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OPENING CEREMONIES

Thursday, June 16, 1938

The Thirty-second Annual Meeting of New York State Aerie was held in the meeting room of Watertown Aerie 782.

The opening ceremony was called to order at 11:00 A. M. with Past Worthy President James J. Corbett presiding. The invocation was by Rev. Fr. John Plunkett of St. Patrick's Church, after which Brother Corbett welcomed the members of the State Aerie in behalf of the Watertown Aerie and introduced Mayor David D. Keiff of Watertown who extended a most cordial welcome to all the visiting Eagles and their friends and ladies, hoping their visit to the city would be not only profitable, but a very pleasant one. He gave a vivid description of the natural beauties in and surrounding the city and expressed the hope that the members would have the opportunity of visiting all their points of interest, and that the State Aerie would favor the city by a visit again in the near future.

State President Maraldo responded to the welcome by the Mayor, thanking him for his very generous welcome and expressed the hope that the members of the State Aerie in Watertown would so conduct themselves as to merit his welcome and uphold the prestige of our Order.

Past Grand Worthy President George Nordlin was next introduced by Brother Corbett who, in his introductory remarks, stated that in as much as his attendance at this session of the State Aerie was necessarily limited, he wished to talk on a subject which ordinarily would have been left to a business session of the State Aerie. He first spoke on proposed legislation introduced in New York State affecting beneficial organizations as this is naturally of vital importance to the Fraternal Order of Eagles and other similar organizations requiring intelligent consideration at the proper time. He explained that the quotas set by the Grand Aerie are not a mere arbitrary number given to Aeries as a mark to shoot at, but are based on actuarial figures, scientifically worked out for the strengthening of membership to a self-sustaining proportion. Aeries to be successful must meet this quota. The new body of officers to be selected for New York State Aerie, to justify their selection as such, must center their efforts on the weaker Aeries rather than on the stronger ones. There should be more Aeries in the State and every Aerie should have a membership of sufficient size to justify its existence. He called attention to the standard of living which we as Americans enjoy as the highest standard found anywhere in the world, and called upon each member to see to it that the benefits of this high standard of living be continued by doing their part in building up the Order to a membership of a million so that the Order may have sufficient man power to impress legislators for the continuance of the American ideals represented by the Fraternal Order of Eagles. His brief but interesting remarks were received with hearty applause.

Past Worthy President Corbett then turned the gavel over to State President Charles G. Maraldo who, upon assuming his station, requested all persons not delegates to retire from the meeting room and announced that all Past Worthy Presidents in good standing would be permitted to attend the State Aerie Sessions.

FIRST SESSION

The first business session was called to order at 11:45 A. M. and opened in ritualistic form by State President Maraldo presiding with all State Officers present excepting State Treasurer Thomas Reynolds of Oneonta. The State President appointed George A. Zimmerman of Aerie 1411 as temporary State Treasurer during the session.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

Aaron Siegler, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials presented a preliminary report of the committee showing a total of 69 Delegates and 19 Delegates-at-Large in attendance at this opening session. The State President ordered the report of the committee received and the committee continued. A complete list of the representatives present was read by Brother Siegler. A motion was made by Past State President Walter McGrath that George Fessler of Aerie 1509 be admitted to the sessions notwithstanding the fact that the semi-annual report of Long Island City Aerie had not been filed with the State Secretary. The State President stated he could not consider the motion as it conflicted with the laws of the State Aerie, and ruled the motion out of order. Brother McGrath took exception to the ruling.

SESSION COMMITTEE

The following session committees were appointed by State President Maraldo:

Credentials

Aaron Siegler, Chairman	Staten Island Aerie	543
August Meding	Rochester Aerie	52
Dennis Broderick	Gloversville Aerie	482
John C. Powers	Ithaca Aerie	1253
George Meyers	Bay Ridge Aerie	1924

Laws

Thomas G. Welsh, Chairman	Elmira Aerie	941
John D. Kelly	Syracuse Aerie	052
Francis E. Dorn	Brooklyn Aerie	393
Harvey J. Crook	Flushing Aerie	583
A. J. Wilkinson	Montreal Aerie	2130

Resolutions

Wm. B. Hutchinson, Chairman	Buffalo Aerie	46
James J. Glenn	Schenectady Aerie	514
James C. Carroll	Geneva Aerie	95
William F. Mentzinger	Rockaway Beach Aerie	1544
Harry Wende	Buffalo Aerie	46

Ritualistic

Edward Cairns, Chairman	Washington Heights Aerie	1117
George L. Smith	Ossining Aerie	1545
C. Kuehenel	Oneonta Aerie	1260
Louis Shrout	Port Chester Aerie	1166
Edwin Steinhauser	Johnstown Aerie	1575

Grievances and Appeal

Ernest J. Mahoney, Chairman	Rochester Aerie	52
Lucas Christiana	Crown City Aerie	2191

Bernard Williams	Bronx Aerie	491
Frank Burns	Olean Aerie	616
Arthur W. Jennings	Elmira Aerie	941

Parade

William H. Alf, Chairman	Buffalo Aerie	46
Carl Hoepfinger	Lackawanna Aerie	2231
Claire Ives	Endicott Aerie	2269
David Gauss	Steuben Aerie	2299
Charles E. Stewart	Washington Heights Aerie	1117

Press

Walter E. McGrath, Chairman	New York Aerie	40
Andrew J. Flanigan	Watertown Aerie	782
T. J. Hennessy	Auburn Aerie	96
Daniel Lane	New Yonkers Aerie	0473
Louis Berg	Tonawanda Aerie	1411

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS SESSION

The proceeds of the 1937 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 of this Session, after the State Secretary had partially read the minutes, a motion was made by Brother Lane of Aerie 0473, seconded by Brother Wolf of Aerie 393, that the minutes be approved as printed without further reading.

Remarks on this motion were made by Brother Luban of Aerie 40, Past State President Saxer and Brother Wolf of Aerie 393 regarding an alleged omission of remarks made by Brother Jennings of Aerie 941, regarding remarks made by Past State President Welch as recorded on page 28 of the 1937 proceedings, and after some discussion, it was the State President's order that the approval of the minutes be delayed until such time as Brother Jennings would be present.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. A letter from State Treasurer Thomas C. Reynolds: "It is with a feeling of the deepest regret that I advise the officers and delegates of the New York State Aerie assembled in this the Thirty-second Convention that conditions over which I have no control have arisen which make it impossible for me to attend what I know will be the greatest convention held by our great Order in this State, and express to them my appreciation for the honor they have enabled me to enjoy as State Treasurer the past two years. No pen can tell how I will miss the real grasp of true fraternalism of those whom I have met at our conventions in the past." Referred to Board of Trustees.

2. A letter from Grand Worthy President John W. Heller, Jr.: "Apparently at certain sessions of certain State Aeries members of the Order who were not duly qualified officers or delegates to said State Aerie have been permitted to be present at the sessions of such State Aeries, which procedure is in violation of the laws of the Order. In order to prevent further violation of the law in this connection, you are hereby advised that no member of the Order who is neither an officer of, or a delegate to a State, District or Provincial Aerie, or who is not a Grand Aerie officer, or Deputy Auditor, shall be permitted to be present at any session of such State, District or Provincial Aerie. This prohibition does not apply, of course, to so-called open sessions of State, District or Provincial Aeries during which no official business is being transacted." Referred to Committee on Good of the Order.

3. A letter from the State Secretary to the Grand Worthy President: "Your letter of March 18th, 1938, re; non-delegates attending State Aerie Sessions, prompts me to write this letter for advice. At the 1936 session of New York State Aerie held at Olean, an amendment to our Laws was unanimously adopted to permit any Past Worthy President in good standing of any Aerie in good standing in the jurisdiction of the State to attend the sessions of the State Aerie, but without voice or vote. This amendment was approved by Chief Auditor Conrad H. Mann on July 1, 1936 and was then made a part of our State Aerie Laws. I refer to Section 9 of Article II, on page seven (7) of the Laws, a copy of which is enclosed herewith. Now, in view of the instructions contained in your letter, above mentioned, it would appear that this section of our Law is in violation of the Laws of the Order, and we will appreciate your early advices." Referred to Committee on Good of the Order.

4. A letter from Grand Worthy President John W. Heller, Jr.: "I have your letter of April 8th, calling attention to amendment to the Constitution and By-laws of New York State Aerie, heretofore approved. You are correct in your conclusion that in view of the instructions contained in my letter of March 18, 1938, Section 9, Article 2, State Aerie Laws, is in violation of the Laws of the Order and is of no effect, and the instructions given in my letter of March 18th must be adhered to." Referred to Committee on Good of the Order.

5. A letter from Past Grand Worthy President Frank E. Hering: "With each passing year the Fraternal Order of Eagles occupies a more enviable position in American life. Increasing thousands of men, attracted by our fraternal benefits and by our glorious record in humanitarian legislation, are joining our ranks. We are now the largest national fraternity in the United States. We have the respect and good will of all thoughtful citizens. What we have accomplished would not have been possible had it not been for the interest and loyalty of hundreds of thousands of Eagles in the various Subordinate Aeries. From the Subordinate Aeries and from the annual conventions of the State Aeries have come the inspiration for many of the movements we have espoused, and also the determination to carry them through to a successful conclusion. May the deliberations of the New York State Aerie bring additional glories to Eagledom." Referred to Committee on Good of the Order.

6. A telegram from Managing Organizer Conrad H. Mann: "We have just finished a great year for the F. O. E. in spite of all handicaps. We have, as an order, practically accomplished the impossible. The same is true of many Aeries in New York. I hope you will convey to all those attending the sessions of the New York State Aerie, who took an active part in assisting to bring this great record about, my sincere appreciation. At the same time I want to express my best wishes for a most successful State Aerie Session and to wish to all of you the best of luck during the new fiscal year. Let us continue to go forward." Referred to Committee on Good of the Order.

7. A letter was received from John B. Highmoor, Rochester, New York, requesting the Grievance and Appeal Committee to review his expulsion from the Rochester Aerie No. 52. Referred to Committee on Grievances and Appeal.

8. Letters were received from H. M. Day of the Syracuse Chamber of Commerce and from Rollin B. Marvin, Mayor of Syracuse, extending an invitation to the State Aerie to hold their next meeting in the city of Syracuse. Referred to Good of the Order Committee.

REPORT OF STATE PRESIDENT

The following report was submitted by State President Charles G. Maraldo and was received, ordered printed in the proceedings, and referred to the Good of the Order Committee on motion by Past State President Welch, seconded by Past State President Saxer.

Watertown, N. Y., June 15th, 1938.

To the Delegates New York State Aerie,
Fraternal Order of Eagles, in Convention Assembled:

My Brothers:

One year ago when I was installed as your State President, I was troubled with many doubts concerning my ability to carry on the duties of that office with tact and ability as had my predecessors. My year has come to a close. The memories are many and pleasant ones. I am not certain, however, as to the success I have had. I tried to carry on the work conscientiously and I devoted my entire time to the very limit of my physical ability in trying to continue the good work that had been done by those who preceded me in office.

I ask you to act as the judges. You alone are the ones to determine whether or not my administration has been a successful one and whether the work undertaken by me was properly carried on. It was my observation that many of the State Officers elected with me, gave of their time and in a great measure assisted me in properly carrying on the work assigned.

Every one was eager to assist. Officers and Members of the subordinate Aeries, Grand Aerie Subordinates and those in authority in the Grand Aerie, all contributed in a great measure to the record that was achieved during my year. To each of them I am grateful.

During the year we had the pleasure of visits from Grand Worthy President John W. Heller. The Aeries honored Brother Heller throughout and initiated splendid classes on the occasion of his visits. His talks were well received and he proved to be an inspiration to all who heard him. I am personally grateful to Brother Heller for the interest he took in the Aeries of New York. I personally accompanied Brother Heller on most of these visits.

Most of the year was spent in visiting the subordinate Aeries in the State. The Aeries that did not receive the benefit of a visit or visits from me are few, and they have only themselves to blame for this because they did not take advantage of the many offers I made during my term. To the Officers and Members who accorded me their time on these visits, I am deeply grateful for their hospitality and kindnesses, their eagerness to help me and their enthusiastic reception of my addresses. I trust that in some way I may have modestly served as a source of inspiration to those members who eagerly endeavor to carry on the work of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

The present economic situation existing in the State and the Nation make the true Eagle feel that the work of the Order must continue as before and for that purpose we must have a continued growth within our ranks, a continued increase of membership.

The funds allotted to me by the State Aerie were not sufficient to carry on the work of the office of State President, as prescribed by me. I have no complaint to make on that score. I was willing to sacrifice all of my own finances, as I had done during my term as State Vice-President, but I want to lay stress on the fact that Managing Organizer Conrad H. Mann, realizing that the work which was being done was of importance, offered his assistance and there were times when your humble servant took advantage of this offer. Brother P. G. W. P. Conrad H. Mann has been most liberal in his assistance to the State Aerie both as Managing Organ-

izer and as Chief Auditor. The manner in which the finances, peace and harmony were maintained in the various Aeries by interceding via his subordinates is worthy of comment. Mr. Carl Yurk, Deputy Organizer and Auditor, detailed in our midst gave splendid service to me as State President and at all times consulted with me on matters before him, before any drastic action was taken. Anything that might have been done by him, at all times received my attention and sanction. I extend to Brother Conrad H. Mann, my sincere thanks and know that during the deliberations of this convention, his great work as Chief Auditor and Managing Organizer will be especially commended. May I add to my report, that during my term of office, there were no charters revoked or cancelled. I attribute this to co-operation I gave to Chief Conrad H. Mann and to that which I received in turn. I was constantly informed by him of conditions in subordinate Aeries and given the opportunity to make a personal investigation. Again my sincere thanks to Conrad H. Mann and his subordinate Carl Yurk.

I wish to commend Brother Walter A. Neafie, the State Secretary, for the excellent manner in which he conducts that office. He is prompt and efficient in all of the duties and his willingness to co-operate with the State President and all other State Officers is outstanding. I wish to note on the record that it was a pleasure to work hand in hand with him. The State Aerie in the person of Walter A. Neafie has its greatest asset.

During my year as State President, I received hundreds of letters. Whether they came from individuals or whether they came from officers of subordinate Aeries, they all received the same consideration. No letter was shelved. An answer was sent to each and I am displaying for your approval, the letters and answers written by me to all of them.

It was necessary in order to inspire the membership of our State, to send out circulars urging "Membership Drives." If I have incurred any additional expense, I did so knowing that the money used was well invested.

This year, I am proud to announce, we made an enviable record, notwithstanding the hardships the Nation is undergoing. The reports of the Organization Department, for the fiscal year ending May 31st, 1938, show that the State added 3105 members to its roster during that time. Of course, we endeavored to make our quota of 3560 but with all the energy exerted by those concerned we fell short by the small margin of 455. Fourteen of the 42 Aeries reached the allotted quota. Six of the Aeries were from the Northern and Western Section of the State; five from the Eastern Section—Westchester County and Greater New York. The Aeries which made their quota were as follows in the order of their accomplishment: Watertown, Schenectady, Rochester, Brooklyn, New York No. 40, Ithaca, Buffalo, Tarrytown, Cortland, Niagara Falls, Bay Ridge, New Yonkers, Montreal, Elmira. It is an honor for me to make mention of these Aeries in my report. Special commendation should go to Watertown Aerie and Schenectady Aerie because of the fact that early during the year, they far exceed their allotted quota.

It is sad, however, to note that many Aeries tried hard to make the goal. Some fell just a few short of accomplishing the feat. However, a goodly number of Aeries made a very poor showing. These Aeries may be identified by their respective delegates merely by looking at their Secretary's record when they return to their homes from this convention. Much consideration should be given to this statement because it is not a compliment to the Aeries involved.

From the record coming to my office monthly from the Organization Department I noticed that many Aeries, some of whom came near making their quotas, started work late in the season. Real good results can be obtained only by those Aeries that start off the year with a BANG, continue throughout the year and keep going until the end. Building up membership in the organization requires consistent pounding. There must be no let-up. It is true that the summer months are meant for rest. "No rest for the

weary" should be our slogan. Let us leave this convention resolved that work for the coming year must be started immediately. Our last year's slogan, "Every Member owes his Aerie at least One New Member each Year," must be adhered to for the coming years.

It seems to me that the long period of time that elapsed between conventions made it necessary for the State Officers and members of the various Aeries throughout the State, to get together at least once during the winter months of the year. For this reason I called a meeting in the city of Syracuse on Sunday, February 5th, 1938. This "Mid Winter Convention" indeed was a surprise. It met with the approval of all State officers and many Aeries all of whom were in attendance. Preliminary to the convention Syracuse Aerie No. 053 initiated a Class and the business of the convention followed. The Grand Aerie was ably represented by P. G. W. President George Nordlin who delivered a fine talk to those present. Much was done to further the interests of the State in Eagledom but nothing that transpired was made binding on the Aeries in the State because the meeting was unofficial. I feel that State Secretary Neafie will elaborate on this meeting in his report. I recommend to my successors in office the continuation of these meetings. Much can be accomplished by keeping the Aeries in closer contact during the year.

It was my intention to get an early start in placing the 1938 convention. In September, 1937, I directed a letter to each of seven Aeries that might entertain the convention. Watertown Aerie was the only Aerie that answered the letter. They expressed willingness to act as hosts to the 1938 Session and offered to meet with the Committee on Good of the Order to talk over the matter.

On the 28th day of November, 1937, I met with Brothers P. S. P. William Alf, William B. Hutchinson, William F. Mentzinger, John J. Shortell and Ernest J. Mahoney, in the city of Buffalo. After due deliberation we decided unanimously to grant the convention to Watertown Aerie. Arrangements would be made to meet with a Watertown Convention Committee to be appointed.

