

Journal of
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Forty-seventh Annual Session of the
New York State Aerie
Fraternal Order of Eagles



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Held at Schenectady, N. Y.

June 25, 26, 27, 28

STATE OFFICERS — 1953 - 1954

JUNIOR PAST STATE PRESIDENT JOSEPH L. WURZER
Rochester 52

STATE PRESIDENT LOUIS ASTIFAN
Watertown 782

STATE VICE-PRESIDENT HAROLD F. CRAWFORD
Brooklyn 2621

STATE CHAPLAIN KEENE M. BROWN
Ithaca 1253

STATE SECRETARY PAUL M. AYERS
Lockport 825

STATE TREASURER LOREN A. SWANSON
Jamestown 2145

STATE CONDUCTOR FRANK H. LEWIS
Middletown 544

STATE INSIDE GUARD CHARLES P. EDWARDS
Schenectady 514

STATE OUTSIDE GUARD ALTON CORNEBY
Endicott 2269

STATE TRUSTEES

JOSEPH L. WURZER, JR., P. S. P. Rochester 52

JOHN EGGLESTON Oneonta 1260

EDWARD MADDEN Utica 97

JOHN DiMAGGIO Staten Island 543

ROBERT MAGNAN Montreal 2130

STATE ZONE VICE-PRESIDENTS

VINCENT M. SCHARF Buffalo 46

FRANK LAGONEGRO Elmira 941

ULISSES CANALE Glens Falls 2486

HARRY DIETRICH Tarrytown 1042

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1953 STATE CONVENTION

The 1953 New York State Aerie Convention opened with the Convention Class Initiation at 8 p. m. Thursday, June 25th, in the home of Schenectady Aerie.

Friday, June 26th:

A general "get acquainted" meeting of all State Leaders, Committee Chairmen, Committeemen, and Delegates desiring to attend, was called to order in the Home of Schenectady Aerie at 10 A. M. by State President Wurzer. Committee appointments were read and meetings of the various committees scheduled. The State Secretary reported briefly on the 1953 Convention program soliciting the cooperation of all in efficient operation of the convention to achieve the utmost of progress.

FIRST SESSION

FRIDAY, JUNE 26th, 1953 — 1 P. M.

The First Session of the 47th Annual Convention of the New York State Aerie was called to order unofficially by Thomas Flynn, Worthy President of the Host Aerie, Schenectady No. 514.

Reverend Father Hines delivered the Invocation.

W. P. Flynn then introduced Mr. Thomas Monaghan, Acting Mayor of Schenectady, who welcomed all present to the city and expressed best wishes for a successful convention and a good time for all.

W. P. Flynn presented Past Grand Worthy President Charles P. McCann, who presented a gavel to State President Wurzer on behalf of Rochester Aerie.

W. P. Flynn then presented Grand Aerie Representatives E. M. Barry and William H. Mostyn. Also Gus Lambrose, representing the Schenectady Chamber of Commerce, and Frank Stiles, Convention Chairman, who outlined the Convention program in detail.

W. P. Flynn turned the gavel over to State President Wurzer, who cleared the room of all visitors and proceeded to officially open the meeting in accordance with the ritual of the F. O. E.

The Roll Call of State Officers was completed, following which PGWP William Mostyn gave the Obligation to all members of the State Aerie in attendance.

The following Committee appointments were announced by State President Wurzer:

COMMITTEES 47th ANNUAL NEW YORK STATE CONVENTION

CREDENTIALS

Chr. Fabian Glaser	52
Cris Kleeman	1260
Ernest Ford	1575
Neil Buder	544

AUDITING

Chr. Edward Madden	97
Fred Hollenbeck	46
Thomas Fabbio	97

FINANCE

Chr. Charles Lake	514
Francis Peck	2299
Clifford Brookins	616

GRIEVANCE & APPEALS

Chr. William Alf, P.S.P.	46
Frank Lagonegro	941
Elias Rogers	1545
Paul Pieper	2640

RESOLUTIONS

Chr. William Harris	2447
Frank Stokes	2311
Wayne Harris	52
Carl Astifan	782
Alton Corneby	2269

OLD AGE & SOCIAL SECURITY

Chr. Aaron Siegler	543
Al. Ross	053
Harry Dietrich	1042
James Joiner	2191
Sherman Crawford	2621

LEGISLATIVE

Chr. Walter J. Hogan	1575
Peter E. Tumblety	1166
Henry Kohaut	0473
Richard Knauf	2119
John Taggart	46

RITUAL

Chr. Francis Bonney	2333
John Eggleston	1260
Harold Britton	88
Clifford Lake	825
A. L. Shrout	1166

JUDICIARY

Chr. Walter J. Hogan	1575
William Mostyn	52
Edward Kamas	941
John Saxer	46
George Green	482

ELECTION

Chr. Robert Magnan	2130
Norman Burke	52
Joseph Profilio	1043
Maurice Crick	2145

PUBLICITY

Chr. Gustave Lambrose	514
David Brownell	482
Dr. Jack Smith	583
Frank Stiles	514
Edward Cornwall	2119

STATE OF THE ORDER

Chr. Raymond Barber	1253
John Murray	3020
L. W. McLennon	1260
W. Rouse	2486
Bernard Emrick	2590

YOUTH GUIDANCE

Chr. Kenneth Snyder	2119
J. Scott Corwin	825
Alfred Lane	0473
Frank Hoerman	1924
Charles Albone	2424

NOMINATING

Chr. Kenneth Decker	1253
Paul M. Ayers	825
George Green	482
Aaron Seigler	543
Frank Stokes	2311

IN MEMORIAM

Chr. Robert Gallup	1253
William Ryan	96
Daniel Burd	1411
C. Blankowski	2348
Ulisses Canale	2486

Kenneth Decker	1253
Paul M. Ayers	825

ASSISTANTS TO STATE SECRETARY & STATE CONDUCTOR:

Alton Corneby
Francis Bonney
Kenneth Snyder

BY-LAWS

Chr. William H. Mostyn	52
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FIRST REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Grand Aerie Representatives	4
State Officers	10
Past State Presidents	10
Delegates	126
Alternates	1
Past Worthy Presidents	62

State Secretary Paul M. Ayers was called upon to read the minutes of the previous convention. Reading was interrupted by Siegler of Aerie 543 who moved that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with. Motion seconded by Lewis of Aerie 544 and carried.

