers of Election on the results of the contestants for the election to State Offices was accepted and approved and the Committee discharged with a vote of thanks.

A motion was made by the State Secretary that owing to the fact that the State Aerie parade would not be held until after the close of the State Aerie Session, that the State Secretary be authorized to accept and print the report of the Parade Committee and be authorized to draw checks for prizes as recommended by the Parade Committee. The motion was seconded by George Young, Aerie 46, and adopted.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The newly elected State Officers were installed by Grand Worthy President Dr. Mehrmann, with Deputy Auditor Carl Yurk acting as Grand Conductor, in a most impressive manner in the presence of the entire delegation of Representatives. After assuming his station, the newly elected State President, Charles Maraldo, made a few remarks in which he renewed his Eagle Pledge and stated that his primary duty during the coming year would be to build up the membership of the State Aerie, and requested cooperation by the members of every Subordinate Aerie with the Organization Department and the Grand Aerie. He urged the Delegates to go back to their Aeries and immediately proceed to get an early start in their membership drives.

Past State President Walter E. McGrath, in behalf of the delegates in attendance at this Session, presented retiring State President John J. Shortell with a purse of money as an expression of their gratitude and appreciation of his efforts while State President.

On motion by State Chaplain William Mostyn, seconded by George Young, Aerie 46, Brother T. J. Hennessy, Chairman of the Auburn Convention Committee, was given a rising vote of thanks as an expression of the appreciation of the Delegates for the splendid manner in which he had catered to their wants and handled the arrangements connected with the State Aerie Convention. Brother Hennessy, conducted to the altar in the escort of a Committee of State Presidents, made a few remarks, stating that he was much pleased to realize that his efforts and the efforts of his Committee had met with their approval.

At the invitation of the State President, some of the newly elected officers made a few remarks expressing their thanks for the honor conferred on them by their election to office. Those who spoke were State Treasurer Reynolds, State Vice-President Barber, State Conductor McDermott, State Trustee Cleveland and State Chaplain Mostyn. The latter invited any of the Delegates who were remaining over this evening to join with Rochester Aerie in a banquet they were having at the Hotel Osborne this Saturday evening.

Brother Monat of Montreal Aerie 2130 stated that he wished to thank the Delegates who supported him in his unsuccessful contest for the office of State Trustee and congratulated Brother Cleveland upon his election.

Past State President Saxer requested that the Delegates, when they return to their respective Aeries, make every effort for early action in their Aerie on the membership drives along the campaign mapped out by the Organization Department.

State President Maraldo announced the appointment of the following Past State Presidents to the Old Age Pension Committee for the coming year: William H. Alf, Chairman; E. J. Mahoney, Walter E. McGrath, Michael H. Sweeney, William B. Hutchinson, William F. Mentzinger, Thomas G. Welch and John J. Shortell.

There being nothing further to come before the State Aerie, the Session adjourned at 2:20 P. M. to meet again at such time and place as shall be decided upon in accordance with the State Aerie Laws.

WALTER A. NEAFIE,
State Secretary.

REPORT OF PARADE COMMITTEE

Immediately after the closing of the State Aerie Session, a very fine street parade was held, which was participated in by not only a great many Eagles, but various official departments of the city. The weather was ideal and large crowds lined the streets to witness the parade. The attractive

costumes of the Degree Teams and Ladies' Auxiliaries made a most beautiful appearance, which caused prolonged applause along the line of march.

The following is the report of the Parade Committee: We the judges of the parade, report the following winners in the contests provided:

Best appearing Aerie in line, Rochester Aerie 52, prize \$50.

Largest Aerie, coming longest distance, Buffalo Aerie, 46, prize \$50.

Largest musical organization or Eagle Drum Corps or bands, Rochester Aerie 52, prize \$50.

Best appearing Eagle band or drum corps, Buffalo Aerie 46, prize \$50.

Best appearing drill team, Ithaca Aerie 1253, prize \$50.

Best appearing Ladies' Auxiliary, Rochester's Ladies' Auxiliary, prize \$25.

Largest Ladies' Auxiliary, Rochester's Auxiliary, prize \$10.

Tallest Eagle in line of march, Irving Hellings, Rochester Aerie 52, prize \$5.

Shortest Eagle in line of march, DeWitt Martin, Buffalo Aerie 46, prize \$5.

Signed: W. H. ALF, Chairman
AARON SIEGLER
THOMAS A. MILLER
JOHN D. KELLY
RAYMOND McCARTHY
Parade Committee.