On the 5th day of February, 1938, Past State President John P. Saxer, William F. Mentzinger and William B. Hutchinson, and State Secretary Walter A. Neafie and myself met with the Convention Committee of Watertown Aerie in that city. Then and there, after listening to what this Aerie had to offer, we granted the convention to Watertown Aerie, to be held in that city on June 16th, 17th and 18th, 1938. This was a little out of the ordinary and it gave the host city plenty of time to make their plans. I recommend a change in the laws so that this might be carried out in the future and urge that the Good of the Order Committee meet in January of each year.

A list of my visits to subordinate Aeries follow:

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June 14—Installation of Ladies' Auxiliary, Flushing, No. 583.
June 15—Public Installation of Officers, Washington Heights, No. 1117.
June 24—Installation of Officers and Class Initiation, Brooklyn, No. 1924.
July 1—Class Initiation, Brooklyn, No. 393.
July 6—Yonkers, Meeting Delegates of Westchester with John P. Saxer.
July 15—Class Initiation, Oneonta, No. 1260.
Sept. 9—Investigation of College Point, No. 2065, with Auditor Yurk.
Sept. 14—Same.
Sept. 24—Bronx District Meeting, Bronx, No. 491.
Sept. 26—Schenectady, No. 514, Class Initiation.
Sept. 27—With G. W. P. Heller at Gloversville, Class Initiation.
Sept. 28—With G. W. P. Heller at Utica, Class Initiation.
Sept. 29—With G. W. P. Heller at Ithaca, Class Initiation.
Oct. 1—With G. W. P. Heller at Rochester, Class Initiation.
Oct. 3—With John P. Saxer and Carl Yurk at Institution of Endicott.

Oct. 4—With G. W. P. Heller at Buffalo, Initiation.
 Oct. 5—With G. W. P. Heller at Binghamton, Class Initiation.
 Oct. 6—With G. W. P. Heller at Hoboken, N. J.
 Oct. 7—With G. W. P. Heller at Dover, N. J.
 Oct. 12—At Northport, Sound Shore Aerie, Class Initiation.
 Oct. 22—Gloversville, Class Initiation.
 Oct. 24—Schenectady, Class Initiation.
 Oct. 26—Tarrytown, Westchester District Meeting, Class Initiation.
 Nov. 1—Yonkers, Dinner.
 Nov. 8—Watertown, Class Initiation.
 Nov. 18—Dinner, Bay Ridge Aerie 1924.
 Nov. 28—Buffalo, No. 46, Class Initiation.
 Dec. 12—Chautauqua Aerie No. 2145, Jamestown, Dedication of New Home and Class Initiation.
 Dec. 13—Washington Heights, Aeries of Greater New York, P. G. W. P. George Nordlin, Speaker. Class Initiation.

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Jan. 30—Niagara Falls, Class Initiation.
 Feb. 1—Mount Vernon District Meeting.
 Feb. 4—Watertown, N. Y., Good of the Order Meeting.
 Feb. 5—Syracuse, Mid-winter Convention.
 Feb. 13—Olean, Class Initiation.
 Feb. 20—Tarrytown, Dedication of New Home.
 Feb. 23—Bay Ridge, Class Initiation.
 Feb. 25—Bronx Aerie, No. 491, Class Initiation.
 Feb. 26—Rochester, Class Initiation.
 Mar. 5—Johnstown, Anniversary Dinner.
 Mar. 6—Gloversville, Investigation.
 Mar. 9—Port Chester, Class and District Meeting.
 Mar. 12—Schenectady, Class Initiation.
 Mar. 15—Yonkers, Class Initiation.
 Mar. 17—Wyoming, Pa., Class. Represented G. W. P.
 Mar. 20—Ithaca, Class.
 Mar. 22—Newark, N. J., represented G. W. P. at Class Initiation.
 Mar. 25—Bronx, Class Initiation.
 Mar. 27—Institution of New Aerie at Corning.
 Apr. 8—Gloversville, Class Initiation.
 Apr. 19—Washington Heights, Class Initiation.
 Apr. 21—Brooklyn Aerie, No. 393, Class Initiation.
 Apr. 24—Rochester, Aerie 52, Class Initiation.
 Apr. 28—Represented George Nordlin, P. G. W. P. at North Adams,

Mass.

May 1—Tonowanda, Class Initiation.
 May 8—Represented G. W. P. at Pittsfield, Mass.
 May 15—Geneva, Class Initiation.
 May 21—Cortland, Class Initiation.
 May 29—Montreal, Canada, Class Initiation.
 May 31—Lockport, Class Initiation.
 June 7—Auburn, Installation of Officers.
 June 8—Bay Ridge, 1924, Installation.

I wish at this time to state that in connection with all of the visits I made, I still had some time to assist in the work of our Order by representing the Grand Worthy President at meetings in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Massachusetts. It was a pleasure to convey the greetings of the Empire State to our sister States.

During the year 1937-1938 it was my pleasure to attend at the institution of two new Aeries in my jurisdiction. From all appearances these

Aeries, namely, Endicott and Corning, will be heard from in the future. They have my best wishes for future success.

May I urge my successors in office, at all times in the future, to work hand in hand with, and to lend as much assistance as possible to the Organization Department and Auditing Department of the Grand Aerie. That they dedicate themselves to the institution of new Aeries in the State and continue to work for the increase of membership so that the humanitarian endeavors of our Order may remain in the public eye.

Unfortunately for the State Aerie we suffered the loss of one of the State's most able workers, Past State President Frank X. Barnhardt, who, after a short illness, departed this life to represent us in the Grand Aerie beyond. I am sorry that I was unable to attend the funeral services of Brother Barnhardt, due to the brevity of the notice that I received, but I did direct State Secretary Neafie to wire flowers for the occasion and I was ably represented at the funeral by Past State Presidents William F. Hutchison, Ernest J. Mahoney and William Alf.

May I at this time reaffirm my sincere thanks for the honor of serving you as State President during the past year.

Together with my fellow State Officers we assumed certain responsibilities which demanded of us the highest qualities of leadership. Obviously the Eagles of this State had confidence in our ability to lead as well as having personal qualifications. I am glad if we were able to live up to your expectations.

May I extend to John W. Heller, Grand Worthy President of our Order, the sincere thanks of the State for the interest shown by him during the many visits to the Aeries in this State. It was an extreme pleasure for me to have accompanied him throughout the State. I am sure that his instructive talks and advice were very beneficial in assisting to increase the membership in New York.

May I urge upon you a successful Convention. Let us act on matters that come before us with intelligence and brevity. If you have any ideas that may help our Order in carrying on its humanitarian work, put them in writing and give the State Aerie a chance to consider them.

My last plea is for harmony. The State of New York has been without leadership for many years. We have an intelligent group of Past State Presidents whom I feel are able to guide us in matters of importance without creating animosity. Confide in them. They are blessed with their experiences through the many years of service.

I shall try earnestly to conduct this convention in a business-like fashion and I am sure that at the end thereof, we shall have accomplished our purpose.

May the blessings of the Almighty be upon you and your families and may your return home from this convention be safe and pleasant.

Respectfully submitted:

CHARLES G. MARALDO,
 State President.

REPORT OF STATE SECRETARY

State Secretary Neafie submitted the following annual report which was received, ordered printed in the proceedings, and referred to the Good of the Order Committee on motion by State Trustee Pentoney, seconded by Past State President McGrath.

Watertown, June 16, 1938.

To the Members of New York State Aerie, F. O. E.,
in the Thirty-second Annual Session assembled:

My Brothers:

I have the honor and pleasure of submitting herewith the annual report of your State Secretary for the fiscal year ending June 15, 1938, including a detailed financial report; tabulated membership and financial data of each Aerie; and a list of our Brothers who have died since last we met,

Past State President Frank X. Bernhardt

It is with deep emotion and kindest and loving memories that I have to chronicle here the death of Past State President Frank X. Bernhardt of Buffalo, who died on June 13, 1937, the day following the close of our 1937 State Aerie session, at the age of 79 years, after having been confined to his home for about one month suffering with heart disease. The funeral was held at St. Michael's Church, Buffalo, on June 16th and largely attended, the State Aerie being represented by Past State Presidents William B. Hutchinson, Ernest J. Mahoney, Joseph M. Streicher, William H. Alf and John P. Saxer, and the usual State Aerie floral piece provided.

Brother Bernhardt attended his first State Aerie session in 1911 at Rochester and from then on took a prominent part in the activities of the State Aerie. In 1920 he was elected to the office of State Vice-President and in 1921 became the State President. It was while he occupied this office that the Old Age Pension movement was started in our State and our first Old Age Pension Committee was appointed by him, he being elected its first Chairman at Binghamton in 1922, from which time he was closely affiliated with the movement until, through legislation with which he was prominently connected and largely responsible, the Old Age Pension Law was finally adopted in New York State.

Brother Bernhardt served in the State Legislature at Albany from 1925 until 1934 and again for one year in 1936, where he was at one time the oldest member of the Legislature and was frequently referred to as the "Father of New York's Old Age Pension System."

A loyal and true American, friend and Brother, who will live forever in our memories.

Aeries

Shortly after our session last year the Charter of Ogdensburg Aerie No. 1154 was revoked by the Grand Aerie. The last report received from this Aerie, in December, 1936, showed a membership in good standing of but 35 at that time.

Two new Aeries have been instituted in the State during the year, both by Grand Trustee and State Organizer, Past State President John P. Saxer. Endicott Aerie No. 2269, located at Endicott, was instituted on October 3, 1937, with a membership of 67, and Steuben Aerie No. 2299, located at Corning, was instituted on March 27, 1938 with a membership of 38. A letter was sent to the Worthy President and Secretary of each of these Aeries on behalf of the State Aerie welcoming them to our State organization; wishing them good luck and prosperity, and offering our aid in any possible

way. They were also supplied with State Aerie literature and a copy of the Laws. It is a pleasure to note that each of these Aeries certified Delegates to this State Aerie session and these new Brothers are with us at this session.

We, therefore, now have forty-two (42) Aeries in the State Aerie jurisdiction, one of which, however, not being in good standing for failure to pay the State Per Capita Tax for 1935, 1936, 1937 and 1938. This is Vernor Aerie No. 1031, which matter has been brought to your attention by this office in previous reports. The Aerie is apparently active but does not seem to feel that the payment of the Tax is very important.

These Aeries, not including Steuben Aerie No. 2299, on November 30, 1937, represented a total gross asset of \$2,254,340.79, with liabilities of \$563,337.33, or a net asset of \$1,691,003.46. This amounts to a net asset per member of \$86.20, a drop of \$4.62 from the year previous. However, this figure for November 30, 1937, is based on the total membership whereas the figure for the year previous was based on the membership in good standing, or 942 less members. The net assets per member for the various Aeries range from \$2.79 to \$305.69 depending, of course, on the financial condition of the individual Aerie. Comparing the net assets and liabilities on November 30, 1937, with those of the year previous we find a decrease in the liabilities of \$11,626.74, but also a decrease in the assets of \$6,432.39. During 1937 the Aeries paid out \$23,450 in funeral benefits and \$39,702.72 in sick benefits, a total of \$63,152.72 which was an increase of \$6,766.71 over 1936.

State Aerie Laws

There were two (2) amendments to the State Aerie Laws adopted at our 1937 session and these were submitted to Chief Auditor Conrad H. Mann, for his approval as required by the Grand Aerie Laws, under date of June 26, 1937. Under date of July 10, 1937, Brother Mann approved the amendment to Section 2 of Article III requiring officers of the State Aerie to be accredited representatives in attendance at the session when elected; but to date has neither approved nor disapproved the amendment to Section 1 of Article XVIII, to provide for a Chairman of the Good of the Order Committee. Considerable correspondence has been exchanged between the Chief Auditor and this office in regard to this latter resolution which I should like to present for your consideration under the proper Order of Business.

Section 9 of Article II of the State Aerie Laws has been revoked by decision of the Grand Worthy President in the communication you have already heard read. This section was an amendment to the Laws adopted at our 1936 session to permit any Past Worthy President in good standing in an Aerie that was in good standing to attend sessions of the State Aerie without voice or vote, and was approved by the Chief Auditor under date of July 1, 1936.

Per Capita Tax

With the collection of the Per Capita Tax for the year 1938, your State Secretary met a problem which had not presented itself in previous years. The Grand Aerie, as you know, collects its Per Capita Tax twice each year, on June first and December first, while the State Aerie Tax is payable but once each year, on January first, and this tax is based on the number of members as shown by the November 30th semi-annual report to the State Aerie.

The Grand Aerie permits an Aerie to deduct the number of new members initiated after November 15th from the total membership on November 30th when computing the Grand Aerie Tax payable December first, and likewise after May fifteenth when computing the Tax payable on June first.

A few Aeries, when computing the 1938 State Aerie Tax, deducted the number of New Members initiated after November fifteenth in the same manner as permitted by the Grand Aerie, and since this procedure was a new one and contrary to the State Aerie Laws, the matter was referred to the State President for instructions who in turn submitted it to the Grand Aerie Chief Auditor for a ruling. However, no ruling has reached this office and therefore no effort has been made to collect from the Aeries for the deductions made. The total number deducted was 25, representing a total amount of \$2.50 in tax.

1938 Per Capita Tax has been received from each Aerie promptly excepting Buffalo Aerie No. 46, Bronx Aerie No. 491, Vernon Aerie No. 1031, Endicott Aerie No. 2269 which, by the way, is exempt from payment of the 1938 tax by a decision of the Grand Aerie, and Steuben Aerie No. 2299 which is also exempt from the 1938 tax by the same decision. A total amount of \$1912.90 has been collected as the 1938 Per Capita Tax, and there is the amount of \$26.00 remaining unpaid by Bronx Aerie No. 941, the above mentioned deductions not included.

In accordance with the State Aerie Laws a fine of \$5.00 was assessed against Buffalo Aerie No. 46, Bronx Aerie No. 491 and Vernon Aerie No. 1031 for failure to pay the tax before May first as required, the State President having remitted the fine against Buffalo Aerie after their tax was paid.

Membership

During the first six months of the past fiscal year, from June 1st to November 30, 1937, the total membership results were as follows:

Membership on June 1, 1937 20335

GAINS		LOSSES	
Initiated	1405	Dropped for N. P. Dues	1970
Received by Card	6	Withdrew by Card	7
Reinstated	12	Resigned	17
		Expelled	1
Total Gains	1423	Deaths	130
		Total Losses	2125

Net Loss 702
Membership on November 30, 1937 19633

During this period, while a few Aeries made splendid membership gains one Aerie, Watertown Aerie No. 782—our host for this State Aerie Convention—succeeded in obtaining its annual quota of new members in these first six months. Only fifteen Aeries made net gains and but six made a net gain of ten per cent or more. These six Aeries were, in order of percentage net gain:

Aerie	Members Gained	Percentage Gain
Endicott No. 2269	38	56.7%
Auburn No. 96	55	18.9%
Watertown No. 782	112	18.7%
Bronx No. 491	36	16.0%
Bay Ridge No. 1924	24	15.1%
Crown City No. 2191	12	12.5%

During the last six months of the year, from December 1, 1937, to May 31, 1938, with reports from Vernon and Steuben Aeries missing, the total net membership results were as follows:

Membership December 1, 1937, (corrected for errors in the November 30th semi-annual reports) 19644

GAINS		LOSSES	
Initiated	1594	Dropped for N. P. Dues.....	1698
Received by Card	9	Withdrew by Card	4
Reinstated	24	Resigned	18
		Expelled	3
Total Gains	1627	Deaths	137
		Total Losses	1860
Net Loss	233		
Membership May 31, 1938	19411		

During this period 19 Aeries made a net gain and 9 made a net gain of 10% or more as follows:

Aeries	Members Gained	Percentage Gain
New Yonkers 0473	29	31.2
New York 40	41	20.2
Niagara Falls 88	52	20.0
Staten Island 543	34	19.7
Crown City 2191	18	16.7
Montreal 2130	32	13.4
Schenectady 514	74	13.1
Brooklyn 393	22	13.1
Ithaca 1253	68	11.4

Considering the total net results for the entire fiscal year we find the following:

GAINS		LOSSES	
Initiated	2999	Lapsations	3668
Received by Card	15	Withdrew by Card	11
Reinstated	36	Resigned	35
		Expelled	4
Total Gains	3050	Deaths	267
		Total Losses	3985

Net Loss 935

During this entire year period, 18 Aeries made a net gain, 11 of which had a net gain of over 10% as follows:

Aerie	Percentage Net Gain
Endicott 2269	61.2
Crown City 2191	31.2
New York 40	29.7
Bay Ridge 1924	25.7
Ithaca 1253	25.7
New Yonkers 0473	22.0
Schenectady 514	18.9
Watertown 782	17.6
Montreal 2130	17.4
Niagara Falls 88	15.9
Rochester 52	10.8

Too much credit cannot be given these Aeries which consistently increased their membership during the year, by not only making their quota but by keeping the older members in line and thus showing an increase such as the above figures indicate.