REPORT OF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Read by Walter J. Hogan:

RULES OF CONVENTION:

1. Credentials for Admission: Properly accredited Delegates and the Past Worthy Presidents shall obtain their Credential from the proper Committee upon presentation of their official receipts showing they are in good standing in their Aerie.

2. No person shall be admitted to the main floor unless he is a Delegate or Past Worthy President and he must display his Credentials, depositing the daily attendance stub with the proper State Aerie Officer.

3. A Delegate desiring to be heard on any matter which is properly before the State Aerie, shall rise, give salutation sign, and address the President, giving his name and the number of his Aerie. When recognized by the President, he may proceed.

4. A question indefinitely postponed shall not again be considered except by the action of two-thirds of the Delegates present voting to again take up such questions.

5. Voting shall be by the voting sign of the Order, except upon roll call, then it shall be an Aye and Nay vote. Any 20 members may demand a roll call on any question, but such demand must be made before the voting on the question.

6. Nominating speeches shall be limited to 3 minutes each, and seconding speeches to two minutes each.

7. The Election Committee shall convene at its official quarters at the Home of Schunck Aerie No. 514, on Sunday, June 28th, 1953, from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m. Only official ballots to be received. The count shall begin promptly and continue until the completion thereof.

8. Delegates must present their Credentials and deposit same in ballot box, first ascertaining that the number of votes indicated on the Credential is identical with that indicated on the ballot, and that no erasures appear thereon.

9. All resolutions shall be reduced to writing (typewritten and in triplicate, if possible) and delivered to the State Secretary for distribution to the proper committee. No resolutions shall be debatable until the same has been reported by the proper committee. The committee on Resolutions will, at the proper time, report all resolutions to the Convention with recommendations thereon.

10. Any point of issue not covered by the Rules of the Convention or the Laws of the Order, shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order, Revised.

ORDER OF BUSINESS, FRIDAY, JUNE 26th

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Exercises of Convention
3. Roll Call of State Officers
4. Admission of New Members to State Aerie and Obligation
5. Announcement of Committee Appointments
6. Report of Committee on Credentials
7. Reading of Minutes of previous session
8. Report of Judiciary Committee
9. Reading of Communications
10. Special Order of Business
11. Report of Auditing Committee
12. Report of Resolutions Committee
13. Report of State President
14. Report of State Secretary
15. Report of State Treasurer
16. Report of State Trustees
17. Report of Legislative Committee
18. Report of Memorial Foundation Committee
19. Announcements
20. Good of the Order
21. Recess until 9 a. m. Friday, June 27th, 1953

ORDER OF BUSINESS, SATURDAY, JUNE 27th, 1953

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Prayer
3. Admission of New Members and their Obligation
4. Report of State Bowling Committee
5. Second Report of Credential Committee

6. Report of State of the Order Committee
7. Further Report of Resolutions Committee
8. Address by: PGWP Charles P. McCann
9. Report of Ritualistic Committee
10. Report of Publicity Committee
11. Report of Grievance & Appeals Committee
12. Report of Youth Guidance Committee
13. Report of Old Age & Social Security Committee
14. Presentation of Special Topics
15. Report of N. Y. Membership Dept.
16. Report of Nominating Committee & Nomination of State Officers
17. Announcement of Time and Place of Election
18. Announcements
19. Good of the Order
20. Recess until 9 a. m. Sunday, June 28th, 1953

ORDER OF BUSINESS, SUNDAY, JUNE 28th, 1953

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Prayer
3. Admission of New Members and their Obligation
4. Report of Judiciary Committee
5. Report of Hyde Park Committee
6. Address by PGWP William H. Mostyn
7. Report of Legislative Committee
8. Report of Finance Committee
9. Final Report of Resolutions Committee
10. Final Report of Credential Committee
11. Presentation of Awards
12. Final Report of all Committees
13. Announcements
14. State President's Presentation
15. Report of Election Committee
16. Installation of State Officers
17. Introduction and Brief Remarks of Newly Installed Officers
18. Good of the Order
19. Adjournment

Brother Hogan moved the adoption of the report. Bro. Johnson, 482 spoke regarding provisions for consideration of Resolutions. After brief discussion motion was seconded by Eggleston of Oneonta and carried.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

State President Wurzer called upon the State Secretary to read the following communications:

From the Hotel New Yorker Inviting 1954 Convention

From the N. Y. C. Convention Bureau, Inviting 1954 Convention

From the Grand Aerie, Regarding G. A. Representatives to New York Convention.

Reading of Communications were interrupted by the request of JPSP Boyle that Secretary read communications slower. State Secretary stated it was not his intention to rush matters and requested all present to speak up if

they could not hear or for any other reason as it was the desire of all State Officers to conduct a democratic convention.

Further communications as follows:

From Michael Gaffney, former State Organizer, expressing Best Wishes to all.

From PSP John Taggart, unable to be present due illness of wife.

From GWP Rohde; GSec. Abel and Administrative Director Brown sending Greetings and Best Wishes to all. It was moved by Decker 1253 and seconded by Berube 2130 that the communications be received and filed. Carried.

State President Wurzer, presented the following Grand Aerie Representatives: PGWP William Mostyn of Rochester; PGWP Charles McCann of Newark; Regional Grand Vice-President Kenneth Decker of Ithaca; and Field Representative Dave Barry. The Delegates arose rendered the Grand Honors and applauded loudly.

G. A. Representative Dave Barry was then called on for a brief address. He extended the greetings of the Grand Aerie and expressed his pleasure at being back in attendance at a New York State Aerie Convention. Reviewed the progress of Eagledom throughout the jurisdiction during the past year stating tide was running against us at present. That the Order as a whole showed a decrease over the past year of 12 percent, that of the 1st 20 state jurisdictions only one showed a gain, that being NEW YORK. Bro. Barry congratulated all New York Eagles for their efforts and urged increased activity in order that the ensuing year will produce an even greater gain.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

To the Officers and Members:

We, the members of the Auditing Committee for the New York State Aerie, respectfully submit the following report:

We have made an examination of the records, receipts, and books of account of the State Secretary and State Treasurer and found same to balance and agree. Your committee has approved same. We have examined the books of State Secretary Ayers and found them to be in excellent condition, maintained in detail form, clear and concise, with posting to-date and expense vouchers on file to support all expenditures.