MEMBERSHIP DATA

June 1 to November 30, 1937

No.	Name	GAINS				LOSSES					Net Gain or Loss	Membership Nov. 30, 1937	Percentage Gain or Loss During Term		
		Membership June 1, 1937	Initiated	By Card	Total Gains	Reinstated	Dropped for Non-Payment of Dues	By Card	Resigned	Expelled				Deceased	Total Losses
40	New York	188	29	0	0	29	12	0	0	0	2	14	15	203	7.9
46	Buffalo	7315	305	1	0	306	782	2	4	0	45	833	527-	6788	7.2-
52	Rochester	1358	107	2	2	111	75	0	0	1	6	82	29	1387	2.1
053	New Syracuse	240	26	0	1	27	22	0	0	0	4	26	1	241	0.4
88	Niagara Falls	269	14	0	2	16	23	0	0	0	2	25	9-	260	3.3-
95	Geneva	87	30	0	0	30	24	0	0	0	0	24	6	93	6.7
96	Auburn	290	56	0	0	56	0	0	0	0	1	1	55	345	18.9
97	Utica	188	26	0	0	26	8	0	0	0	3	11	15	203	7.9
393	Brooklyn	175	15	0	0	15	19	0	0	0	4	23	8-	167	4.5-
0473	New York	100	2	0	0	2	8	0	0	0	1	9	7-	93	7.0-
482	Gloversville	421	24	0	0	24	58	0	0	0	5	63	39-	382	9.2-
491	Bronx	224	38	0	0	38	0	0	1	0	1	2	36	260	16.0
514	Schenectady	529	82	0	0	82	39	0	0	0	7	46	36	565	6.8
543	Staten Island	196	15	0	0	15	38	0	0	0	1	39	24-	172	12.2-
544	Empire	285	3	0	0	3	12	0	3	0	3	18	15-	270	5.2-
583	Flushing	258	8	0	0	8	3	0	0	0	1	4	4	262	1.5
616	Olean	412	14	0	5	19	39	1	0	0	5	45	26-	386	6.3-
782	Watertown	596	135	0	0	135	17	1	0	0	5	23	112	708	18.7
825	Lockport	1095	31	0	0	31	204	0	0	0	11	215	184-	911	16.8-
941	Elmira	747	60	0	0	60	18	0	1	0	1	20	40	787	5.3
1031	Vernon	106	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	4-	102	3.7-
1042	Tarrytown	195	8	0	0	8	80	0	0	0	1	81	73-	122	37.4-
1043	Amicus	266	3	0	0	3	4	0	0	0	1	5	2-	264	0.7-
1117	Washington Heights	128	18	0	0	18	18	0	0	0	0	18	0	128	0.0
1166	Port Chester	132	3	0	0	3	31	1	0	0	1	33	30-	102	22.7-
1253	Ithaca	570	28	0	0	28	0	0	0	0	2	2	26	596	4.5
1260	Oneonta	295	38	0	0	38	40	0	0	0	0	40	2-	293	0.6-
1411	Tonawandas	600	9	0	0	9	48	0	0	0	6	54	45-	555	7.5-
1509	Long Island City	222	3	0	1	4	18	0	0	0	1	19	15-	207	6.7-
1544	Rockaway Beach	273	2	0	0	2	30	0	5	0	2	37	35-	238	12.8-
1545	Ossining	100	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	104	4.0
1575	Fort Johnson	825	29	0	0	29	44	2	2	0	3	51	22-	803	2.6-
1815	Sound Shore	103	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	108	4.8
1924	Bay Ridge	159	24	0	1	25	0	0	1	0	0	1	24	183	15.1
2065	College Point	85	2	0	0	2	25	0	0	0	1	26	24-	61	28.2-
2119	Chenango Valley	172	21	0	0	21	24	0	0	0	0	24	3-	169	1.7-
2130	Montreal	230	29	0	0	29	21	0	0	0	0	21	8	238	3.4
2145	Chautauqua	352	23	0	0	23	40	0	0	0	3	43	20-	332	5.6-
2191	Crown City	96	45	0	0	45	33	0	0	0	0	33	12-	108	12.5
2231	Lackawanna	386	54	2	0	56	109	0	0	0	1	110	54-	332	13.9-
2269	Endicott	*67	37	1	0	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	105	56.7
		20335	1405	6	12	1423	1970	7	17	1	130	2125	702-	19633	3.4-

* Membership at institution Oct. 3, 1937.

MEMBERSHIP DATA

December 1, 1937 to May 31, 1938

No.	Name	GAINS				LOSSES					Net Loss or Gain	Membership May 31, 1938	Percentage Gain or Loss This Term	Percentage Gain or Loss Fiscal Year				
		Membership Nov. 30, 1937	Initiated	By Card	Reinstated	Total Gains	Dropped for Non-Payment of Dues	By Card	Resigned	Expelled					Deceased	Total Losses		
40	New York	203	45	0	0	45	0	1	1	0	2	4	41	244	20.2	29.7		
46	Buffalo	6798	302	3	0	305	658	0	3	0	54	715	410-	6388	6.3-	12.6-		
52	Rochester	1387	176	1	8	185	59	0	0	0	8	67	118	1505	8.5	10.8		
053	New Syracuse	242	16	0	0	16	60	0	5	0	1	66	50-	192	20.6-	20.0-		
88	Niagara Falls	260	59	0	4	63	7	0	0	0	4	11	52	312	20.0	15.9		
95	Geneva	93	7	0	0	7	7	0	0	0	1	8	1-	92	1.0-	5.7		
96	Auburn	345	7	0	0	7	104	0	0	0	1	105	98-	247	28.4-	14.8-		
97	Utica	203	8	0	0	8	32	0	0	0	1	33	25-	178	12.3-	5.3-		
393	Brooklyn	167	46	0	0	46	22	0	0	0	2	24	22	189	13.1	8.0		
0473	New York	93	30	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	1	1	29	122	31.2	22.0		
482	Gloversville	382	8	0	0	8	64	0	1	0	1	66	58-	324	15.1-	22.9-		
491	Bronx	260	16	0	0	16	53	0	0	0	2	55	39-	221	15.0-	1.3-		
514	Schenectady	565	100	0	0	100	15	0	0	3	8	26	74	639	13.1	18.9		
543	Staten Island	172	34	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	206	19.7	5.1		
544	Empire	270	6	1	0	7	21	0	0	0	2	23	16-	254	5.9-	10.8-		
583	Flushing	262	11	0	0	11	45	1	0	0	3	49	38-	224	14.5-	13.2-		
616	Olean	386	20	0	5	25	39	0	1	0	4	44	19-	367	4.9-	10.9-		
782	Watertown	708	65	0	0	65	66	0	3	0	3	72	7-	701	0.9-	17.6		
825	Lockport	911	57	0	0	57	0	0	0	0	3	3	54	965	5.9	11.8-		
941	Elmira	787	73	0	0	73	105	0	2	0	10	117	44-	743	5.5-	0.5-		
1031	Vernon	102	No Report Received												102			
1042	Tarrytown	122	8	0	5	13	14	0	0	0	0	14	1-	121	0.8-	37.9-		
1043	Amicus	264	14	0	1	15	17	0	0	0	2	19	4-	260	1.5-	2.2-		
1117	Washington H'ghts	128	18	0	0	18	15	0	0	0	1	16	2	130	1.5	1.5		
1166	Port Chester	102	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	102	0.0	22.7-		
1253	Ithaca	596	68	0	0	68	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	664	11.4	25.4		
1260	Oneonta	293	13	1	0	14	10	0	0	0	0	10	4	297	1.3	0.6		
1411	Tonawandas	555	18	1	0	19	18	0	0	0	3	21	2-	553	0.3-	7.8-		
1509	Long Island City	207	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	2	8	8-	199	3.8-	10.3-		
1544	Rockaway Beach	239	29	0	0	29	13	0	0	0	1	14	15	254	6.3	6.9-		
1545	Ossining	104	6	0	0	6	14	0	0	0	3	17	11-	93	10.6-	7.0-		
1575	Fort Johnson	803	24	0	0	24	42	0	0	0	5	47	23-	780	2.8-	5.4-		
1815	Sound Shore	108	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	110	1.8	6.8		
1924	Bay Ridge	183	43	0	1	44	25	0	0	0	2	27	17	200	9.3	25.7		
2065	College Point	61	3	1	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	64	4.9	24.7-		
2119	Chenango Valley	169	28	0	0	28	17	1	0	0	2	20	8	177	4.7	2.9		
2130	Montreal	238	56	0	0	56	24	0	0	0	0	24	32	270	13.4	17.4		
2145	Chautauqua	332	55	0	0	55	38	1	0	0	4	43	12	344	3.6	2.2-		
2191	Crown City	108	32	0	0	32	14	0	0	0	0	14	18	126	16.7	31.2		
2231	Lackawanna	331	44	0	0	44	68	0	1	0	0	69	25-	306	7.5-	20.8-		
2269	Endicott	105	9	1	0	10	6	0	0	0	1	7	3	108	2.8	61.2		
2299	Steuben	38 At Institution March 27, 1938—No Report												38				
Totals		19655	1594	9	24	1627	1698	4	18	3	137	1860	233-	19411	1.1-	4.5-		

FINANCIAL DATA

November 30, 1937

Aerie No. Name	Membership Nov. 30, 1937	Benefits Paid During Year		Liabilities	Net Assets	Net Assets per Member	P. C. Tax Due for 1938
		Death	Sick				
40 New York	198	\$ 50.00	\$ 433.10	\$	\$ 2195.31	\$ 11.08	\$ 19.80
46 Buffalo	6788	7300.00	12194.00	283750.00	482477.08	71.07	678.80
52 Rochester	1387	2200.00	2801.00	47998.08	195646.10	141.05	138.70
053 New Syracuse	241	375.00	345.75	10.46	832.89	3.45	24.10
88 Niagara Falls	260	500.00	739.00	7736.50	33263.16	127.93	26.00
95 Geneva	93	100.00	242.00	30652.44	20976.51	225.55	9.30
97 Auburn	345	100.00	321.00	1000.00	58235.59	168.79	34.50
97 Utica	203	500.00	489.00	.....	20304.31	100.02	20.30
393 Brooklyn	167	500.00	341.00	.....	4256.36	25.48	16.70
0473 New Yorkers	93	50.00	68.00	.....	1367.52	14.70	9.30
482 Gloversville	382	600.00	1053.00	22979.71	116776.49	305.69	38.20
491 Bronx	260	100.00	694.00	700.00	10249.51	39.42	26.00
514 Schenectady	565	1100.00	729.26	30713.50	64182.85	113.59	56.50
543 Staten Island	172	100.00	219.00	.....	1966.27	11.43	17.20
544 Empire	270	500.00	849.00	100.00	23064.73	85.42	27.00
583 Flushing	262	100.00	224.00	.06	11499.80	43.89	26.20
616 Olean	386	1000.00	341.14	17733.23	82357.40	213.36	38.60
782 Watertown	708	900.00	1733.75	1500.00	31433.66	44.39	70.80
825 Lockport	911	1300.00	2378.42	8500.00	69776.80	79.59	91.10
941 Elmira	783	900.00	772.75	6377.55	71996.29	91.94	78.30
1031 Vernon	102	125.00	355.00	1987.38	(a)612.79	.....	10.20
1042 Tarrytown	122	100.00	303.00	91.20	4938.18	40.47	12.20
1043 Amicus	264	225.00	636.00	.....	6201.10	23.48	26.40
1117 Washington Heights	128	.....	321.00	.....	595.26	4.65	12.80
1166 Port Chester	102	100.00	95.00	.....	2693.67	26.40	10.20
1253 Ithaca	596	200.00	710.00	74100.00	167877.35	133.98	59.60
1260 Oneonta	293	300.00	892.00	.....	7214.69	24.62	29.30
1411 Tonawandas	555	1000.00	1712.00	.....	46483.69	83.75	55.50
1509 Long Island City	207	750.00	861.00	2451.00	22375.03	108.09	20.70
1544 Rockaway Beach	238	600.00	543.00	208.00	3923.08	16.48	23.80
1545 Ossining	104	100.00	166.00	2091.30	9059.12	87.10	10.40
1575 Fort Johnson	803	600.00	4345.80	8930.05	78684.83	97.98	80.30
1815 Sound Shore	108	100.00	255.00	4054.00	9533.97	88.27	10.80
1924 Bay Ridge	183	200.00	59.00	1146.20	4872.18	26.62	18.30
2065 College Point	61	100.00	.....	.....	224.28	3.67	6.10
2119 Chenango Valley	169	.....	75.75	.....	3008.66	17.80	16.90
2130 Montreal	230	100.00	714.00	274.60	1872.34	8.14	23.00
2145 Chautauqua	332	400.00	329.00	7262.67	14299.44	43.07	33.20
2191 Crown City	108	75.00	86.00	.....	3794.62	36.98	10.80
2231 Lackawanna	332	100.00	276.00	949.40	(a)52.62	.....	33.20
2269 Endicott	105	.....	.....	40.00	293.34	2.79	.....
19616		\$23450.00	\$39702.72	\$563337.33	\$1691003.46	\$ 86.20	\$1951.10

(a) Denotes a deficit.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The following is a detailed financial statement for the fiscal year from June 10, 1937, to June 15, 1938:

Amount in hands of State Treasurer on June 10, 1937, as per audit of State Trustees at Auburn:

Checking Account \$1,516.73
Interest Account 1,281.55

Total \$2,798.28

RECEIPTS

Date 1937	From	For	Amount
June 19	Auburn Aerie No. 96, State Aerie Prizes	.....	\$ 420.00
July 2	Wilber National Bank, Accrued Interest	.....	12.81
Dec. 3	Tonawanda Aerie No. 1411, 1938 P. C. Tax	.....	55.50
6	Staten Island Aerie No. 543, 1938 P. C. Tax	.....	17.20
	Fort Johnson Aerie No. 1575, 1938 P. C. Tax	.....	80.30
8	Ossining Aerie No. 1545, 1938 P. C. Tax	.....	10.40
	Gloversville Aerie, No. 482, 1938 P. C. Tax	.....	38.20
	Ithaca Aerie No. 1253, 1938 P. C. Tax	.....	59.60
10	Niagara Falls Aerie No. 88, 1938 P. C. Tax	.....	26.00
	Washington Heights Aerie No. 1117, 1938 P. C. Tax	..	12.80
11	New York Aerie No. 40, 1938 P. C. Tax	.....	19.80
	Montreal Aerie No. 2130, 1938 P. C. Tax	.....	23.00
13	New Yorkers Aerie No. 0473, 1938 P. C. Tax	.....	9.30
14	Empire Aerie No. 544, 1938 P. C. Tax	.....	27.00
	College Point Aerie No. 2065, 1938 P. C. Tax	.....	6.10
	Flushing Aerie No. 583, 1938 P. C. Tax	.....	26.10
15	Watertown Aerie No. 782, 1938 P. C. Tax	.....	70.80
	Port Chester Aerie No. 1166, 1938 P. C. Tax	.....	10.20
	Bay Ridge Aerie No. 1924, 1938 P. C. Tax	.....	18.30
	Crown City Aerie No. 2191, 1938 P. C. Tax	.....	9.60
	Amicus Aerie No. 1043, 1938 P. C. Tax	.....	26.40
	Lackawanna Aerie No. 2231, 1938 P. C. Tax	.....	32.50
	Schenectady Aerie No. 514, 1938 P. C. Tax	.....	56.50
	Rochester Aerie, No. 52, 1938 P. C. Tax	.....	138.70
16	Brooklyn Aerie, No. 393, 1938 P. C. Tax	.....	16.70
	Auburn Aerie No. 96, 1938 P. C. Tax	.....	34.50
	Tarrytown Aerie No. 1042, 1938 P. C. Tax	.....	12.20
17	Chautauqua Aerie No. 2145, 1938 P. C. Tax	.....	33.20
	Oneonta Aerie No. 1260, 1938 P. C. Tax	.....	29.30
23	Elmira Aerie No. 941, 1938 P. C. Tax	.....	78.30
27	Utica Aerie No. 97, 1938 P. C. Tax	.....	20.30
	Long Island City Aerie No. 1509, 1938 P. C. Tax	.....	20.70
	New Syracuse Aerie No. 053, 1938 P. C. Tax	.....	24.10
31	Olean Aerie No. 616, 1938 P. C. Tax	.....	38.60
1938			
Jan. 4	Wilber National Bank, Accrued Interest	.....	12.81
11	Chenango Valley Aerie No. 2119, 1938 P. C. Tax	.....	16.90
	Geneva Aerie No. 95, 1938 P. C. Tax	.....	9.30
12	Sound Shore Aerie No. 1815, 1938 P. C. Tax	.....	10.80
	Rockaway Beach Aerie No. 1544, 1938 P. C. Tax	.....	23.80
Feb. 2	Lockport Aerie No. 825, 1938 P. C. Tax	.....	91.10
June 8	Buffalo Aerie No. 46, 1938 P. C. Tax	.....	678.80
	Total Receipts	.....	\$2,358.52

RECEIPTS CLASSIFIED:

1938 P. C. Tax	\$1,912.90
Accrued Interest, Interest Acct.	25.62
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Total actual State Aerie Receipts	\$1,938.52
State Aerie Prize Money donated by Auburn Aerie No. 96	420.00
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Total Receipts	\$2,358.52

DISBURSEMENTS

Date	PAID TO	FOR	Checks No.	Amount
June 12	John J. Shortell,	Expenses to State Aerie	1401	\$ 120.00
	Session (State Pres.)			
	W. A. Neafie, Expenses to State Aerie	Session (State Sec.)	1402	53.08
	Thomas C. Reynolds, Expenses to State Aerie	Session (State Treas.)	1403	35.00
	Fred S. Clark, Expenses to State Aerie	Session (Trustee)	1404	25.00
	Chas. M. Johannes, Expenses to State Aerie	Session (Trustee)	1405	32.60
	Geo. J. Pentoney, Expenses to State Aerie	Session (Trustee)	1406	57.90
	Paul Tatascore, Expenses to State Aerie	Session (Credential Com.)	1407	70.50
	G. A. Zimmerman, Expenses to State Aerie	Session (Ritual Com.)	1408	40.50
	John J. Shortell, Compensation to Grand	Aerie	1409	150.00
	Joseph Cassidy, Compensation to Grand Aerie	.....	1410	75.00
	George Young, Compensation to Grand Aerie	.....	1411	75.00
	Aerie 1253, State Aerie Prizes .....	.....	1412	125.00
	Aerie 52, State Aerie Prizes .....	.....	1413	100.00
	Aerie 46, State Aerie Prizes .....	.....	1414	100.00
	Aerie 1411, State Aerie Prizes .....	.....	1415	50.00
	Aerie 52 Auxiliary, State Aerie Prizes .....	.....	1416	35.00
	Irving Hellings, State Aerie Prize .....	.....	1417	5.00
	Dewitt Martin, State Aerie Prize .....	.....	1418	5.00
July 12	E. J. Mahoney, Expenses to funeral of P. S. P.	Bernhardt	1419	7.50
	S. F. Sasato, Florist, Floral piece for P. S. P.	Bernhardt	1420	10.00
	Chas. G. Maraldo, Expenses of visitations .....	.....	1421	150.00
Aug. 10	The Daily News, Printing 1937 Proceedings,	Stationery and Circular Letter	1422	207.20
Sept. 21	W. A. Neafie, Salary 1st quarter and Office	Expenses	1423	87.39
Oct. 7	Chas. G. Maraldo, Expenses of Visitations .....	.....	1424	100.00
Nov. 20	Goldwyn Jewelers, State President's Prize .....	.....	1425	15.00
	J. S. Perry, Premium on State Officers Bond	for 1938	1426	16.00
Dec. 14	Chas. G. Maraldo, Expenses of Visitations .....	.....	1427	100.00
	The Billington Press, Printing .....	.....	1428	13.00
	W. A. Neafie, Salary 2nd quarter and Office	Expenses	1429	78.28

		1938	
Jan. 24	The Daily News, Printing	1430	9.75
25	Chas. G. Maraldo, Expenses of Visitations	1431	127.50
Feb. 28	W. F. Mentzinger, Expenses to Watertown,		
	G. of O. Comm.	1432	47.80
	W. B. Hutchinson, Expenses to Watertown,		
	G. of O. Comm.	1433	16.20
	The Daily News, Printing Circular Letter	1434	9.00
Mar. 15	W. A. Neafie, Salary 3rd quarter, Postage		
	and Expenses	1435	95.02
May 9	The Daily News, Printing Circular Letters		
	and Stationery	1436	17.50
June 6	Thomas C. Reynolds, Salary for fiscal year,		
	1937-38	1437	10.00
	The Daily News, Printing Circular Letter	1438	6.00
	W. A. Neafie, Salary 4th quarter and Office		
	Postage	1439	81.23
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Total Disbursed			\$2,358.95

DISBURSEMENTS CLASSIFIED

Expenses of State Officers and Committeemen to last S. A. Session	\$ 430.85
Compensation to Representatives to Grand Aerie	300.00
State President—Expenses of Visitations	500.00
Expenses of Arranging for 1938 State Aerie Session	80.60
Routine Printing, Postage, Stationery and Supplies	90.13
Printing for this Session	15.00
Printing and mailing 1937 State Aerie Proceedings	186.37
Premium on Bonds for State Officers	16.00
Salaries of Secretary and Treasurer	310.00
Floral Piece for Funeral of Past State President Frank X. Bernhardt	10.00

Total routine expenses of State Aerie	\$1,938.95
1937 State Aerie Prizes—donated by Auburn Aerie No. 96	420.00

Total Disbursed	\$2,358.95
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RECAPITULATION

Amount in hands of State Treasurer, last report:	
Checking Account	\$1,516.73
Interest Account	1,281.55
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Total	\$2,798.28
Amount received from all sources	2,358.95
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Total on hand and received	\$5,156.80
Amount disbursed by checks Nos. 1401 to 1439, inclusive	2,358.95
Amount in hands of State Treasurer this report, on deposit in the Wilber National Bank, at Oneonta	\$2,797.85
Distributed as follows:	
Checking Account	\$1,516.30
Interest Account	1,281.55
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	\$2,797.85

STATEMENT OF EACH FUND AND INTEREST ACCOUNT

General Fund

Balance in Fund last report	\$1,443.21
Receipts: 1938 Per Capita Tax	\$1,912.90
Accrued Interest	25.62
S. A. Prize Money from Auburn Aerie	420.00
Total Received	\$2,358.52
Total on hand and received	\$3,801.73
Disbursed: State Aerie Routine Expenses	\$1,438.95
Transferred to State President Fund	500.00
State Aerie Prizes	420.00
Total Disbursed	\$2,358.95
Balance in Fund this report	\$1,442.78

Old Age Pension Fund

Balance in Fund last report	\$ 73.52
No Receipts and No Disbursements	
Balance in Fund this report	\$ 73.52

State President Fund

Balance in Fund last report	Nil
Receipts: Transferred from General Fund	\$ 500.00
Total Received	\$ 500.00
Total on hand and received	\$ 500.00
Disbursed: Expenses of Visitations	500.00
Balance in Fund this report	Nil

Interest Account

Balance on deposit in Interest Account last report	\$1,281.55
No Deposits or Withdrawals made during year	Nil
Balance in Interest Account this report	\$1,281.55

DECEASED

Attached herewith and forming a part of this report are the names of 267 of our Brothers who have passed to the Great Beyond since last we met and for whom we will pause and hold a special memorial service tomorrow in their memory. Of this total number 7 were Past Worthy Presidents and one, a Past State President.

CONCLUSION

The year just closed has been an unusually active one with practically every Aerie making sincere earnest efforts to promote Eagledom throughout the jurisdiction. Some efforts have met with better success than others still the net result is far from what we would all like to have seen it. The question is, has each of us done our very best to help build up the membership and financial strength of our Aerie? Each member must let his own conscience answer this question for him. If the answer in our own mind is "yes" then we have done well, but if the answer is "no," which it must be in a large number of cases, then let us resolve here and now that we will pay our debt to our Aerie by obtaining at least one new member for our Aerie each year in the future and also pay the debt on which we are in

arrears. Great credit is due our State President, Brother Maraldo, for the work he has been doing during the year and who has set a pace that will be a mark to match for the Brother who will follow him in that office. His strenuous activities certainly merited much better results I am sure you will all agree.

In closing, I can only again repeat my expression of sincere appreciation for the honor you have continued to bestow upon me by electing me to this office, and to say that I have tried to do my very best to merit the confidence you have thus expressed. I also wish to express my personal thanks as well as in behalf of the State Aerie to the Subordinate Aerie Officers; the Grand Aerie Officers; and the State Aerie Officers for their ever courteous, prompt and willing cooperation at all times.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER A. NEAFIE,
State Secretary.

REPORT OF STATE TREASURER

In the absence of State Treasurer Reynolds, the following report, which had been sent to the State Aerie together with all the books and papers of the State Treasurer, was read by the State Secretary. The report was referred to the Board of Trustees by order of the State President.

Watertown, N. Y., June 16, 1938

Officers and Delegates
New York State Aerie, F. O. E.

Brothers:

Herewith report as State Treasurer for fiscal year ending June 15, 1938:	
Balance in Checking Account June 9, 1937	\$1,516.73
Receipts from all sources (1937-1938)	2,358.52
Total	\$3,875.25
Less Disbursements	2,358.95
Balance on hand in Checking Account	\$1,516.30
Amount on deposit in Interest Account, Wilber National Bank of Oneonta	1,281.55
Total balance all funds	\$2,797.85

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS C. REYNOLDS,
State Treasurer.

The State Trustees, through the Chairman, Brother Johannes, made a brief verbal report stating that the books of the officers had been audited and checked, but owing to a delay certified bank statement, requested an extension of time for the submitting of their official report. This was granted.

Grand Aerie Representative John J. Shortell, in a few interesting remarks which were supplemented by Grand Aerie Representative Young of Buffalo, and Grand Aerie Representative Cassidy of Brooklyn, requested that the submission of the report of the Grand Aerie Representatives be deferred until tomorrow's session, which permission was granted.

MID-WINTER MEETING HELD AT SYRACUSE

State President Maraldo read the following minutes of the meeting held at Syracuse on February 6, 1938, which, on motion by Brother Wolf of Aerie 393, seconded by Brother Carroll of Aerie 95, were approved, ordered printed in the proceedings, and referred to the Good of the Order Committee. This motion included an amendment offered by Brother Cairns of Aerie 1117 and incorporated in the original motion that a vote of thanks be extended to the State President for arranging for this successful meeting.

Mid-Winter Meeting at Syracuse, February 6, 1938

Meeting was held in the rooms of New Syracuse Aerie No. 053 in conjunction with a special meeting of the Aerie, at which time the Aerie initiated a class of six candidates in an impressive and splendid manner.

State Officers present: State President Maraldo, State Vice-President Barber, State Chaplain Moystyn, State Secretary Neafie, State Treasurer Reynolds, State Conductor McDermott, State Trustees Johannes and Cleveland.

Also, Past State President Hutchinson, Past State President Mentzinger, Past State President and State Organizer Saxer, P. G. W. P. Nordlin, Dep. Grand Organizer Yurk, and Dep. State Organizer Kohaut.

The following Aeries were represented: New York 40, Buffalo 46, Rochester 52, Syracuse 053, Geneva 95, Utica 97, Yonkers 0473, Staten Island 543, Lockport 825, Amicus 1043, Ithaca 1253, Oneonta 1260, Rockaway Beach 1544, Ossining 1545, Fort Johnson 1575, and Cortland 2191. Montreal 2130 sent a letter stating they had intended to have a representation present but were unable to make it because of the weather and road conditions.

At the close of the initiation ceremonies State President Maraldo took the chair and presided. He stated the object of the meeting to be for the purpose of bringing together as many as possible of the active and interested members in the State to plan a concentrated movement among the Aeries in an effort to obtain the quotas of new members set for them by the Grand Aerie, and to bring out any special matters that might be considered at the next State Aerie session so that the business of that session might be facilitated, expressing the hope that those sessions would prove most harmonious and of benefit to the Order.

State Organizer Saxer gave a detailed report of activities and results among the Aeries to date; urged that all Worthy Presidents follow one of the plans suggested by the Managing Organizer in a systematic campaign for new members and that the slogan "Every member owes at least one new member to his Aerie each year" be kept before the membrs at all times. He announced several prizes which he would give for from one to 15 new members obtained by individuals, and for each Worthy President of an Aerie that secured its quota, these prizes to be in addition to those offered by the Grand Aerie.

Interesting remarks and many good suggestions were offered by the following speakers: P. G. W. P. Nordlin, Dep. Grand Auditor Yurk, State President Maraldo, State Organizer Saxer, Dep. State Organizer Kohaut, P. S. P. Hutchinson, P. S. P. Mentzinger, State V. P. Barber, State Chaplain Mostyn, State Sec. Neafie, State Treas. Reynolds, State Conductor McDermott, State Trustee Johannes, State Trustee Cleveland, Brother Wilson of Aerie 95, Brother Raydell of Aerie 52 (who alone had secured 29 new candidates) and Brother Luban of Aerie 40. Brother Mostyn, Worthy President of Aerie 52, offered the services of Rochester Aerie Degree Team to any Aerie at any time.

A prize of \$5 was presented to Brother Kanasola of Syracuse Aerie by Brother Yurk for having secured the most number of candidates for the class initiated today.

It seemed to be the unanimous opinion that the meeting had been a

success and worth while, each one present seeming to be imbued with renewed enthusiasm to do his utmost to build up the Order. State President Maraldo was greatly pleased by the number who traveled from nearly every part of the State to attend the meeting and expressed his thanks and appreciation to them. Brother Kelly of Aerie 053 also thanked the members present for having made it possible for New Syracuse Aerie to be the host for the fine meeting.

The officers of Aerie No. 053 then proceeded to close the meeting in form.

WALTER A. NEAFIE,
Acting Secretary.

PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE STATE AERIE LAWS

A resolution was introduced by Joseph Garofalo of Aerie 543 providing for an amendment to the State Aerie Laws to grant to the Chairman of the Resolutions Committee his expenses in attending the State Aerie Sessions, which was referred to the Committee on Laws.

A resolution introduced by William Luban of Aerie 40 to amend Article II, Section 1 of the State Aerie Laws to provide that the election of delegates to the State Aerie be held at the next meeting following the nomination as such, was also referred to the Committee on Laws.

A resolution introduced by Past State President Welsh amending Article 11, Section 7, defining duties of Delegates of State Aerie to the Grand Aerie.

A resolution introduced by the State Secretary to amend Article II, Section 7, to correct the list of Aeries in the Western District.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

State President Maraldo referred to the decision by the Grand Worthy President effecting Section 9 of Article II of the State Aerie Laws, and called upon Past Grand Worthy President Nordlin to speak upon the subject for the benefit of the delegates. Brother Nordlin, after stating that the State Law, even though approved by the Grand Worthy President, actually was in conflict with the Grand Aerie Laws and could be rescinded at any time by the Grand Worthy President, which he has now done. After some discussion participated in by Brother Harvey Crook of Aerie 583, Brother Cairns of Aerie 1117, Brother Lane of Aerie 0473, and others, Brother Nordlin suggested that the only recourse left to the State Aerie, if they felt that the provision was a wise one, would be to present a resolution to be referred to the Grand Aerie Representatives for submitting to the Grand Aerie to change the Grand Aerie Laws so that such a by-law could be adopted by a State Aerie. The State President declared the discussion closed and that any Brother was at liberty to take such action as he felt justified in the matter.

On motion by Past State President Saxer, seconded by Brother Luban of Aerie 40, the hour of 11:00 A. M. on Friday was set aside for consideration of organization matters.

It was announced that the annual Memorial Services for deceased Brothers would be held at 3:30 P. M. on Friday, the ceremonies to be open to the public and conducted by Watertown Aerie.

Chairman Welch of the Committee on Laws announced a meeting of that Committee to be held in Room 339 at the Woodruff Hotel one hour after the adjournment of this session.

Chairman Hutchinson of the Committee on Resolutions announced that there would be a meeting of his committee in Room 204 of the Woodruff Hotel at 4:00 P. M. this afternoon.

Chairman Mahoney of the Grievances and Appeal Committee announced a meeting of that committee in Room 230 of the Woodruff Hotel at 2:00 P. M. this afternoon.

The Convention Committee, through Brother Flanigan, reported that the Armory had been obtained for the exemplification of the ritual by Class A teams on Friday afternoon, and that the Aerie meeting rooms would be available for the exemplification of the ritual for Class B teams at the same time.

Past Worthy President Corbett of Watertown announced that the Aerie was prepared to furnish lunches at very reasonable rates, and also that parking facilities were available for all members of the Order at the rear of the club house. He also announced that the banquet would be held at 7:00 P. M. this evening at the Hotel Woodruff, and that all delegates and their lady friends were cordially invited to attend.

The session closed with prayers by the Worthy Chaplain at 2:30 P. M. to meet again at 10:00 A. M. tomorrow morning.

BANQUET

At 7:00 P. M. Thursday evening about 300 delegates, ladies and guests gathered in the banquet room of the Hotel Woodruff where a very fine dinner was served, interspersed with orchestral music, entertainment and songs. Worthy President Henry H. Potter of Watertown Aerie introduced Andrew Flanigan, Past Worthy President of the Watertown Aerie, as the toastmaster who presided during the evening. The dinner was preceded by prayer by Father Plunkett and the singing of "America." During the banquet the following speakers were introduced by Toastmaster Flanigan:

Rev. Fr. John L. Plunkett Pastor, St. Patrick's Church
Hon. David D. Kieff Mayor, City of Watertown
Charles G. Maraldo State President
John P. Saxer Grand Trustee

During an intermission a beautiful floral piece was presented to Mrs. Maraldo, and a very beautiful golden eagle statue was presented to State President Maraldo on behalf of the delegates. The banquet came to a close with the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner" led by State Conductor McDermott.

SECOND SESSION

Friday, June 17, 1938

State Aerie reconvened at 11:00 A. M. with State President Maraldo presiding. Password was taken and the opening prayer was given by State Chaplain Mostyn.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

Chairman Siegler of the Committee on Credentials presented a supplemental report showing that 14 additional representatives had been registered since his last report, making a total of 98 representatives now registered.

COMMUNICATIONS

The State Secretary read the following additional communications, action upon which was taken as noted:

1. The following letter from Managing Organizer Conrad H. Mann, which was received, ordered printed in the minutes and referred to the Good of the Order Committee.

Kansas City, Mo., June 14, 1938.

Dear Brother Maraldo:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of yours dated June 13th, and I have wired you in care of the Secretary of Watertown Aerie No. 782 as follows:

"Inasmuch as by-laws of New York State Aerie provide for admission of Eagles in good standing, although not delegates, I would suggest that you follow the New York State Aerie by-laws and avoid difficulties. Letter follows."

While the foregoing is not in strict conformity with the ruling made by the Grand Worthy President, I am satisfied if he were given an opportunity he would take the same position as do I, although the by-laws will have to be changed. Personally, I feel that no good purpose can be served by admitting those who are not delegates to the sessions of the State Aerie.

The Grand Aerie does not permit anyone except members of the Grand Aerie to the sessions of the Grand Aerie. A subordinate Aerie does not admit anyone to an Aerie meeting except those who are in good standing and therefore entitled to participate in the meeting; so, therefore, why should those who were not elected as delegates to a State Aerie be admitted to the sessions of the State Aerie?

It is true that they have no voice but it is likewise a fact that these non-delegates could start a demonstration in favor of this, that or the other question before the State Aerie, then it would be up to the presiding officer to either clear the room of these non-delegates or otherwise permit the demonstration to go on and seriously interfere with the proper business of the State Aerie Session.

I have given the once-over to your report and I want to congratulate you on the able manner in which you have given an account of your stewardship to those to whom you are directly responsible; namely, the delegates to the State Aerie Session which will hold its session in Watertown.

Let me again say to you, that the fine work done by you in your capacity as State President of the New York State Aerie is deeply appreciated because it has been mighty helpful.

With every good wish, believe me to be

Sincerely and fraternally,

CONRAD H. MANN,

Managing Organizer.

2. A letter from Frank E. Hering, Chairman of the National Old Age Commission, which was also ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Good of the Order.