State Treasurer Loren Swanson's books are equally well kept, with records and bank balance in harmony and agreement with those kept by the Secretary.

Signed:

EDWARD J. MADDEN, Chr.

CHARLES B. SHERMAN

It was moved by Brothers Madden and Taggart that the report be accepted. Carried.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION No. 1

Read by Harris, 2447

WHEREAS, The Fraternal Order of Eagles has for three consecutive years conducted successful programs, resulting in contributions of approximately \$400,000.00 to the Damon Runyon Memorial Fund for Cancer Research, and,

WHEREAS, The Damon Runyon Memorial Fund has allocated these contributions to important research centers that are working together in the fight against Cancer, and

WHEREAS, Cancer research must be continued until an effective treatment and cure is found for this disease that annually claims the lives of thousands of our people, and

WHEREAS, the Eagle Charity Frolic Program for the Damon Runyon Memorial Fund has gained the goodwill of our Eagle communities and made many friends for our Order, as well as providing entertainment for our members, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that Chautauqua Aerie No. 2145 pledges itself to participate in the 1953 Damon Runyon Cancer Fund Frolics and urges every Aerie in this State to take part in this program so that greater success can be realized, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Chautauqua Aerie No. 2145 submit two copies of this resolution to the State Secretary of the New York State Aerie and urgently recommends its adoption by that group.

Adopted May 19th, 1953
LOREN A. SWANSON
Secretary Aerie No. 2145 of
Jamestown, New York

MAURICE G. CRICK,
Worthy Vice-president

Moved for adoption by Harris, 2447; Seconded by Benedetto, 543; carried.

RESOLUTION No. 2

Read by Harris, 2447

YOUTH GUIDANCE

WHEREAS, the Fraternal Order of Eagles has for many years realized the need of well planned, properly organized youth guidance programs, and

WHEREAS, this Order has recognized the fact that we must give our youth of today the opportunity to further their progress and the opportunity to be responsible for their own behavior and to develop leadership among themselves, and

WHEREAS, the Junior Order of Eagles has been developed so as to bring to our youth the true meaning and daily application of the principles of our Order, Liberty, Truth, Justice and Equality, and

WHEREAS, the establishment of the Junior Order of Eagles gives us the opportunity to provide for the physical, moral, spiritual and educational betterment of our boys and girls, thereby helping to build the lives of our citizens of tomorrow, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that ROCHESTER Aerie No. 52 urge every Aerie in this state to sponsor and support youth guidance programs in their respective communities, and strongly urge every Aerie in our State to give support to the establishment of a group of the Junior Order of Eagles, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ROCHESTER Aerie No. 52 submit two copies of this resolution to the State Secretary of the New York State Aerie and urgently recommend its adoption by that group.

Adopted: May 28, 1953
WILLIAM H. MOSTYN
Secretary Aerie No. 52 of
Rochester, New York.

HANS H. GROSS,
Worthy President

Moved for adoption by Harris, 2447, second by Glaser, 52 and carried.

RESOLUTION No. 3

Read by Astifan, 782

BE IT RESOLVED the officers and members of Empire Aerie No. 544 go on record as being wholeheartedly behind the efforts, to strengthen the resources of the foundation fund, pledges anew its support of the Memorial Foundation enterprise which has won the devotion of Eagles everywhere, joins the Grand Aerie in designating March as Memorial Foundation Month; does respectfully submit to the State Aerie recommendation that the incoming President and all Past Worthy Presidents of each aerie be automatically named as a Memorial Foundation committee; this to function in each individual aerie to the best interest of the Memorial Foundation Fund, such committee to become effective the first meeting in June following installation of officers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Empire Aerie No. 544 recommend that a record of the activities of this committee for one year be sent to the State Secretary thirty days prior to the date of the State Convention, to become a matter of state record that this resolution upon its adoption by Empire Aerie No. 544 be properly signed and attested be forwarded to the State Secretary of New York State Aerie in two copies and that its adoption be urgently recommended by that group.

ALBERT O'BRIEN, SR.
Worthy President
NEIL BUDER
Worthy Secretary

Passed at regular meeting Empire Aerie No. 544
Middletown, N. Y., April 23, 1953

Moved for adoption by Astifan, 782, second by Savage, 2119 and carried.

RESOLUTION No. 4

Read by Snyder, 2119

WHEREAS, in every community throughout New York State, there are a large number of children who are handicapped as a result of cerebral palsy, mental retardation and other childhood ailments, and

WHEREAS, these children are a cause of grave concern to their parents who in many instances are not financially able to give them the medical care and educational advantages which are the God-given right of every child born in this glorious land of opportunity and freedom, and

WHEREAS, there is no community provision for the care, outside of the home, of the child who is seriously retarded mentally; and the stock answer to the appeals of parents is, "institutional placement" which places are, in many instances, already overcrowded, and

WHEREAS, the care of the physically handicapped child imposes a never-ending burden of care, usually on the mother, with possible straining of intra-family harmony, and

WHEREAS, these children, who should have the same rights as other children of their respective community, are deprived of the education from which they might profit, not only intellectually but also socially and emotionally,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Officers and Delegates assembled at this Forty-seventh Annual Convention of the New York State Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles, hereby endorse, wholeheartedly, the idea that the physically handicapped child be given the same educational advantages as the normal child, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that every member of our fraternity pledge himself to make a personal appeal to the Legislators who represent him in Albany, and suggest that complete and undivided support be given to Legislation which will solve this most perplexing problem.

Submitted by ROCHESTER AERIE No. 52

Adopted May 28, 1953

WILLIAM H. MOSTYN, Secretary

HANS H. GROSS, W. President

Moved for adoption by Corneby, second by Reynolds, 1260. Brothers Mostyn, Frank, Barber, Saxer, and Glaser spoke under question, following which the motion was put to a vote and carried.

State President Wurzer introduced Bro. Bonney of Aerie No. 2333 who announced a meeting of the Ritual Committee immediately following the convention session.