South Bend, Ind., June 14, 1938.

Dear Brother Maraldo:

Your letter of June 9 was on my desk upon my return to the office. It is pretty difficult to make any suggestions to a committee having

charge of the Social Security Article of the proposed Constitution for the State of New York. Apparently, every state approaches these Social Security problems from a different direction. The methods of raising money are different.

The California law is one of the most liberal O. A. P. measures enacted to date; although, personally, I think that the pensions are beyond what the taxpayers will be able to maintain. And I am of the impression that that is the opinion of most of our Eagle leaders in California. However, I am enclosing a copy of the law and several articles from THE EAGLE MAGAZINE descriptive of the important amendments that have been adopted since the original bill was passed. Any members of our Order or friends of our Order will probably read these enclosures with much interest.

You have been mighty active during your administration, Charlie. Considering the great area of the State of New York and the great distances from the extreme southeast part of the state to the Aeries in the north and in the west, I think you have every reason to feel that during this depression year you have given unselfishly of your time and of your efforts.

I trust that the New York State Aerie will be harmonious and productive of nothing but good. Will you please give my kindest regards to the officers and members and tell them that next year we MUST help Con and his departments make a record that is even more remarkable than the amazing record made this year.

Fraternally and cordially yours,

FRANK E. HERING,
Chairman.

3. The following telegram was received from Ralph G. Lagonegro of Aerie 941, ordered received and placed on file: "Best wishes for success and harmony to the Delegates assembled in the 32nd State Convention of Eagles. Regret inability to be present due to business conditions."

REPORT OF THE DELEGATE-AT-LARGE TO THE GRAND AERIE

Past State President John J. Shortell presented the following report which was read by the State Secretary, and on motion by the State Secretary, seconded by Brother Wolf of Aerie 393, was received and ordered printed in the minutes.

Watertown, N. Y., June 16th, 1938.

To the Officers and Delegates of New York State Aerie,
assembled in the 32nd Annual Convention:

Having served the State Aerie of New York for the years 1937 and 1938, as its State President, I automatically became the Delegate-at-Large to the Grand Aerie Convention of the Fraternal Order of Eagles for the year 1937, in the City of Chicago.

I attended every session of this Convention beginning August 12th, 1937, and ending August 17th, 1937.

May I, at the outset say, that my vote as Delegate from the New York State Aerie was always cast in the best interests of the Order at large and at no time did I oppose any proposition which was of assistance in carrying out the great humanitarian program of our Order.

The great Empire State of New York had a large and representative group of Delegates in attendance at this Convention. This set of men was always in the forefront during the business sessions of the Grand Aerie and many of them did splendid work, acting on the various Committees to which they were appointed.

More credit came to our State by the very excellent showing made by the Degree and Drill Teams of Ithaca Aerie No. 1253. This being their first experience in Grand Aerie competition and gaining eighth place while competing with 15 other teams, all considered the cream of the Order, surely should make all Eagles throughout the State feel elated. I am sure that in future Conventions they will better their record, and I urge all other Aeries having teams either in Class A or Class B, to make an endeavor to enter in this competition.

On Sunday, August 16th, 1938, a banquet was held by all Delegates and friends hailing from New York State. The banquet was splendidly arranged by State President Charles G. Maraldo at the Italian Gardens in Chicago. This added a great deal of enthusiasm for the New York boys and girls were very much inspired by the speeches rendered by Past Grand Worthy President Robert Proctor of Elkhardt, Indiana, and Grand Trustee Charles J. Dittman of La Croix, Wisconsin. I trust that New Yorkers will hold these affairs annually at Grand Aerie Sessions because it relieves the strain that is put into a convention by the continuous flow of business to be transacted.

Practically all of the New York Delegates attended the "Producers Banquet and Ball" given by Managing Organizer Conrad H. Mann. The elaborateness of this affair tends to show how generous and grateful the honored host of the evening was toward the actual workers of the Order. If anyone attending this function did not enjoy himself, then he has himself to blame.

New York State was again signally honored by the reelection of Past State President John P. Saxer, to the office of Grand Trustee. This is true recognition for the great work we have done in our State in the past.

On Thursday night, August 12th, 1937, preceding the first session of the Grand Aerie, the Casino Room of the Morrison Hotel was the scene of a splendid meeting open to the public. After the routine speeches of welcome, those present had the honor of listening to the "Greatest Orator" of all times, Past Grand Worthy President Frank E. Hering. His talk was most constructive and in line with the great humanitarian work this Order has been doing and will continue to do.

The first business session was held Friday, August 13th, 1937, and every morning thereafter in the Casino Room of the Hotel Morrison. New York State partook of all the sessions and from a checkup made by me, I found the majority of the Delegates at all times in attendance.

Much of the business transacted related to routine matters of the various agencies of the Grand Aerie. Grand Worthy President H. B. Mehrmann eloquently welcomed the delegates and urged each to attend the meetings at all times, so that correct and intelligent reports would be made when they returned home.

Throughout the session many important reports were read. Committees acted with promptness and alertness on all matters that came before them. It would be impossible for me to elaborate on all of the transactions at this session and in view of that I refer those brothers who have not done so, to inquire of the Secretary of their respective Aeries for a copy of the report elaborately printed by the Grand Secretary.

I cannot, however, submit this report without calling special attention to the report of Conrad H. Mann as the executive head of the Organization Department. This was a most concise and elaborate report I ever heard rendered and it showed the delegates assembled the true sacrifice this sterling Eagle is making, both as Chief Auditor and Managing Organizer. The handicaps overcome by him and the many hardships he has had to undergo in order to build up the membership of this Order are worthy of great praise and comment. It is my desire and wish, that while we still have Brother Mann, let us show the Almighty that appreciation by getting behind him in his great battles.

Other things that were discussed during the Convention were: Re-investments, Revival of Weak Aeries, New Aeries, Management of Buffets, Home Owning Associations, Flood Sufferers, Shortages in Subordinate Aeries, Real Estate Rentals and Ownerships, Operations of the Auditing Department and finally the most important of all, the Re-codification of the Laws of our Order and the adoption thereof. Social Security and Old Age Pensions were also very elaborately delved into by P. G. W. P. Hering and others in attendance.

The matter of increasing of membership during the year past brought great joy to the assemblage and many jokes were made and money bet on the future gains for 1938. Ohio, as usual, led the way. Pennsylvania was next with California following. New York was in seventh place.

The resolutions adopted by this State Aerie at its session in 1937 were given careful consideration by the various committees in the Grand Aerie and the results attained I am sure will be explained by our State Secretary in his report. Personally, I appeared before each of these committees and urged their adoption.

In conclusion I give you a brief account of the action taken by the Committee on State of the Order on the various resolutions which emanated from the New York State Aerie in June, 1937:

1. Resolution in relation to the establishment of a Radio Publicity Department and having periodical broadcasts throughout the nation, etc. The committee reported that they were in accord with the spirit behind this resolution but at this time could not recommend its adoption in view of the per capita assessment and the conditions existing in the nation.
2. Resolution in relation to changing the date of installing the officers in subordinate Aeries to December of each year. This resolution was rejected. The committee felt that the Aeries are functioning properly under the present system and that any change would be a backward step.
3. Resolution asked the Grand Aerie to memorialize Congress to condemn Communism, Fascism and all other forms of isms which are contrary to the American form of government and American principles, was adopted.
4. Resolution for the repeating of the obligation by the candidates on initiation, was rejected.

May I thank the State Aerie of New York for the privilege granted me to represent them, and with wishes for a successful convention, I respectfully submit this report,

JOHN J. SHORTELL,
Past State President.

REPORT OF THE STATE TRUSTEES

On behalf of the Board of State Trustees, State Trustee Charles M. Johannes submitted the following report which was received, approved, and ordered printed on motion by Brother Luban of Aerie 40, seconded by Brother Shrouf of Aerie 1166.

Watertown, June 16, 1938.

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

Brothers:

In compliance with Article XII, Section 2, of the Laws of our State Aerie, we, the undersigned, have the honor of submitting the following report of your Board of State Trustees for your information and consideration:

Since arriving at Watertown we have examined the books, accounts and

reports of the State Secretary and the State Treasurer; have carefully checked the receipts and expenditures since our last State Aerie session as recorded therein; have checked the balance on hand as shown by the accounts, and reports submitted to this body, against the certified bank statement, and find they agree.

We beg to report, therefore, that we find the books and accounts of the State Secretary and State Treasurer to be in proper order and true and correct. We find the total amount of money on deposit in the Wilber National Bank of Oneonta to the credit of New York State Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles, to be \$2797.85, of which amount \$1,281.55 is in the Interest Account and \$1516.30 in the Checking Account.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES M. JOHANNES, Chairman
GEORGE J. PENTONEY
H. W. CLEVELAND
Board of State Trustees.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OLD AGE PENSION AND STABILIZATION OF EMPLOYMENT

The Committee on Old Age Pension submitted the following report which was read by the State President and on his authority was ordered received and printed.

Watertown, N. Y., June 17th, 1938.

We, the undersigned members of the Committee on Old Age Pensions and Stabilization of Employment for the New York State Aerie, present the following report of the activities of this Committee during the years 1937-1938.

There was very little this Committee could do during the year. We sat on the side lines watching any maneuver which might take place in the Legislature of the State of New York. The Committee, of course, could not meet during the course of the year due to the fact that no funds were available and knowing that the "Old Age Pension Fund" of the State Aerie is practically depleted.

However, since arriving at this convention, we have come together and many of these things concerning both the Old Age Pension Law as being applied in the State of New York and throughout the nation, and the Eagle-Ludlow Bill for the Stabilization of Employment were throughout discussed.

We have concluded that since the passage of the Social Security Act by the Congress of the United States the cause of Old Age Pensions has been somewhat eased in the State of New York. However, we have found that persons charged with administration, case work and investigations of persons entitled to the pension have been very lax in their handling of the people justly entitled to these benefits. Common sense is rarely applied. Our spirit for the administration of Social Justice must be adhered to. Many persons justly entitled to Old Age Pensions have been deprived of same merely because of political affiliation or because those who were privileged in making a report of the case felt that he or she could interpose a selfish objection in order to make a record for himself as an investigator, clerk or executive and in the meantime depriving that individual of his rights under the law. The Old Age Pension Law in the State of New York is still far from the ideals of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Supervision of this law by the counties and municipalities is still far from being the proper manner of administering the law. However, we have been informed that certain resolutions will be introduced in this con-

vention for the purpose of enlightening the members of the Constitutional Convention of the State of New York, now assembled in Albany. These resolutions have the sanction of the members of this committee and should be carefully considered by the delegates in the convention. In view of the re-drafting of the Constitution of the State of New York, it was the opinion of the committee to disregard making overtures to the Legislature during the year but to wait until this convention assembled and discuss the matter of Old Age Pensions with the delegates and make such recommendations as may be found necessary to the members of the Constitutional Convention, thereby definitely amending the Constitution of the State of New York in relation to the administration of the Old Age Pension Law.

Our fraternity has pioneered in Social Justice campaigns. Despite the fact that Old Age Pensions are now practically nationwide, our fight is only half won. We shall have accomplished our desires only when our laws, both Federal and State, are perfected so as to give the desired relief to those unfortunates entitled thereto.

We recommend the continuation of Social Security or Old Age Pension Committees in the subordinate Aeries. We feel that much can be done to assist in the various communities by these committees who should familiarize themselves with the administration of the law in that particular locality. There are no two communities alike. The subordinate Aerie should act as a guiding light in assisting those who need advice on receiving the pensions.

We must not be unmindful of the fact that together with the aged we have many blind, crippled and dependent mothers and children.

It has been found in many cases that pensions are refused because the applicant has children, grand children or other relatives who they are told should support them. Many of these we find have a hard time supporting themselves. This in many cases is unjust and the practise should be modified.

We wish to compliment the National Old Age Pension Commission of the Fraternal Order of Eagles under the able guidance of P. G. W. P. Frank E. Hering on the splendid work they are doing throughout the nation. The part that this commission is playing in changing the social outlook of the nation and making it conscious of its obligations to the underprivileged and the unfortunate has been recognized by the entire nation. Our reputation for pioneering in this line of work is evident.

The Stabilization of Employment, etc., Bill is still a matter that the Grand Aerie Committee is ardently working on. We have no report to make on this subject as details as to the movements of the bill for this Congressional year have not been received.

Finally, may we say that whatever has been accomplished in the past year is due to the loyalty of the many thousands of members in our Order. It appears that everyone is anxious to advance the movements of this Order for Humanitarian Legislation.

May we offer our sincere thanks to Conrad H. Mann, the Managing Organizer and to Frank E. Hering, the editor of the Eagle Magazine, both being members of the National Old Age Pension Commission and to the commission itself for its untiring efforts on these matters.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE ON OLD AGE PENSIONS AND
STABILIZATION OF EMPLOYMENT

By William H. Alf, Chairman
W. B. Hutchinson
Thomas G. Welsh
Ernest J. Mahoney
John J. Shortell
W. F. Mentzinger
W. E. McGrath

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were presented for consideration by the Resolutions Committee, and action taken as noted.

Resolution

Whereas, the greatest appreciation and understanding of the true spirit of fraternalism, as embodied by the principles of this Order, may be best instilled in any candidate by solemn and impressive rituals of initiation, and
Whereas, the obligation taken by the candidates is the keystone of this fraternal spirit,

Now, Be It Resolved, that it is recommended to the New York State Aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles that the ceremony of initiation be amended so that the candidates at the time of initiation shall repeat their obligation, as given to them by the Worthy President.

Submitted by Buffalo Aerie 46.

This resolution was approved by the committee and adopted upon motion by Past State President Mentzinger, seconded by Brother Crook of Aerie 583, and Brother Lane of Aerie 0473.

Resolution

Whereas, legislation has been introduced to the New York State Legislature which may affect the best interests of the Aeries of the State of New York, and

Whereas, there is the likelihood that future legislation so affecting the Aeries may be introduced to the New York State Legislature in the future, and,

Whereas, it is to the advantage of the subordinate Aeries of the State of New York, that some person or persons be designated to acquaint themselves with any proposed legislation affecting our Order, and,

Whereas, it would be to the advantage of the subordinate Aeries of the New York State Aerie, to present their problems and position of the respective Aeries with relation to the aforesaid legislation.

Now, Be It Resolved, that it is recommended that the Worthy President of the New York State Aerie appoint a legislative committee whose duties shall be to discover and examine legislation affecting the Fraternal Order of Eagles, or its subordinate Aeries, and to attend such hearings upon said bills, as they shall deem necessary for the promotion of the best interests of the fraternity, and to secure the introduction of bills beneficial to our organization.

Submitted by Buffalo Aerie 46.

This resolution was approved by the Resolutions Committee and a motion for its adoption was made by Past State President Mentzinger, seconded by Brothers Siegler of Aerie 543, Williams of Aerie 46 and Dorn of Aerie 393.

On the question, Brother Wolf of Aerie 393 asked if any arrangement had been made to finance the requirements of this resolution. A representative of Aerie 46 answered the question with the statement that it was the intention that any such committee should function with voluntary services.

State President Maraldo suggested that perhaps it would be possible that the committee proposed might be incorporated with our present Old Age Pension Committee, and to be known as a Legislative Committee. Past State President Saxer agreed with this suggestion and a motion was made by Brother Saxer, seconded by Brother Shapiro of Aerie 40, to amend the motion for adoption to include that the proposed committee be combined with the Old Age Pension Committee and known as the Committee on

Legislation. Remarks on this amendment were made by Past State President Welch in favor of the original motion.

A vote being taken on the amendment, it was declared lost by State President Maraldo, and a vote being taken on the original motion, same was declared carried.

Resolution

Whereas, there are other large fraternities whose interest are mutual with the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and

Whereas, it is believed that through the development of inter-fraternal relations, fraternal life, generally, may be promoted.

Now, Be It Resolved, that it is recommended that the President of the New York State Aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles appoint a committee to study the possibility of a inter-fraternal relation with other large fraternities whose interests are mutual with those of this organization, and to contact the proper officers of said organizations, to ascertain their reactions to a formation of an inter-fraternal council in the State of New York.

Submitted by Buffalo Aerie 46.

This resolution was approved by the committee and unanimously adopted on motion of Past State President Mentzinger, seconded by Past State President Saxer.

Resolution

Whereas, during the last several years there has been keen competition between the various States in Eagledom, in membership activities, wherein the leading State of Ohio has been competing against any and all other State Aeries in the country, especially Pennsylvania its closest rival, and

Whereas, this form of competition has assisted a great deal in bringing about the results that are shown monthly in the Eagle Magazine by these leading States, and

Whereas, we feel that although Ohio, Pennsylvania, California and Indiana are leading the parade, there is reason to believe that the most fertile soil for gaining members lies here in the great Empire State, and

Whereas, the time has come when we of New York State should enter into this great competition with other States and serve notice upon them in the next Grand Aerie Session that it is our intention to somehow gain for this State the championship in Eagledom, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the New York State Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles in convention here assembled, give notice that during the next fiscal year, the membership of this State is going to exert every effort to make substantial gains in membership, to exceed the quota for the State and to institute new Aeries so as to place us in competition with the leading States and gain for ourselves recognition in the very near future, as being in the Big Five of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Submitted by Committee on Resolutions.

The above resolution was approved by the committee and adopted on motion by Brother Carroll of Geneva Aerie 95, seconded by Brother Kanasola of Aerie 053.

Resolution

Whereas, there is a strong movement in America today to eliminate men and women over forty years of age from remunerative employment and

Whereas, this system is followed by the Government of the United States, the State of New York and private industry of all kinds and

Whereas, this tends to discriminate against a group of citizens much to their disadvantage.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the New York State Aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in convention assembled in Watertown, N. Y., records the Eagles of New York State as opposed to the discrimination of employment of persons between the ages of 40 to 65 provided they are physically and mentally employable. We believe it to be against the best interest of public policy in a free democracy to dismiss from employment any person between the ages of 40 to 65 years.