RESOLUTION No. 5

Read by Harris, 52

COMMUNITY SERVICE

WHEREAS, the Fraternal Order of Eagles has always had as one of its cardinal objectives the making of a better life in a better world, not only for its members but for all people, and

WHEREAS, the programs of the Fraternal Order of Eagles are constantly aimed at the advancement of our community welfare and civic objectives so that a more worthy and bountiful life may result, and

WHEREAS, the Subordinate Aeries in our State have led in their community in sponsoring many programs, among them activities for the handicapped, youth guidance work, blood donor programs, well baby clinics, civic service awards, and other programs tending to advance community health and welfare, and

WHEREAS, these programs have contributed greatly to the good name and prestige of our Order and our Aeries in promoting the betterment of the community in which they are located; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that Ithaca Aerie No. 1253 go on record asking the New York State Aerie to urge all Subordinate Aeries of our State to continually increase civic activities in their community, to advance the public welfare programs of our Order, and contribute to "better life" in their localities, and, also, that the State Aerie urge all Aeries to complete and return their Semi-Annual Review of Activities so that the "Story" of how our Aeries serve the welfare of communities can be told, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Ithaca Aerie No. 1253 submit two copies of this resolution to the State Secretary of the New York State Aerie and urgently recommend its adoption by that group.

Adopted: June 12, 1953

ROBERT J. GALLUP,

Secretary Aerie No. 1253 of
Ithaca, New York

WILLIAM H. FOX, W. President

Moved for adoption by Harris, 52, second by Taggart 2348 and carried.

RESOLUTION No. 6

Read by Stokes, 2311

Maple Leaf Aerie 2311:

WHEREAS, All Aeries in Eastern Canada are nominally affiliated with New York State Aerie, only so far as they pay Per Capita Tax, and are permitted to send delegates to the Annual State Convention, and

WHEREAS, the Membership Departments in such areas have now been disbanded, and

WHEREAS, New York State Aerie has not heretofore been permitted to include membership figures of Canadian Aeries concerned in its monthly membership figures to Grand Aerie;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That each Aerie in Canada paying per capita tax to New York State Aerie, be represented in the district geographically suited to the Canadian Aerie.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That New York State Aerie be permitted to include all membership and Humanitarian Reports from Canadian Aeries within their jurisdiction in the monthly report to Grand Aerie;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That Canadian Aeries be asked to participate in all Membership and Humanitarian Campaigns sponsored by Grand Aerie, and approved by New York State Aerie.

/s/ ARNOLD D. CLARK,
By: Maple Leaf Aerie No. 2311
Toronto, Ontario

Moved for adoption by Stokes, 2311, second by Costello 1117 and carried.

STATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To the Officers and Delegates of the 47th Annual Convention —
New York State Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles:

I extend greetings and a warm welcome to all in attendance at the 47th Annual Convention of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in New York State.

First, may I express my sincere appreciation for the honor you have bestowed upon me to serve as your State President for the year 1952-1953. I feel that, through such service, I am far richer in knowledge, experience, and — far more important — in friendship.

I wish it were possible for each and every one of you to experience the same fulfillment of fraternal activity, because by such fulfillment, one is better able to appreciate and understand his fellow members, the trials and tribulations they must face, and the results that can be attained through concerted and united effort.

At the Binghamton installation in 1952, I promised that, if possible, I would visit every Aerie in New York State during my term in office. Unfortunately, I was unable to keep that promise to you. However, I did visit many Aeries and I also attended District meetings throughout the State. I feel certain, even though I was not able to visit all of the Aeries, during my trips, at the different meetings, I met brothers from practically every Aerie in the State of New York.

The hospitality and cooperation extended to me on all of my visits was most gratifying, and I have only words of praise for the work being done by our Brothers in their respective Aeries.

This past year has been a memorable one for me, and I look back over it with a great deal of pleasure.

I recognize with sincere gratitude the splendid work done by the Membership Committees of the respective Aeries during the year, since I fully appreciate the difficulties they have encountered in their endeavor to meet the quota for new members set at the beginning of the term. The introduction of welfare and hospitalization programs for the benefit of employees in many of our large industries throughout the State, creates a serious problem for the furtherance of fraternal membership. While the adoption of programs of this type is highly commendable and tends toward a higher standard of living for our citizens, nevertheless, it does present an element of competition which we must meet. However, a review of the record we have made in our membership drives during the year is encouraging and is surely an indication that we have met the challenge and have been able to partially overcome this

competition by offering prospective Eagle members substantial fraternal benefits which cannot be obtained elsewhere.

It is, indeed, difficult for me to adequately express to you the depth of my feeling of gratitude and appreciation to all who, through their loyalty, interest and kindness, were instrumental in making this past year such a memorable one for me. In the remainder of my report, I shall endeavor to mention a few of those to whom I am especially indebted. In so doing, should I omit the name of anyone I should have recognized, I beg forgiveness, since this omission is not intentional.

A special "Thank You" is extended to members and friends who so generously contributed to the Memorial Foundation and the Damon Runyon Cancer Fund, and to the committee from Middletown Aerie who arranged the memorial ceremony at the grave of our late President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Much of the success of my term in office is due to the splendid cooperation and help I received from the following:

To Paul M. Ayers, State Secretary, for his loyalty and untiring efforts in carrying out all programs inaugurated during the year.

To Past Grand Worthy President Bill Mostyn for his unselfish and helpful advice and assistance which he was always ready and willing to give, no matter what the occasion.

To the District Chairman and the Zone Directors for their time and effort in making the routine visits to further the cause of Eagledom.

To the bowling teams that took part in our 5th Annual Tournament held in Watertown and to all the Chairmen of their respective Aeries.

I also wish to give special mention to the Officers and members of my home Aerie, Rochester No. 52, for the loyalty and support which was given to me at all times during the year. To them I want to say, from the bottom of my heart, "Thank You".

A special vote of thanks in which Mrs. Wurzer joins, is extended to all the Aeries that we visited during my term as State President. We shall never forget the hospitality and cordiality shown to both of us. Your kindness and graciousness made each occasion a memorable one.

I reiterate again, that I am far richer in friendships as a result of my service to Eagledom. We in New York State are indeed blessed with many opportunities, and, as I have said on many occasions, New York State is a sleeping fraternal giant and needs only our combined efforts to be awakened. If we are successful in so doing, the result will prove to be compensation beyond reckoning. Therefore, if we do not shirk our duty as Brother Eagles and citizens of these United States, we can better ourselves personally, and, in so doing, protect and defend the ideals upon which our country was founded.

In conclusion, I pledge my loyalty and continued support to the new State President and to the incoming Officers; and for them and for all members of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, I wish a successful year in 1953-1954. May God bless you.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSEPH L. WURZER, President
New York State Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles

PSP Decker moved the report be accepted with a rising vote of thanks, seconded by Savage 2119, Hogan 1575, carried and so ordered with all Delegates rising and applauding.

STATE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Once again it is my pleasure to report to this State Aerie. With the approval of the Delegates here assembled, I will limit my report to a few pertinent remarks and print the full details in the proceedings of this convention.

It is no secret that many Aeries, and our N. Y. State Aerie are having rough-going these last few years. However, it is my sincere belief that things are starting to break our way and if we give honest effort progress can be obtained. One of the most difficult problems of our Aeries today is finances, that is true also of your State and Grand Aerie. As the membership decreases, the per capita tax revenue decreases accordingly. . . . It is imperative that practical business operation be followed all down the line. This is the endeavor of your State Leaders and will continue to be followed. While operating funds are limited you will find your State Aerie on a solid financial basis, paying as we go. Your State Officers are cooperating, attending quarterly meetings on a gratis basis.

Membership, the number one factor in any progressive organization. While the record is not good in comparison with the lush years of the past, progress is being made. During 1951-1952 but 6 of 66 of our New York State Aeries achieved their membership quotas. During the year just completed 14 of our 64 Aeries achieved their quotas. A sizable increase, more than double the number of quota Aeries, is certainly a tangible proof of progress. A year ago we reported 1506 new members against a State quota of 3638 or about 42%. The 3 Canadian Aeries reported 200 new members against their quota of 216. This past year we reported 1,514 new members against our quota of 3,444, a slight but none the less a gain over the previous year. In addition the 3 Canadian Aeries reported an additional gain of 18 new members further increasing the net New York State Aerie gain. We can be proud that our New York State Aerie showed the remaining 19 State Aeries in the top 20 . . . that progress can be had. Let's all strive for even greater progress during 1953-54.

May I take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to State President Wurzer, State Treasurer Swanson, State Legal Advisor Walt Hogan and all of the other State Leaders for their full cooperation. The same to the various Grand Aerie Leaders and Departments and to each and every Aerie and Eagle in our N. Y. State.

In closing let me urge, that we: "Have faith in our Programs
 " " " Leaders
 " " " Order and it's work
 and most important faith in each other."

Thanks again and best wishes during the coming year,

PAUL M. AYERS,
 State Secretary

NEW YORK STATE AERIE MEMBERSHIP STATUS

Aerie & Number	Quota	Total	Aerie & Number	Quota	Total
46 Buffalo	456	14	2119 Binghamton	48	64
52 Rochester	168	103	2130 Montreal	84	96
053 Syracuse	36	20	2145 Jamestown	72	22
88 Niagara Falls	36	30	2191 Cortland	36	9
96 Auburn	48	32	2269 Endicott	48	18
97 Utica	36	42	2299 Corning	48	53
393 Brooklyn	36	0	2311 Toronto	72	74
0475 Yonkers	36	2	2333 Owego	36	2
482 Gloversville	108	32	2348 Batavia	36	6
491 Bronx	36	2	2420 Amsterdam	36	7
514 Schenectady	108	40	2424 Medina	36	7
543 Staten Island	36	72	2429 Troy	36	3
544 Middletown	48	52	2430 Albany	36	0
583 Flushing	36	6	2447 Dunkirk	48	22
616 Olean	72	37	2448 Riv.-Kenmore	36	5
782 Watertown	84	84	2467 Hoosick Falls	36	1
825 Lockport	84	7	2486 Glens Falls	36	38
941 Elmira	72	35	2586 Saratoga Sprngs.	36	28
1042 Tarrytown	36	14	2590 Watkins Glen	36	50
1043 Norwich	36	12	2621 Ft. Hamilton	36	36
1117 Washington Hgts.	36	0	2628 Albion	36	1
1166 Port Chester	36	0	2640 Hornell	36	61
1253 Ithaca	108	58	2644 Johnson City	36	14
1260 Oneonta	60	290	2687 Poughkeepsie	36	11
1411 Tonawandas	72	18	2691 Waverly	36	0
1509 Long Is. City	36	5	2692 Depew-Lancaster	36	0
1544 Rockaway Beach	36	1	2695 Cobleskill	36	3
1545 Ossining	36	11	2855 Westfield	36	5
1575 Johnstown	108	28	2870 Oswego	36	4
1815 Northport	36	0	2917 Yorkville	36	0
1924 Bay Ridge	36	0	2948 White Plains	36	5
2065 College Point	36	0	3020 Montreal (Royal)	36	48

NEW YORK 1952-53 QUOTA AERIES

Aerie	Quota	Reported	Aerie	Quota	Reported
1260 Oneonta	60	290	3020 Royal	36	48
543 Staten Island	36	72	97 Utica	36	42
2640 Hornell	36	61	2299 Corning	48	53
2119 Binghamton	48	64	544 Middletown	48	52
2590 Watkins Glen	36	50	2311 Toronto	72	74
782 Watertown	72	84	2486 Glens Falls	36	38
2130 Montreal	84	96	2621 Ft. Hamilton	36	36

STATE SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL REPORT

RECEIPTS:

	November	June	Total
Per Capita Tax from Aeries	\$2,744.00	\$3,066.44	\$5,810.44
State Convention Receipts	144.50	200.34	344.84
55th Anniversary Banquet .....	.....	357.00	357.00
Memorial Foundation Donations .....	.....	384.61	384.61
Premium on Canadian Checks	4.67	.....	4.67
Returned check	3.90	.....	3.90
	<u>\$2,897.07</u>	<u>\$4,008.39</u>	<u>\$6,905.46</u>
Balance 6/1/52			\$1,256.36
TOTAL			\$8,161.82