Submitted by Past State President Thomas G. Welsh.

The above resolution was approved by the committee, unanimously adopted on motion by Brother Carroll of Aerie 95, seconded by State Chaplain Mostyn, and Brother Kohaut of Aerie 0473.

The following resolution was approved by the committee and unanimously adopted on motion by Brother Carroll of Aerie 95, seconded by Brothers Zimmerman of Aerie 1411, and Kohaut of Aerie 0473, and the Secretary instructed to send a copy of the resolution to the Grand Worthy President.

Resolution

Be It Resolved, that the New York State Aerie, in convention assembled at Watertown, N. Y., express for itself and the entire membership of New York State its heartfelt thanks and sincere appreciation of the many visits and inspiring talks made by John W. Heller, Grand Worthy President, during his tour of the Aeries of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in this State last fall. His talks and advice given to the officers and members were very educational and inspiring.

Submitted by the Resolutions Committee.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted on motion by Brother Carroll of Aerie 95, seconded by Brother Smith of Aerie 1545, and the Secretary instructed to forward a copy of same to Brother Hering.

Resolution

Whereas, the official publication of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, namely, the Eagle Magazine, has, under the inspired editorial directions of Past Grand Worthy President Frank E. Hering, been the means of carrying into the abodes of our entire membership the ideals and objectives of our great Order; and

Whereas, the workings of our Order and the activities of the various subordinate Aeries were so splendidly set forth in each of the issues for the past year and in previous years, so that each member could make himself acquainted with what was going on in every other Aerie, and by the articles so ably written by Brother Hering, we have been able to educate ourselves to the end that personal knowledge of the great work done by our Order was at all times available to the majority of the members; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, the Delegates of New York State Aerie in convention assembled, express to Frank E. Hering, Past Grand Worthy President of our Order, and editor of the Eagle Magazine, our sincere thanks and deep felt appreciation for the wonderful service he has and is rendering to the Fraternal Order of Eagles and its members.

Submitted by the Resolutions Committee.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by standing vote, and the Secretary instructed to forward a copy of same to the family of our late Brother Bernhardt on motion by Past State President Hutchinson, seconded by Past State President Welch.

Resolution

Be It Resolved, that the delegates of New York State Aerie, Fraternal

Order of Eagles in the 32nd Annual Convention Assembled, do hereby extend to the family of Frank X. Bernhardt, a member of Buffalo Aerie No. 46, a Past State President of this State Aerie and a champion for the humanitarian causes expounded by the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the sincere and heartfelt sympathies of the entire membership of the State of New York, and be it further

Resolved, that the memory of this brother who lately departed this life for the Grand Aerie beyond, be kept alive from time to time whenever the occasion arises in the discussion of Old Age Pension matters, for which cause he gave every ounce of energy in order that it might become a law in the State of New York. He served his State and his Country and he gave to the Fraternal Order of Eagles the benefit of his experience as a member of the Legislature of the State of New York and as a veteran member of the Order.

Submitted by Resolution Committee.

Resolution

Whereas, a great deal of enthusiasm has been shown in this convention relating to ritualistic competition by Class B teams, and

Whereas, many favorable impressions can be made by the officers of the various Aeries which will assist in the retention of new members, by the proper exemplification of the ritual during the initiatory ceremonies, and

Whereas, it is the desire of the New York State Aerie to encourage all officers of subordinate Aeries in properly memorizing the ritual, it is therefore

Resolved, that the Class B competition be continued annually in State Conventions and that necessary arrangements be made by the administrations to follow and by the convention committee of the city entertaining to provide for prizes to be given competitors in Class B Ritualistic Competition.

Submitted by Resolution Committee.

This resolution was adopted on motion by Past State President Hutchinson, seconded by Brothers Crook of Aerie 583 and Decker of Aerie 1253.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by a standing vote, and the Secretary instructed to forward a copy of same to Managing Organizer Conrad H. Mann on motion by Past State President Hutchinson, seconded by Past State President Saxer.

Resolution

Whereas, the Organization Department of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, so ably guided by Managing Organizer Conrad H. Mann, Past Grand Worthy President, through the medium of the quota plan conceived by this matchless leader of men, has placed our membership on a permanent scientific basis which in the past year has resulted in bringing about large membership increases never experienced by any fraternal organization, and

Whereas, the same matchless leader and genius who is also head of the Auditing Department of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, has consistently contributed to the stability and prosperity and proper conduct of the Aeries throughout the jurisdiction, working through his able subordinates and maintaining peace and decorum, honesty and integrity among the officers of all subordinate Aeries, and

Whereas, Conrad H. Mann, has at a great personal sacrifice to his health, time and money, rendered priceless service and assistance to our entire membership seeking the benefit of his help and counsel;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the 32nd Annual State Convention of the New York State Aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in convention assembled, in the city of Watertown, N. Y., in fitting and proper recognition of the inestimable services rendered to our Fraternity

and to its membership, expresses its deep felt appreciation and sincere thanks to Brother Conrad H. Mann.

Submitted by Resolution Committee.

The following resolution was also adopted by a standing vote and the Secretary instructed to present a copy to the State President and forward copies to Managing Organizer Conrad H. Mann and Past Grand Worthy President Frank E. Hering on motion by Past State President Hutchinson, seconded by Past State President Welch.

Resolution

Whereas, during the past year 1937-1938 State President Charles G. Maraldo, has, during his incumbency, given unselfishly of his time, his efforts and his energy, in the service of our State Aerie and our Order at large, in order to promote the interests of its members and in disseminating the principles and teachings of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, with the result that during his term of office, notwithstanding the hard times confronting the State and Nation, the increase in membership was remarkable for our State; and

Whereas, he has during his term, traveled far and wide throughout the State and made himself thoroughly acquainted with the conditions existing in most of the subordinate Aeries and at all times offered a helping hand when difficulties arose and has created for himself an everlasting friendship in the State and without, that is a credit to any leader of men, be it therefore

Resolved, that the Delegates to the State Aerie Convention assembled in the city of Watertown, and on behalf of every Eagle in the State, do hereby express to Charles G. Maraldo our sincere thanks and deep felt appreciation for the valuable, faithful and efficient service so rendered by him in our behalf; and for the splendid record of achievement accomplished during his administration as State President.

Submitted by Resolution Committee.

At the conclusion of the report of the Committee on Resolutions, the committee was continued and thanked for the splendid work that had been done thus far.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LAWS

The following resolutions to amend the laws of the State Aerie were presented by the Committee on Laws.

Resolution

Whereas, the present procedure of nominating and electing Delegates to the State Convention has in the past led to unsatisfactory results by reason of candidates accepting nominations after disavowing any intention of accepting such nominations;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that Article II, Section 1, of the Laws of New York State Aerie be amended to read as follows:

The State Aerie shall consist of its officers, Past State Presidents, DELEGATES-AT-LARGE and DULY ELECTED DELEGATES OR DULY ELECTED ALTERNATES from the various Aeries of the State and the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario, Canada. Each Aerie shall be entitled to two (2) DELEGATES. Any Aerie having over three hundred (300) members and less than five hundred (500) members, shall be entitled to three (3) DELEGATES; any Aerie having five hundred (500) members and less than one thousand (1,000) members, shall be entitled to four (4) DELEGATES and an additional DELEGATE for each one thousand (1,000)

members or major fraction thereof, such representation to be based on the membership PER CAPITA TAX PAID as reported in the previous Dec. 1 semi-annual report. Only DELEGATES or their duly accredited alternates present shall be entitled to vote, and no system of proxies shall be allowed. The legislative power shall be vested in the State Aerie. Delegates and ALTERNATES to the State Aerie conventions shall be NOMINATED at the last meeting of each subordinate Aerie in March, AND THE NOMINATIONS SHALL BE CLOSED AT SUCH MEETING, AND ELECTED AT THE FIRST MEETING OF EACH SUBORDINATE AERIE IN APRIL, and the Secretary of each subordinate Aerie shall, upon receipt of blank certificates from the State Secretary, fill out same and forward to the State Secretary at least thirty days previous to the opening of the State Aerie session.

Proposed by William Luban, New York Aerie No. 40.

This resolution was approved by the Law Committee and adopted on motion by Brother Dorn of Aerie 393, seconded by State Trustee Pentoney.

Resolution

Be It Resolved, that Article II, Section 7, of the Laws of New York State Aerie be amended by adding at the end of the present section after the word "laws" on page 5, the following new sentence:

DELEGATES REPRESENTING NEW YORK STATE AERIE AT ANY GRAND AERIE SESSION SHALL APPEAR BEFORE THE PROPER COMMITTEES OF THE GRAND AERIE WHEN IN SESSION AND SUPPORT AND DEFEND ALL RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY NEW YORK STATE AERIE EFFECTING THE STATE AERIE LAWS, THE LAWS OF THE GRAND AERIE, OR CONSTITUTION FOR SUBORDINATE AERIES.

Introduced by Past State President Thomas G. Welch, Elmira 941.

The above resolution was approved by the Law Committee and adopted on motion by Brother Dorn of Aerie 393, seconded by Brother Schwab of Aerie 583.

Resolution

Whereas, Lake Ontario Aerie 2200, and Ogdensburg Aerie 1154 are no longer in existence and;

Whereas, Endicott Aerie 2269, located in Endicott, New York, and Steuben Aerie 2299, located at Corning, New York, have recently been instituted within the jurisdiction of New York State Aerie, therefore, be it

Resolved, that Article II, Section 7, of the laws of New York State Aerie be amended by omitting from the paragraph thereof wherein are listed the names of the Aeries comprising what is known as the Western District on Page 6, the words Lake Ontario 2200 and Ogdensburg 1154, and adding thereto, in the proper alphabetical location, Endicott No. 2269 and Steuben No. 2299.

Submitted by State Secretary Neafie.

This resolution was approved by the Law Committee and adopted on motion by Brother Crook of Aerie 583, seconded by Brother Siegler of Aerie 543.

Resolution

Whereas, it has been apparent during the many years the State Aerie has been in existence, that the bulk of the work done in a State Convention depends entirely upon the business transacted as presented by the Committee on Resolutions, and

Whereas, the workings of this committee makes it necessary for the State President to appoint some individual as chairman of said committee who can devote much of his time during the convention in receiving and giving consideration to the resolutions presented, thereby depriving himself the enjoyment had by many of the delegates in attendance at the convention and does so to a great disadvantage,

Be It, Therefore, resolved, that the Laws of the New York State Aerie be amended as follows:

By adding Section 2 to Article XV to read as follows:

"The Chairman of the Resolutions Committee shall receive his necessary expenses while attending the State Convention."

Be It Further Resolved, that this amendment be put into effect at this Session of the State Aerie.

Introduced by Joseph Garofalo, Aerie No. 543.

The Law Committee reported unfavorably on the above resolution and recommended that it be not adopted. A motion to approve the report of the committee was made by Brother Crook of Aerie 583, seconded by Past State President Welch. Remarks were made on the question by State President Maraldo, Past State President Welch, Past State President Hutchinson, State Secretary Neafie, Brother Luban of Aerie 40, Brother Crook of Aerie 583 and Brother Garofalo of Aerie 543.

Vote being taken on the motion the committee's report was approved and the resolution not adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOOD OF THE ORDER

The following report of the Good of the Order Committee was read by Past State President Welch, and on his motion seconded by Brother Corbett of Aerie 782, and State Trustee Pentoney, the report was received and ordered printed in the proceedings.

Watertown, N. Y., June 16th, 1938.

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

My Brothers:

We have come to the end of another fiscal year for the Fraternal Order of Eagles in the State of New York. We are now convening in the 32nd Annual State Aerie Session.

Some of you have had previous experience in the deliberations of our State Aerie and others perhaps are here for your first lesson. In any event, we, the members of this committee, join in the welcome extended by our State President to all in attendance, and trust that you will gain sufficiently in the knowledge of State Aerie affairs, and intelligently report back to your Aeries the progress made during this convention.

It has been noted with a great deal of interest that under the leadership of State President Charles G. Maraldo, this State has during the year 1937-1938, notwithstanding the existing economic conditions, made an enviable record in membership increase. This, we find, was due to the consistent efforts exerted on the part of all concerned. The State President, with the assistance of his entire cabinet, Past State Presidents and the officers and members of the various subordinate Aeries, issued a continuous call for new members throughout the year, and did so unselfishly. It has been the experience of all concerned, that many members look with disfavor

upon the everlasting admonition that comes from the State Aerie Officers, State Organizer and the Grand Aerie Officers, as to what they call a "continuous cry for new members." It is a known fact that no single Aerie is actuarially solvent. The claims guaranteed in the form of benefits for our Order must be paid and a continuous influx of new members is required to keep the Aerie in good financial condition.

The slogan, adopted by the Organization Department, "Every Member owes his Aerie at least one new Member each year," is really a truth, not merely a slogan. It has given to the officers and members something to think about. If we would devote a few minutes of our time, possibly even a half hour in preaching the gospel of true organization for the benefit of the humans who are suffering from the present conditions in the nations, many would rally to our standard. Let us join as salesmen in this great campaign to build up an army of men who want to assist in making the American standard of living full and complete and in accordance with the times.

When the Good of the Order Committee sent notice to those concerned and to the Aeries in this State, that this session would be held in the city of Watertown, every one expressed a happy note. We knew that in 1926 Watertown had royally entertained a State Aerie Convention. This beautiful Aerie home in which we are now meeting and which should be a great asset to the local Aerie, was to be put on display for the first time. The local convention committee began to exert every effort to make this convention the biggest ever. Notwithstanding reports to the contrary, we still feel that you who are visiting here with your families will assist Watertown in bringing about the desired result.

We cannot let this convention roll by without expressing the heartfelt gratitude of the entire membership of this State to our champion of champions, Walter A. Neafe, State Secretary. For many years he has given meritorious and outstanding service of a high order to this State Aerie and it would be a practical impossibility for any set of officers to have maintained a record were it not for his outstanding ability.

During the past year a great loss was suffered by the State of New York in the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Past State President Frank X. Bernhardt of Buffalo, departed this life for the Grand Aerie beyond on the 13th day of June, 1937. By his passing the Fraternal Order of Eagles lost one of its outstanding characters. His work for the passage of the Old Age Pension Law in the State of New York as a member of the Legislature was outstanding and will go down in the annals of the history of our Country and our Order. May we suggest that the Resolution Committee of this convention prepare the proper resolution of condolence wherein he should be memorialized in the proper manner and that the State Secretary, upon the adoption of same, forward a copy to his bereaved family.

For the excellent co-operation given our State Officers let us extend our sincere thanks to Brother P. G. W. P. Conrad H. Mann, in his capacity both as Chief Auditor and Managing Organizer.

In conclusion, may we ask the delegates to this convention to be honest in their endeavors. That they listen intently and carefully to the deliberations had during their attendance at same. That they go home to their Aeries fully acquainted with the proceedings had and give an intelligent report to those responsible for their presence in this convention.

The sincere thanks of the State Aerie are extended to the official cabinet of the city of Watertown and to its mayor for the generous hospitality shown during our stay. To the management of the Hotel Woodruff we are also grateful for their hospitality and fine service.

May we recommend to the Resolution Committee the preparation of fitting resolutions for the many pleasures we have enjoyed especially to the press of the city and surrounding communities for the splendid publicity given our meeting and in closing we trust that after having combined

business with pleasure for a three or four-day stay in this wonderful city, you will have a safe return to your home and your loved ones.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS G. WELSH
JOHN J. SHORTELL
W. B. HUTCHINSON
W. F. MENTZINGER
WM. H. ALF
JOHN P. SAXER
WALTER E. McGRATH
ERNEST J. MAHONEY
Committee on Good of the Order.

The State Secretary requested that the Committee on Good of the Order consider before the end of the session the matter of shortage in payment of per capita tax by certain Aeries and the non-payment of the 1938 per capita tax of Bronx Aerie as presented in his annual report submitted yesterday, and instruct him what action the State Aerie desired to have taken in the matter.

Owing to the lateness of the hour, a recess was taken at 1:30 until 3:00 P. M.

At 3:00 P. M. the session reconvened and had the pleasure of witnessing the exemplification of the ritual by the officers and drill team of Ithaca Aerie in a most impressive manner. This was followed by the memorial services, also conducted by the officers of Ithaca Aerie, during which vocal selections were rendered by the Ithaca Aerie quartet and by Brother William Hemingway of Watertown Aerie.

The list of deceased follows:

DECEASED

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40 NEW YORK

John Leppig
Charles Stratton
Thomas C. Lloyd
John O'Hara

46 BUFFALO

J. H. Burger
O. J. Rivers
W. O. Weisenheimer
P.S.P. F. G. Bernhardt
M. M. Rauch
A. F. Slavinski
M. Brady
E. F. Wolf
T. J. Collins
A. Greiner
P. Goldstein
A. Kaes
J. J. Finn
Wm. Hoier
G. X. Gavoill
Wm. Kistner
J. J. Guest
E. H. Murphy
Wm. Henning
R. Recht
P. L. Johnson
N. A. Popp
J. Kochanowski
J. Hahn

Geo. Bixon
W. J. Rosenberger
Geo. J. Ward
G. F. Rommel
Frank Blake
Jacob Doerner
R. F. Ryan
Theo. Sutter
M. J. Sutter
F. J. Scott
A. N. Duncan
George Koch
J. B. Smith
F. H. Raab
L. Gena
J. W. Frank
J. Gerritson
E. H. Dillon
L. W. Dance
A. Solat
G. V. Siminski
H. Garlock
G. C. Wagner
F. Langmeyer
A. Schuster
E. Winfield
C. A. Huetter
R. Workman
H. Hollmann
E. Locking
F. Gminski
D. A. Delaney
P.W.P. J. T. Mullen
W. H. Packard

J. W. Blair
O. Cabana
G. Andres
George Smith
H. J. Senkpiel
A. J. Lies
J. MacAuley
A. W. Maurer
J. K. Schultz
L. Hatch
C. Szymendera
F. S. Doothen
J. A. Gotwald
P. Kibler
W. J. Clark
J. Pudaloff
J. J. Cronyn
P.W.P. B. Mayer
F. Marinkowski
A. A. Killian
J. Powell
M. J. Losel
E. H. Behling
C. A. Weber
G. E. Hartley
J. Brenner
J. Reichard
A. Leavers
D. Lippard
O. C. Richards
C. D'Arcy
C. F. Berg
E. Princett
J. Mack, Jr.