EXPENDITURES:

Salary of State Secretary	\$ 298.80	\$ 298.80	\$ 597.60
Salary of other Officers	25.00	29.00	54.00
Delegated to G. A. Convention	301.00	.....	301.00
Delegates and officers to St. Convent'n	1,112.16	.....	1,112.16
State Convention Expenses	481.71	.....	481.71
Stat., Printing, Postage	348.40	289.98	638.38
Telephone & Telegrams .....	.....	86.95	86.95
Insurance & Bond Premium	62.50	.....	62.50
Withholding & S. S. taxes	92.20	90.60	181.80
Bowling meeting	64.33	.....	64.33
F. O. E. Pension	36.00	36.00	72.00
Supplies from G. A.	26.76	21.95	48.71
Visitations	462.16	801.32	1,263.48
State Officers meetings .....	.....	554.52	554.52
State Bulletin	88.70	.....	88.70
Flowers	10.00	24.00	34.00
Donations - Bowling prize .....	.....	56.05	56.05
Furniture & equipment	26.39	12.64	39.03
Addressograph plates	17.32	.....	17.32
55th Anniversary Banquet .....	.....	429.60	429.60
Convention Proceedings .....	.....	319.00	319.00
Refund on Per Capita tax .....	.....	39.15	39.15
Returned Check	3.90	.....	3.90
U. S. Postal Permit	20.00	.....	20.00
Hyde Park Observance	177.90	.....	177.90
Bank Charges	3.25	2.17	5.42
	<u>\$3,657.48</u>	<u>\$3,091.83</u>	<u>\$6,749.31</u>
Balance 6/1/53			1,412.51
TOTAL			\$8,161.82

RESOLUTION

We have just been favored with a report by our State Membership Director and State Secretary Paul M. Ayers;

WHEREAS, it is imperative that ALL New York Aeries actively cooper-

ate in an all out effort to maintain their security and further build each respective Aerie, our New York State Aerie, and our great Order, and

WHEREAS, best results will depend upon the number of Aeries and Leaders dedicated and working to this end

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that all Delegates in attendance at this 47th Annual Convention hereby go on record as pledging their full support and effort in this endeavor,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the cooperation and effort of the Aeries not here represented be enlisted, and

WHEREAS, the utmost success can be achieved by the adoption and support of organized, aggressive membership programs; A "get 'em and keep 'em" attitude as pertains to delinquency; and a continuous support of our NEW AERIE program in all localities,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Delegates to the New York State Aerie F. O. E., that we pledge our whole-hearted cooperation and 100% active support to this enterprise.

Resolutions Committee: WILLIAM HARRIS, Chr.
CARL ASTIFAN
FRANK STOKES
ALTON CORNEBY
WAYNE HARRIS

It was moved by Brother Harris 2447 that the State Secretary's report and the accompanying resolution be adopted. Motion was seconded by Brother Mostyn who further stated: I want to say a few words about a man who has done an outstanding job. I think we in New York State are most fortunate in having a man of the outstanding ability and sincerity of purpose, who is our State Secretary. In the final analysis, it is a very thankless task. In many instances he has to offend people because of the fact that he can't do exactly as they would like, and I know something about that. I am sure that many of the secretaries here today also know that. I believe we owe him a great vote of thanks, appreciation and confidence, and I don't know any better way to express that than approving this motion by a standing vote. Delegates arose and applauded.

REPORT OF THE STATE TREASURER

June 26th, 1953

To the Officers and Delegates of New York State Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles, assembled in their 47th Annual Session in the City of Schenectady, N. Y. June 26th, 27th and 28th, 1953.

Brothers:-

I hereby submit the report of the New York State Aerie Treasurer for the year 1952-1953:-

Balance as reported at 46th annual session\$1,256.36

Receipts deposited by me 6,905.46
 First total\$8,161.82
 Less disbursements 6,749.31

Balance of books as of June 12th, 1953 on deposit
 in the First National Bank in Jamestown, N. Y.\$1,412.51

My books have been duly audited and found correct by Grand Aerie
 Field Representative Bro. Harold J. McElhone.

Respectfully submitted,

LOREN A. SWANSON, Treasurer
 New York State Aerie

REPORT OF THE STATE TRUSTEES

June 26th, 1953

TO THE NEW YORK STATE AERIE:

We, your State Board of Trustees, in compliance with the laws of the New York State Aerie, have carefully examined the report of the Auditing Committee and we are happy to relate that the books, records, accounts and checks, as submitted by the State Treasurer and State Secretary, agree and balance. We have checked the itemized inventory of all furniture and equipment of the State Aerie and estimate the value of same to be \$500.00. In conclusion, the State Board of Trustees recommends that all expenses of this Convention held in Schenectady, New York, be paid as soon as possible.

Signed: CHARLES BOYLE, Chr.
 ALTON CORNEBY
 CARL BUSHOUER
 ROCCO RICCI
 ROBERT MAGNAN

Moved by Scharf, 46; seconded by Dimaggio, 543 and carried.

REPORT OF MEMORIAL FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

PSP State President Ken Decker reported in detail regarding the inception of F. O. E. Memorial Foundation, its purposes and progress to-date. Related several instances of aid by the Foundation to deserving children of our Brother Eagle who gave the supreme sacrifice in World War 2 and in Korea.

Stated that at a meeting of the State Leaders in February he had spoke in favor of aggressive effort in support of our F. O. E. Foundation and received the appointment as chairman. Further stated that he had made a series of visits immediately in an effort to encourage effort and thanked all those who had generously supported the 1953 effort. He then presented a check for \$439.06 to State President Wurzer, mentioning that additional donations had been forwarded direct to the Grand Aerie offices.

State President Wurzer, thanked Brother Decker on behalf of the New

York State Aerie for the outstanding job that he had done in behalf of the Memorial Foundation. It was then moved by Madden, 97, seconded by Sattler of 941 that the report be accepted. Same was carried with a rousing applause.

State President Wurzer asked if there was anything under the Good of the Order. No one presented anything whereupon it was stated that all the business of the First session had been completed, therefore the convention was recessed until 9 a. m. Saturday morning.

SECOND SESSION

SATURDAY, JUNE 27th, 1953

Second session called to order at 9:45 a. m. by State President Wurzer in accordance with the F. O. E. Ritual.

New Members were admitted to the State Aerie, and all present given the Obligation by PGWP William Mostyn.

SECOND REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Read by Glaser, 52:

Grand Aerie Representatives	4
State Officers	10
Past State Presidents	10
Delegates	146
Alternates	1
Past Worthy Presidents	71

Moved by Siegler that report of the Credential Committee be accepted, seconded by Burg, Montreal and carried.

REPORT OF BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Read by Hogan, 1575:

(BY-LAWS PRINTED IN REAR OF THESE PROCEEDINGS.)

Following the reading Brother Hogan stated that it was proposed to adopt a whole new set of By-Laws in order to properly codify same in view of various changes during the past several years. Stated that it was necessary that same be read at this session and again on the morrow following which they would be voted upon. Bro. Hogan advised that there were only a few minor changes and that he would be glad to discuss same.

JRPS Boyle, 46 suggested a different manner of selecting the nominating committee. Brother Hogan, Hollenbeck, and Riley spoke on the suggestion, following which Chr. Hogan stated he would prepare such a change and present it with the second reading of the By-Laws.

State President Wurzer announced the substitution of Clifford Brookings, 616 in place of Ray Snyder on the Finance Committee.

REPORT OF STATE OF THE ORDER COMMITTEE

Read by Chr. Ray Barber, PSPP of Aerie 1253:

Schenectady, N. Y.
June 27, 1953

To the Officers and Delegates assembled:

We, your committee on State of the Order, respectfully submit the following report for your consideration.

Although the State of New York made a very small gain in membership, during the year 1952-53, it is obvious that the conditions which exist in many Aeries, are very poor. These conditions are due, primarily to the financial status of many Aeries and were curtailed in making extensive membership drives, in many instances.

Your Committee recommends that the Organization Department make an effort to furnish capable, reliable and efficient speakers to those Aeries who have shown a tendency to relax in their efforts toward increasing their membership. Aeries who have been progressing has shown that it is very essential to keep plugging at membership in our Great Order, in view of the fact that membership is one of the largest assets to any Aerie, not only in their humanitarian efforts, but building up social funds that are urgently needed to make a successful campaign for members.

The records have shown that the conditions in New York State are in a better condition than some of our neighboring States and with a greater effort on the part of those Aeries who failed to make their quotas, the good conditions, that now exist, can be improved to a great extent.

The leadership of many Aeries have been of the highest caliber and that their efforts have been rewarded by keeping their membership well balanced.

Your committee wishes to compliment all of the Aeries in Canada and to all Aeries who have made their quotas, in membership for the Fiscal Year 1952-53, with special recognition to Oneonta Aerie No. 1260, who made their entire quota during the first month of our Fiscal Year 1953.

Respectfully submitted:

RAY BARBER, Ithaca Aerie 1253
W. ROUSE, Glens Falls Aerie
BERNARD EMERICK, Watkins Glen Aerie
J. SPENCER, Oneonta Aerie No. 1260

It was moved by Ricci, 543 that the report be adopted. Seconded by Canfield, 482 and carried.

2nd REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION No. 7

Read by Harris, 2447

WHEREAS, the officers and members of the Ladies Auxiliaries in our State have assisted and cooperated with their Aeries in their many programs, and

WHEREAS, the fine programs conducted by our Ladies Auxiliaries have added to the good name and prestige of our Order and have instilled a feeling of pride in our members, and

WHEREAS, the willingness of the members of our Ladies Auxiliaries to cooperate with our Aeries typifies the unselfish service of Ladies Auxiliaries everywhere to assist their Aeries, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the New York State Aerie go on record in expressing its appreciation to the Ladies Auxiliaries in our State for their kind assistance, and urge that each Aerie aid in the establishment of a Ladies Auxiliary of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in their community.

Adopted 6/27/53

Attest:

JOSEPH L. WURZER, State President
PAUL M. AYERS, State Secretary
New York State Aerie

Moved by Harris same be adopted, seconded by Sharman, 97 and carried.

RESOLUTION No. 8

Read by Harris, 2447:

WHEREAS, the city of Schenectady has been most cordial to the New York State Aerie and has extended to us a fraternal and friendly hand, and

WHEREAS, Mayor Archibald C. Wemple and Police Commissioner Ambrose Mountain, and all the city and county officials have given of their efforts and time to insure the success of our Convention, and

WHEREAS, an outstanding program and entertainment has been planned by the local convention committee headed by Frank B. Stiles, and

WHEREAS, every courtesy has been granted us the civic groups, the clubs and the local Aerie and its officers and members, and

WHEREAS, the local press through its editors, reporters and photographers have given us the finest cooperation in helping make this convention an outstanding one, and

WHEREAS, the friendly citizens of Schenectady have welcomed us with open hearts, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the New York State Aerie in convention assembled extend to all our deepest appreciation for their hospitality, the friendliness extended and the fine programs arranged for all the delegates and visitors to this convention.

Adopted 6/27/53

JOSEPH L. WURZER, State President
PAUL M. AYERS, State Secretary
New York State Aerie

Moved by Harris same be adopted, seconded by Wadells, 52 and carried.

RESOLUTION No. 9

Read by Harris, 2447

With the knowledge that today, our Nation is placing more and more of the responsibilities of government on those of our citizens who are under 21 years of age, and

With the belief that in the subsequent years to come, our youth will be called to assume an ever increasing number of obligations, and

With the further conviction that these individuals between the ages of 18 to 21 years of age, who are, and may be, called upon to bear this burden of citizenship should be entitled to exercise the rights and privileges afforded to those who are over 21 years of age,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie No. 52 of the City of Rochester, on the 21st day of August, 1952, did make, second and duly pass a motion proposing the legislature of the State of New York place before the people of the State of New York for their referendum, an Amendment to Article II Section 1 of the Constitution of the State of New York, and to further have the legislature amend Section 150 of the New York Election Law whereby the qualification voting age be lowered from the now existing 21 years to 18 years, so that any citizen, upon attaining his eighteenth (18th) birthday, may vote in any election held within New York State, under regulations and conditions prescribed by the legislature. This action to be referred to the New York State Aerie.