- J. Gettings
N. Young
A. Straub
D. Morin
I. Webb
F. Pietras
A. Bothey
- 52 ROCHESTER
Wm. A. Krieg
Theodore Keably
L. T. Mackey
Ignatius Lynch
Freeman Huntington
George T. Rooney
John W. Mooney
Patrick K. Kelley
John H. Polley
John B. Piehler
Daniel J. Cole
Norbert Lieberwurst
George Sheeley
John Wolforth
- 53 NEW SYRACUSE
Adolphe Legendre
George Bowen
Wm. S. Friers
C. J. McGraw
George W. Brown
- 88 NIAGARA FALLS
Sylvester Bennett
Edwin H. Maloney
Charles Watkins
Frank Ringleb
George Steve
William Pearson
- 95 GENEVA
William O. Banker
- 96 AUBURN
J. H. Murphy
Edward J. Conboy
- 97 UTICA
Wilfred Menard
John C. Ryan
Fred Stimpson
Joshua Bentley
- 393 BROOKLYN
Timothy J. Colby
Wm. H. Walsh, Jr.
John Hoey
James Finn
George P. Grennell
Fred Kappstatter
- 0473 NEW YONKERS
John C. Walters
John Litwa
- 482 GLOVERSVILLE
Thomas Finocan
Wm. Wemple
Joseph Palitano
Frank Warner
Harlan Wilson
Clarence Miller
- 491 BRONX
Joseph Paesano
George Kaehler, Sr.
Joseph W. Parcelli
- 514 SCHENECTADY
Frank Pelkey
Isadore Sahr
Lewis Krieger
George Faircloth
George P. Baxter
Frank Quirk
Frank Bylinski
Edward Bradt
Frank Mullen
Michael Trethan
Louis Spilker
Wallace D. Young
Joseph Royek
Charles Chism
Joseph Froelich
- 543 STATEN ISLAND
Charles Schneider
- 544 EMPIRE
F. C. Walrath
Thomas Larkin
Dan Schmitt
Charles A. Brown
F. Strohsahl
- 583 FLUSHING
Thomas W. Hanson
Anton Dartly
Charles DeVries
Harry Fried
- 616 OLEAN
James Drake
John Yonder
Jerry O'Donnell
L. G. Rodgers
L. A. Raymond
Fred L. Marlatt
C. E. Myers
Edward Maloney
Harold D. Hawkins
- 782 WATERTOWN
Wm. Parker
George Emrich
James F. Hartley
Dominick Tauroney
Steve Kafka
P.W.P. Walter Prievo
James F. McMullin
William A. Burns
- 825 LOCKPORT
P.W.P. Robert Sheehan
P. F. McDermott
J. R. Mahaney
R. J. Conley
J. Slattery
N. Kelch
D. DiPasquale
A. G. Few
E. G. Payne
E. Wall
George J. O'Neill
William Hoyle
Hubert Taylor
Thomas Culleton
- 941 ELMIRA
Lloyd Eells
J. W. Hanrahan
Fred Woughter
C. R. Mahaney
A. E. Gardner
R. M. Baker
J. E. Churchill
J. R. Cogswell
F. S. Pitcher
S. P. Watts
F. B. Booth
- 1042 TARRYTOWN
S. O. Andrews
- 1043 AMICUS
Ivan Foster
Frank Edmonds
Frank H. Bird
- 1117 WASHINGTON HGTS.
P.W.P. Joseph Fay
- 1166 PORT CHESTER
Dominick Marfisi
- 1253 ITHACA
Ezra Watson
Joseph Pacini
- 1411 TONAWANDAS
M. Coapley
J. Linton
H. T. Rose
C. W. Reming
A. Kreuger
George L. Eder
Stephen Schmidt
Thomas McHugh
George C. Murphy
- 1509 LONG IS. CITY
Thomas B. Walmsley
Henry Schoenfeld
P.W.P. Jacob Paul
- 1544 ROCKAWAY BEACH
B. Ritundo
William Roberts
Joseph Joerger
- 1545 OSSINING
N. J. Tuttle
James T. Crane
John Weaver
- 1575 FORT JOHNSON
Edwin B. Lord
Andrew Studenic
Fred Ohler
William Grimes
William F. Seaman
Leopold Jacobitz
James P. Dunn
- 1815 SOUND SHORE
Val. Schneider

- 1924 BAY RIDGE
R. V. Cassidy
William Cassidy
- 2065 COLLEGE POINT
John Hamm
- 2119 CHENANGO VALLEY
Dr. Frank Hithecock
Leroy Weaver
- 2145 CHAUTAUQUA
Lynn Stoner
Frank Fleeck
Andrew F. Westrom
William Rasmussen
Archie M. Doud
Clarence A. Fray
C. Emil Lindquist
- 2231 LACKAWANNA
Joseph Goth
- 2269 ENDICOTT
E. M. Hipe

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

The nomination of officers resulted as follows:

For the office of **State President**: Raymond R. Barber of Ithaca Aerie 1253 was nominated by Kenneth Decker of Aerie 1253, nomination being seconded by Past State President Saxer, State Conductor McDermott, John C. Powers of Aerie 1253 and Bernard L. Lilley of Aerie 941.

For the office of **State Vice-President**: William H. Mostyn of Rochester Aerie 52 was placed in nomination by State President Maraldo. This nomination was seconded by State Trustee Pentoney, Past State President Saxer, Deputy Auditor Carl Yurk, State Secretary Neafie, and Charles Curran of Aerie 52.

For the office of **State Chaplain**: R. Leslie McDermott of Lockport Aerie 825 was placed in nomination by Frank Wook of Aerie 825, and the nomination was seconded by Dennis J. Carney of Aerie 825, Past State President Saxer, and Dr. M. Monat of Aerie 2130.

For the office of **State Secretary**: Walter A. Neafie of Ossining Aerie 1545 as placed in nomination by Past State President Hutchinson. The nomination was seconded by Bernard L. Lilley of Aerie 941 and George L. Smith of Aerie 1545.

For the office of **State Treasurer**: William L. Christiansen of Schenectady Aerie 514 was placed in nomination by James J. Glenn of Aerie 514, and seconded by Edward Cairns of Aerie 1117.

For the office of **State Conductor**: Michael Wolf of Brooklyn Aerie 393 was placed in nomination by Francis E. Dorn of Aerie 393. This nomination was seconded by Past State President Saxer and Harvey J. Crook of Aerie 583.

For the office of **State Inside Guard**: Dennis Broderick of Gloversville Aerie 482 was placed in nomination by Past State President Mentzinger. The nomination was seconded by David Brownell of Aerie 482.

For the office of **State Outside Guard**: Henry Kohaut of New Yonkers Aerie 0473 was placed in nomination by Daniel Lane of Aerie 0473 and seconded by State Secretary Neafie and George L. Smith of Aerie 1545.

For the office of **State Trustee** for three years, in place of Charles M. Johannes: Dr. M. Monat of Montreal Aerie 2130 was placed in nomination by Past State President Saxer and the nomination seconded by A. J. Wilkinnon of Aerie 2130, Past State President Mentzinger, State Conductor McDermott and State President Maraldo.

During the time the above nominations were being made, the State President asked if there were any further nominations in the case of each State office, and there being none, the nominations were closed until tomorrow morning, either on motion duly made and seconded, or by declaration by the State President.

Past State President Welch moved that the proceedings of the 1937 State Aerie session, as printed, be approved. The motion was seconded by Past State President Mentzinger. Brother Luban of Aerie 40 made a motion that the matter be laid on the table until tomorrow morning, which was

seconded by Past State President Saxer, this motion prevailing by a vote of 21 to 18.

It was announced that because of the great amount of State Aerie business that had to be transacted, the anticipated school for instruction of Secretaries and Financial Officers had been somewhat curtailed, but that Deputy Auditor Yurk would be at his room, No. 210, in the Hotel Woodruff, for the instruction of any of the brothers interested.

State Vice-President Mostyn spoke briefly, praising the work done by Deputy Auditor Yurk in the State of New York, and especially in the city of Rochester where Aerie 52 had been greatly benefited through his efforts, and felt that the work done by Brother Yurk throughout the State of New York deserved recognition from the State Aerie and made a motion, seconded by State Conductor McDermott, that the Resolution Committee prepare and present for adoption a resolution of such nature, a copy of which was to be mailed to Chief Auditor Conrad H. Mann. This motion was adopted by a standing vote.

It was announced that a meeting of the representatives of the Aeries in the Eastern District would be held immediately after this meeting in Room 351 at the Hotel Woodruff.

It was also announced that the exemplification of the ritual in Class B would be held in the meeting room immediately after the adjournment of this session.

The special order of business to consider organization matters was postponed until tomorrow morning's session.

The session adjourned at 6:45 P. M. until 9:00 A. M. on Saturday.

THIRD SESSION

Saturday, June 18, 1938

The final session of the 32nd Annual Meeting of New York State Aerie was called to order by State President Maraldo at 10:00 A. M. The session was opened with prayer and password taken.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

The following final report of Committee on Credentials was submitted by Chairman Siegler which, on motion by State Vice-President Barber, seconded by Brother Glenn of Aerie 514, was received, ordered printed and made the roll call of the session.

Watertown, June 18, 1938.

To the Members of New York State Aerie, F. O. E.,
In Thirty-second Annual Session assembled.

Brothers:

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully submit the following report:

Number of Aeries in the State	42
Total entitled representation of Aerie Delegates	113
Number of Aeries certifying Delegates to this Session	39
Number of Delegates certified to State Secretary	106
Number of Delegates registered	89
Number of Delegates-at-Large in State Aerie	25

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	4

Your committee convened for its first session on Wednesday, June 16th, at 8 P. M., and has also been in session on various occasions as necessary, for the purpose of examining the Credential Certificates and Membership Cards of the Representatives presenting themselves before us, comparing the Certificates with the list of Certified Representatives furnished by the State Secretary, and have satisfied ourselves that each Representative to whom a Session Credential has been issued by this committee is a qualified Delegate, Alternate Delegate or Delegate-at-Large and entitled to a seat and a vote at this State Aerie Session.

Following is a list of the name and Aerie of each Representative who has been issued a Session Credential for this 1938 State Aerie session:

Delegates-at-Large

Junior Past State President	John J. Shortell
State President	Charles G. Maraldo
State Vice-President	Raymond R. Barber
State Chaplain	William H. Mostyn
State Secretary	Walter A. Neafie
State Conductor	R. Leslie McDermott
State Inside Guard	*Wm. L. Christiansen
State Outside Guard	*Loren A. Swanson
State Trustee	*Charles M. Johannes
State Trustee	George J. Pentoney
State Trustee	Harry W. Cleveland
Past State Presidents:.....	Thomas G. Welsh
	William B. Hutchinson
	William F. Mentzinger
	William H. Alf
	Walter E. McGrath
	Ernest J. Mahoney
	John P. Saxer
Grand Aerie Representatives:.....	George Young
	*Joseph Cassidy

* Denotes also a Delegate from his Aerie.

Delegates

40 New York	Daniel Shapiro
	William Luban
46 Buffalo	Jacob Ludwig
	William Melgier
	Charles Kaiser
	Dewitt L. Martin
	John H. Williams
	Harry Wende
	Vincent Scharf
	E. F. Smith
	Leon Nowakowski
	Joseph Goldsmith
52 Rochester	August Meding
	Frank Cloffey
	Carl C. Morey
	Charles Curran
053 New Syracuse	John D. Kelly
	Joseph Kanasola

88 Niagara Falls Carl S. Olsen
 W. Fred Smith
 95 Geneva James C. Carroll
 96 Auburn Thomas J. Hennessey
 Fred S. Clark
 William B. Mahoney
 97 Utica Edward A. Dumka
 393 Brooklyn Michael Wolf
 Francis E. Dorn
 0473 New Yorkers Daniel Lane
 Henry Kohaut
 482 Gloversville David Brownell
 Andrew Boyd
 Dennis Broderick
 491 Bronx Not represented—
 semi-annual report not filed
 514 Schenectady *Wm. L. Christiansen
 James J. Glenn
 Fred Markes
 Charles J. Dolzen
 543 Staten Island Aaron Siegler
 Joseph Garofalo
 544 Empire (Middletown) No Delegates certified
 583 Flushing George Schwab
 Harvey J. Crook
 616 Olean L. Pascal Chesner
 Frank Burns
 782 Watertown Leo J. Prevost
 Andrew Flanigan
 James J. Corbett
 Henry H. Potter
 825 Lockport Dennis J. Carney
 Frank Woock
 Harold J. McCabe
 Henry Whitwell
 941 Elmira Arthur W. Jennings
 Bernard L. Lilley
 Edgar A. Krowl
 Charles F. Ogier
 1031 Vernon Not in good standing—
 no Delegates certified
 1042 Tarrytown Joseph Jelenek
 Frank Monti
 1043 Amicus Francis McNulty
 Albert Schraft
 1117 Washington Heights Charles E. Stewart
 Edward Cairns
 1166 Port Chester A. L. Shrout
 Sebastian Schaerfl
 1253 Ithaca Paul Tatascore
 Kenneth Decker
 Charles Porter
 John C. Powers
 1260 Oneonta C. Kuehnel
 R. Wilson
 1411 Tonawandas George Zimmerman
 Carl Meyers
 Louis Berg
 Wilfred Volkstadt

1509 Long Island City Not represented—
 semi-annual report not filed
 1544 Rockaway Beach Not represented
 1545 Ossining George L. Smith
 1575 Fort Johnson (Johnstown) Ladislav M. Pollak
 *Charles M. Johannes
 George MacGregor
 Edwin Steinhauser
 1815 Sound Shore No Delegates certified
 1924 Bay Ridge *Joseph Cassidy
 George Meyers
 2065 College Point Thomas A. Miller
 2119 Chenango Valley
 (Binghamton) Arthur S. Major
 Frank Lee
 2130 Montreal A. J. Wilkinson
 Dr. M. Monat
 2145 Chautauqua (Jamestown) *Loren A. Swanson
 2191 Crown City (Cortland) Henry Glab
 Harry A. Dunlap
 2231 Lackawanna Carl Hoepfinger
 John DeLacey
 2269 Endicott Dominick Di Nunzio
 Clare Ives
 2299 Steuben (Corning) David Gauss
 Phillip Young

* Denotes also a Delegate-at-Large.

Signed: AARON SIEGLER, Chairman
 AUGUST MEDING
 DENNIS BRODERICK
 JOHN C. POWERS
 GEORGE MEYERS
 Committee on Credentials.

Past State President Welch, Chairman of the Committee on Laws, reported that he had no further report to make, and the committee was discharged with a vote of thanks.

The motion made yesterday by Past State President Welch, seconded by Past State President Mentzinger, to approve the printed minutes of 1937 Session, which at yesterday's session was laid on the table until this session, was again brought up for disposal. After a short discussion and an explanation by the State Secretary, the original motion was declared carried by the State President on a vote of 45 to 6.

ORGANIZATION

At this time the special order of business on organization was taken up with State Organizer John P. Saxer presiding. Brother Saxer gave an interesting and instructive talk during which he said in part: "We have had a fairly successful year, although not what it should have been, and a lot of credit must be given to the 15 Aeries that made their quota. What we have done in the past is now but a matter of record. The new year is before us and I urge every member of the State Aerie to go back to his Aerie and strive for a better record. By all means, see that your Secretary advises Managing Organizer Conrad H. Mann the name of your Steering Committee as this is very important. We are going to strive to have every Aerie forget they are in the summer months and ask them to get a jump

on their quotas by making an effort to make that quota by December 1st, thus relieving them from the constant pounding for new members, and giving them more time for social activities in the Aeries during the winter months. The State quota of 3500 new members should not be hard to achieve. It is up to the officers, not the members of an Aerie, to see that these campaigns for new members are properly carried forth as suggested by the Chief Organizer." He gave instructions as to the use of the various supplies furnished by the Chief Organizer for use in membership campaigns, and urged the use of the slogan in every way possible so as to keep it ever before the members. He desired to impress on the Worthy President of every Aerie the necessity of new blood being added to the membership. He stated that during the coming year bigger and better prizes will be offered by him for new members, and exhibited prizes to be offered by the Grand Aerie to individual members for securing new members. There will also be a new plan of campaign by dividing the State into nine districts, in each of which will be a chairman, and in every Aerie, a Deputy Organizer, and asked all members to cooperate with their District Chairman and Deputy Organizers. He also stated that any member who felt that he would be able to institute a new Aerie in any place, would be given every assistance by Brother Mann. We should have at least 20 new Aeries in the State. He stated that the success in the State of Ohio was due to district meetings, and felt that the same result could be obtained by similar activities in this State, and that Brother Mann is willing and eager to assist and cooperate in every way possible with any Aerie, and upon application to him a speaker will be supplied at any time. He concluded by stating that the Organization Department wished to instill in the mind of every member the fact that he is a member of the greatest fraternal organization in the world.

Remarks were also made on this subject by State President Maraldo, DeWitt L. Martin of Aerie 46, Arthur S. Major of Aerie 2119, Past State President Welch, William Luban of Aerie 40 and others, during which the question of being permitted to organize Aeries in the State with less than 100 charter members appeared to be the consensus of opinion of several members. It was also brought out that any member who desired to institute a new Aerie would be compensated and assisted by the Grand Aerie. Also, where Aeries have been reported as having been instituted with a lesser number than 100, such report was a report of the number initiated at the opening of the charter, and that such charter would not become permanent until the full quota of 100 had been obtained.

The discussion on the subject came to a close by Brother Saxer presenting prizes to the Worthy Presidents of the Aeries which had made their quota during the past year, who were present.

The State Secretary was instructed, in the case of Aeries having deducted a portion of the 1938 per capita tax at the time of paying same and thus following the routine followed in the payment of per capita tax to the Grand Aerie, to request an early ruling by the Grand Aerie on this matter and to act in accordance with that ruling.

REPORT OF GRIEVANCES AND APPEAL COMMITTEE

Past State President Mahoney, Chairman of the Grievances and Appeal Committee, reported verbally that his committee found that the case referred to them submitted by John B. Highmoor of Rochester Aerie 52 was not a matter for the committee's consideration, but should be referred to the Grand Aerie. Brother Mahoney further reported that there had been no other case referred to them, and the State President discharged the committee with his thanks.

The Press Committee was also commended by the State President for

the splendid manner in which they had arranged for publicity of the State Aerie session and the committee was discharged.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

The following additional resolutions were presented by the Committee on Resolutions.

Resolution

Whereas, general economic conditions have caused many of our members, through causes beyond their control, to lose their source of income and, Whereas, lapsations have caused the loss of many members by the subordinate Aeries of New York State, and

Whereas, it is believed that these lapsed members form a large group of desirable members and a group that can be easily re-instated upon a change of economic conditions, and

Whereas, the present period of two months allowed by the Grand Aerie for continuance of members on a non-suspended list is believed to be insufficient, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Grand Aerie Laws be amended to permit subordinate Aeries to retain members who are in arrears and on a non-suspended list for a period of one year, and that no per capita tax be required for said lapsed members, and that such members may be re-instated in good standing upon the payment of four months' dues.

Introduced by Buffalo Aerie.

The above resolution was unanimously adopted for presentation to the Grand Aerie on motion by Past State President Mentzinger, seconded by Brother Williams of Aerie 46.

Resolution

Whereas, Section 9 of Article II of the By-laws of the New York State Aerie has been voided automatically by a ruling contained in a letter received from Grand Worthy President John W. Heller, dated March 18th, 1938, and

Whereas, by this section, when originally invoked and passed, Past Presidents of subordinate Aeries of New York State, in good standing on the books of the State Secretary, have been enjoying the privilege of setting and listening in at the convention sessions for a number of years past without causing any disturbance to the delegates assembled, and

Whereas, the benefits and privileges derived by these brothers who have shown a great interest in our deliberations should by all means be continued because it assists in swelling the attendance at the sessions and has been found to be very beneficial to the subordinate Aeries,

Be It Resolved, Therefore, that we, the members of New York State Aerie request of the incoming Grand Worthy President and the Grand Aerie itself the permission extending to New York State Aerie the privilege of permitting Past Presidents of subordinate Aeries to attend future sessions of the New York State Aerie without a voice in the deliberations, and that these Past Presidents, when in attendance, be made to occupy only such section of the meeting room as shall be provided for them, such section to be separate and apart from the section occupied by the regularly elected representatives.

Introduced by Harvey Crook, Flushing Aerie No. 583.

The above resolution was unanimously adopted for presentation to the Grand Aerie on motion by Past State President Mentzinger, seconded by Brothers Meyers of Aerie 1924, and Kohaut of Aerie 0473.

Resolution

Whereas, the Convention Committee and the members of Watertown Aerie 782 have been unsparing in their efforts to entertain the visiting delegates, their wives and friends at this our 32nd Annual State Aerie Convention, providing an exceptionally fine banquet, tours and other entertainments, all of which were greatly enjoyed and appreciated by all, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, the representatives in attendance here, express to the Convention Committee and to the members of Watertown Aerie 782 our most sincere thanks and congratulations on the successful manner in which the convention arrangements were perfected and conducted.

Submitted by Resolution Committee.

The above resolution was unanimously adopted and the Secretary instructed to forward a copy of same to the Secretary of Watertown Aerie 782 on motion by Brother Glenn of Aerie 514, seconded by Brother Smith of Aerie 1545.

Resolution

Be It Resolved, that the sincere thanks and appreciation of the officers and members of New York State Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles, assembled at the 32nd Annual Session in the city of Watertown, be extended to the Mayor of the City of Watertown for the cordial welcome that he extended to the members of New York State Aerie and to those who accompanied them, and for the many acts of kindness that he performed for their protection and comfort; also to the police department, municipal officers, the officers and members of the various organizations and to the merchants of the city for their kindly, courteous treatment and cooperation during our stay in this beautiful city, all of which added greatly in making our convention a success, and our stay a most pleasant one.

Submitted by Resolution Committee.

This resolution was unanimously adopted and the Secretary instructed to forward a copy of same to the mayor of Watertown on motion by Brother Glenn of Aerie 514, seconded by Brother Meyers of Aerie 1924.

Resolution

Be It Resolved, that the sincere thanks and appreciation of the officers and members of New York State Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles, assembled at the 32nd Annual Session in the city of Watertown be expressed to the press of the city of Watertown for their cooperation during our session, and for the splendid publicity given to our activities and to the Order in general.

Submitted by Resolution Committee.

This resolution was unanimously adopted and the Secretary instructed to forward a copy to the press of the city of Watertown on motion of Brother Glenn of Aerie 514, seconded by Brother Dunlap of Aerie 2191.

Resolution

Whereas, during the year 1937-38 State Organizer John P. Saxer has given unselfishly of his time, efforts and energy in the services of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and has unstintingly given his services to the subordinate Aeries of the State of New York in order to promote the interests of the Order; and

Whereas, despite the almost insurmountable difficulties he has had to overcome, through his guidance, counsel and leadership, more than one-third

of the Aeries of the State of New York filled, or exceeded, their quotas; and

Whereas, by his patience, understanding and popularity he has been instrumental in smoothing over differences of opinions; and

Whereas, his efforts and activities for the Fraternal Order of Eagles in the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario, Canada, have further strengthened the bonds of friendship existing between that great nation and our own; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the delegates to the State Aerie Convention assembled in the city of Watertown, and on behalf of every Eagle in the State of New York, do hereby express to State Organizer John P. Saxer our sincere thanks and deep appreciation for the valuable, faithful and efficient services rendered by him in our behalf, and in behalf of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and for the splendid record of achievement accomplished during the past year; and be it further

Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Managing Organizer Conrad H. Mann and Frank E. Hering, managing editor of the Eagle Magazine.

Submitted and signed by Sixty-six Delegates to the 1938 State Aerie Session held in the City of Watertown, June 16-18, 1938.

This resolution was approved by the committee, adopted, and the State Secretary instructed to forward a copy of same to Managing Organizer Conrad H. Mann and Frank E. Hering, managing editor of the Eagle Magazine, on motion by Past State President Hutchinson, seconded by Brother Ives of Aerie 2269.

Resolution

Whereas, New York State has been favored by the Chief Auditor of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Mr. Conrad H. Mann, by the placing in the State of New York of Deputy Grand Auditor C. H. Yurk of Fresno, California, who has been rendering yeomanlike service to the Aeries in the State; who has been called into some Aeries where the rehabilitation of the Aerie appeared to be an insurmountable difficulty, yet by whose patient attitude, keen level judgment, ability to lead and to show the way and educate others to see the proper method of procedure; who has been able to place several subordinate Aeries in the State upon a sound permanent basis, and by whose counsel and leadership has been able to increase the membership of these Aeries, and to place the Aeries upon a sound financial basis; who has been untiring in his efforts and activities, yet unflinching in the discharge of his duties; whose popularity, even tempered disposition, keen yet honest decisions, have caused him to establish an enjoyable reputation among the leaders of our State and our subordinate Aeries, therefore, be it

Resolved, that this State Aerie extend to him our heartfelt appreciation and thankfulness for the service he has so faithfully performed during his stay in our State; and realizing that there is a great need in some of the Aeries in New York for the services of a man of his caliber and ability, we hesitate not to pray for his continued service in his present field of activities, and be it further

Resolved, that we request the Chief Auditor, Conrad H. Mann, that he continue the service of this well liked, honest, conscientious Deputy Grand Auditor in the State of New York until he builds up the subordinate Aeries to the position where the great Empire State shall have taken its place as a leading State in Eagledom. It can be done, and we feel confident under his system of activities, it will be done.

Submitted by Resolution Committee.

This resolution was unanimously adopted and the State Secretary

instructed to forward a copy of same to Brother Yurk and to Brother Mann, on motion by Past State President Hutchinson, chairman of Committee on Resolutions, seconded by Brother Major of Aerie 2119.

Brother Hutchinson stated that the submission of this resolution concluded the task of the committee, and he wished to express the thanks of himself and the members of his committee for having been permitted to serve them as their Committee on Resolutions. The State President, in discharging the committee, called for a rising vote of thanks by the delegates in appreciation of the splendid manner in which the committee had served during the session.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EXEMPLIFICATION OF THE RITUAL

Edward Cairns, chairman of the Ritualistic Committee, reported as follows: "Ithaca Aerie 1253 was the only team competing in Class A of the exemplification of the ritual, and the exemplification took place on Friday, in the meeting room of Watertown Aerie during the State Aerie session, at which time all delegates had the opportunity of witnessing the splendid way that the Aerie put on this work. The judges gave the officers and team a total rating of 87 points, and recommended that they receive the prize designated by the local committee in the sum of \$50.00. Oneonta Aerie 1260 was the only Aerie to compete in the exemplification of the ritual, Class B, which also took place in the Watertown Aerie meeting room, at the conclusion of the session of the State Aerie Friday afternoon. They received a rating of 56½ points, and it is recommended that they receive the prize designated by the local committee in the sum of \$25.00. Committee offers praise to both teams for their fine work, and feels that if the delegates had remained to witness the Class B exemplification, the team would, no doubt, have received a better rating as there was a lack of encouragement and incentive."

The report of the committee was ordered received and filed by State President Maraldo, and the committee was discharged with the thanks of the State Aerie.

At the suggestion of Past State President Walter McGrath, a rising vote of thanks was extended to the officers and degree team of Ithaca Aerie and to the officers of Oneonta Aerie for their participation in the exemplification of the ritual, and also to Ithaca Aerie for having so splendidly performed the memorial ceremony during the session on Friday.

At this point the privilege of the floor was given to Mayor Joseph Myers of Ithaca, an active member and Trustee of Ithaca Aerie, who was escorted to the station of the State President by State Vice-President Barber, Past State President Hutchinson, Past State President Mahoney, and Past State President Saxer. After being introduced to the delegates by State President Maraldo and greeted with applause, he spoke briefly expressing his appreciation for having been permitted to appear at the session, and during his remarks highly recommended State Vice-President Barber to the State Aerie as their next State President, and wanted to assure the delegates that the city of Ithaca, as well as Ithaca Aerie, will feel highly honored by having a State President of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in the city of Ithaca. Mayor Myers was granted special permission by vote of the Aerie to remain during the remainder of this session.

At the suggestion of Past State President Walter McGrath, a rising vote of thanks was given to Past Worthy President Flanigan and Past Worthy President Corbett of Watertown Aerie for their outstanding activ-

ities in connection with the arrangement for holding of the State Aerie session in their city.

Brother Flanigan made a special appeal to all the delegates to help make the parade a success, and at this time gave locations for formation of parade for the various units that were expecting to participate.

The State Secretary made a motion that, inasmuch as the report of the Parade Committee would not be received prior to the closing of the State Aerie session, he be authorized to accept the report of the committee and to draw checks for the amount of prizes designated by the local Convention Committee to such winners as may be recommended by the Parade Committee, and also for the winners of the competition for the exemplification of the ritual. The motion was seconded by Past State President Saxer, and carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

There being no further nominations for any of the State officers, the nominations as made at yesterday's session were closed by motion duly made and seconded, and the State Secretary was instructed to cast one ballot containing the names of all the nominees. The vote being so cast and presented to the State President, the following newly elected State officers were so declared by him.

State President: Raymond R. Barber of Ithaca Aerie 1253.
State Vice-President: William H. Mostyn of Rochester Aerie 52.
State Chaplain: R. Leslie McDermott of Lockport Aerie 825.
State Secretary: Walter A. Neafie, Ossining Aerie 1545.
State Treasurer: Wm. L. Christiansen of Schenectady Aerie 514.
State Conductor: Michael Wolf of Brooklyn Aerie 393.
State Inside Guard: Dennis Broderick of Gloversville Aerie 482.
State Outside Guard: Henry Kohaut of New Yorkers Aerie 0473.
State Trustee for 3 Years: Dr. M. Monat of Montreal Aerie 2130.

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GRAND AERIE

At this time caucuses were held by the Eastern and Western Districts for the purpose of nominating representatives to the Grand Aerie, which resulted as follows:

Western District

Representative-at-Large: Charles G. Maraldo, Staten Island Aerie 543.
Alternate Representative-at-Large: Ernest J. Mahoney, Rochester Aerie 52.
Representative: John D. Kelly, New Syracuse Aerie 053.
Alternate Representative: Thomas G. Welch, Elmira Aerie 941.

Eastern District

Representative-at-Large: Charles G. Maraldo, Staten Island Aerie 543.
Alternate Representative-at-Large: Ernest J. Mahoney, Rochester Aerie 52.
Representative: Charles M. Johannes, Fort Johnson Aerie 1575.
Alternate Representative: Daniel Lane, New Yorkers Aerie 0473.

On motion by State Secretary Neafie, seconded by Brother Glenn of Aerie 514, the selections as made by the Eastern and Western Districts for the representatives to the Grand Aerie were approved and adopted as the representatives of New York State Aerie to the Grand Aerie at the 1938 session.

On motion by Past State President Saxer, seconded by State Chaplain Mostyn, the sum of \$150.00 was appropriated for the representative-at-large;

\$75.00 appropriated for each of the two representatives, as compensation for attending the Grand Aerie Session, and the State Secretary was authorized to draw the necessary checks therefor.

The State Secretary announced that, because of instructions received from Grand Secretary Parry, no Grand Aerie credential would be issued to alternate representatives but the Grand Secretary would be notified by letter of the names of the alternates selected.

State President Maraldo announced that he had been requested by Brother Arthur W. Jennings of Aerie 941 to express the appreciation of both himself and Mrs. Jennings to the many delegates who had expressed their sympathies to Mrs. Jennings while being hospitalized at Watertown because of an accident suffered en route from Elmira to the convention.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The newly elected officers were installed by Grand Trustee John P. Saxer, with Past State President Mahoney acting as Grand Worthy Conductor, in the presence of a large number of the delegates.

Newly elected State President Raymond R. Barber, after assuming his station, made the following remarks: "I wish to take this occasion to thank you one and all for honoring me with the office of President of our State Aerie. I shall, at all times, try to uphold this honor and confidence which you have invested in me. I shall endeavor not to stand upon the accomplishment of those before me, but to further those accomplishments to the full extent of my power during my tenure in office as State President of this Order. It shall be my goal to make each Aerie an outstanding Aerie, to assist subordinate Aerie officers in their own individual problems so that each Aerie will be one of power and prestige in its own individual community. Also, in every way and whenever called upon, to discharge the duties of the office of State President in a capable and competent manner that will reflect with credit and honor upon the Fraternal Order of Eagles."

Remarks were also made by all the other State officers, expressing their appreciation for the honor conferred upon them, and expressing their desire to cooperate in every way with the State President in making the coming year a successful year for the State Aerie.

Past State President Mentzinger, on behalf of the delegates, presented to the retiring State President, Brother Maraldo, in a few well chosen words, a purse of money. Brother Maraldo was too overcome to say more than "Thanks. I feel I have done my share."

On motion by Brother Cassidy of Bay Ridge Aerie 1924, seconded by Brother Garofalo of Aerie 543, the delegates rose and gave to Brother Maraldo a round of cheers.

OLD AGE PENSION COMMITTEE

State President Barber appointed the following Past State Presidents as members of the Old Age Pension and Stabilization of Employment Committee for the coming year: Charles G. Maraldo, Chairman; Walter E. McGrath; John J. Shortell; Ernest J. Mahoney and William F. Mentzinger.

He also appointed Brother Leonard J. Brizdle of Buffalo, as a committee of one on the new LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.

There being no further business for consideration, the State Aerie closed with prayer at 1:40 P. M. to meet again at such time and place as shall be decided upon in accordance with the State Aerie laws.

REPORT OF PARADE COMMITTEE

At 3:00 P. M. an especially fine street parade was held, which was participated in by several of the nearby Aeries, and the 5th Field Artillery, Battery B, of Madison Barracks with their band, by special permission. Perfect weather and a warm sun added to the occasion, and as usual the degree teams and ladies' auxiliaries presented a most beautiful appearance.

The following is the decision of the judges of the parade:

Best appearing Aerie in line, Rochester Aerie 52, prize \$50.00.

Largest Aerie coming longest distance, Buffalo Aerie 46, prize \$50.00.

Largest band, Rochester Aerie 52, prize \$50.00.

Best appearing Eagle drum corps, Buffalo Aerie 46, prize \$50.00.

Best appearing drill team, Ithaca Aerie 1253, prize \$50.00.

Best appearing ladies' auxiliary, Rochester Auxiliary, prize \$25.00.

Largest ladies' auxiliary, Rochester Auxiliary, prize \$10.00.

Signed: WM. H. ALF, Chairman
CARL HOEPFINGER
CLAIRE IVES
DAVID E. GAUSS
CHARLES E. STEWART

WALTER A. NEAFIE,
State Secretary.