Adopted: 6/27/53

Attest:

JOSEPH L. WURZER, State President
PAUL M. AYERS, State Secretary
New York State Aerie

Following the reading it was moved by Harris, same be adopted. Seconded by Baker, 46. Under Question Brothers Harris, 52 - Costello, 1117 - Gross, 52 - Sherman, 2948 - Boyle, 46 spoke regarding the resolution. On being put to a vote the motion carried.

Brother Costello desired to present a resolution and was advised to present same to Resolution Committee for proper consideration.

State President Wurzer presented PGWP Charles P. McCann for an address. Brother McCann extended the greetings of the Grand Aerie and expressed his pleasure at again having the opportunity to visit the great Empire State. Contrasted present fraternal activities with that of the early years of the F. O. E. Spoke briefly on the many Eagle social achievements largely responsible for today's Unemployment Insurance, Disability Insurance, etc. Congratulated New York on its outstanding leaders and Aeries and urged that they carry on to build the Order to even greater heights.

Delegates gave PGWP McCann a rising round of applause.

REPORT OF GRIEVANCE & APPEALS COMMITTEE

Read by PSP Alf, 46

To the Officers and Delegates:

We, as members of your Grievances and Appeals Committee consider it a privilege to serve you.

This committee has been continuously available throughout this Convention to hear any grievances or appeals which any Delegate or Past Worthy President may have to submit.

Today it is our pleasure to report that not one grievance or appeal has been brought to our attention.

Respectfully submitted

PSP WILLIAM ALF, Chrm.
FRANK LAGONEGRO 941
ELIAS ROGERS 1545
PAUL PIEPER 2640

It was moved by Proth, 543; Seconded by Savage, 2119 that the report be accepted. Carried.

REPORT OF YOUTH GUIDANCE COMMITTEE

Read by Snyder, 2119

TO THE DELEGATES 47th ANNUAL CONVENTION:

It is gratifying to report to you that nearly every Aerie in the New York State jurisdiction sponsors some kind of Youth Guidance activities. The available records show a very definite increase in these activities during 1952-1953.

Some of these activities are: Children's Hospital support, Children's Picnics, support of underprivileged youth groups, Cerebral Palsy Clinics, Scouts, Scout and Youth Camps, Hallowe'en and Christmas parties, donations to Boy's Town, Boy's State and many others. These are all very commendable activities for which we may be justly proud.

This committee firmly believes that every Aerie that supports a strong program of Youth Guidance will be assuring that Aerie of a healthy future. We earnestly solicit the all out support and cooperation of each Aerie in New York in the sponsoring of some type of Youth Guidance Program.

Signed:

KENNETH SNYDER, Chrm.
J. SCOTT CORWIN
ALFRED LANE
FRANK HOERMAN
CHARLES ALBONE

Moved by Bendetto, 543, Seconded by Taggart, 2348 the report be accepted. Carried.

State President Wurzer then presented Joseph Stettner of Aerie 514 for a Special Order of Business. Brother Stettner spoke briefly regarding the F. O. E. Youth Guidance program and then introduced Normie Stettner, age 15, and Freddie Stettner, age 10. Both youths spoke regarding the Youth programs of Schenectady Aerie and urged increased importance of this field in our Eagle programs.

REPORT OF OLD AGE AND SOCIAL SECURITY COMMITTEE

Read by Siegler, 543:

New York State Aerie F. O. E.
To the Officers and Delegates:

Dear Brothers:

Your Committee reports that it has actively continued its study of Old Age Assistance and Social Security Legislation. As usual, there have been introduced in the Senate and Assemblies, various bills designed to amend the Social Welfare Law in regard to Old Age Assistance. Most of these bills died in Committee. Your Committee has carefully observed and analyzed the workings of the New York State Disability Benefits Law since its enactment July 1950. We of New York State can be proud that our great Empire State is among the leaders in enacting Legislation protecting our workers, against wage loss from on-the-job accidents and sickness. This is called Workmen's Compensation. Now, under the Disability Benefits Law, the worker is protected from wage loss from off-the-job accidents and sickness.

We feel that these are steps in the right direction and hereby pledge our constant watchfulness and all out effort in support of Old Age and Social Security improvements. We believe this activity to be worthy of the cooperation of all Aeries and all Eagles and earnestly solicit your support.

Respectfully submitted

ARON SIEGLER, Chrm.
AL ROSS
HARRY DIETRICH
JAMES JOINER
SHERMAN CRAWFORD

Brother Siegler moved the report be adopted, same seconded by Dimaggio, 543 and carried.

State President Wurzer then called upon P. S. P. Ken Decker for the report of the Nominating Committee. Brother Decker stated that it had been his pleasure to serve as chairman of the Nominating Committee for the past several years, that in every instance the committee had endeavored to do the job assigned, that of presenting for consideration a worthy candidate for each office. That it should be understood that the report of the nominating committee was final in no way, that the decisions were made by the State Aerie Delegates assembled. We solicited recommendations and suggestions from you Delegates since the start of the convention and we have given consideration to all. I will present the report of the Nominating Committee for each office following which any Delegate may place in nomination any candidate he desires.

First we have the office of State President. Louis Astifan of Watertown Aerie 782 has been recommended. There were no additional nominations and Nominations for State President were duly closed.

Worthy Vice-President, Harold Crawford of Fort Hamilton Aerie 2621. No further nominations.

Worthy Chaplain, Keene Brown of Ithaca Aerie 1253. No further nominations.

Worthy Conductor, Frank Lewis of Middletown Aerie 544. No further nominations.

Worthy Inside Guard, Charles Edwards of Schenectady Aerie No. 514. No further nominations.

The office of State Secretary has one more year to run, thus no nomination is in order.

State Treasurer, Loren Swanson of Jamestown Aerie 2145. No further nominations.

Now going back to the Nomination for Outside Guard, two names have been submitted and we submit both of them for your consideration: Alton Corneby of Endicott Aerie 2269 and Arnold Clark of Toronto Aerie 2311. No further nominations.

The Board of Trustees have five members of which the retiring State President automatically becomes one. For the four elective Trustees we have been presented five names and we leave the decision to you Delegates:

William Harris - Dunkirk Aerie 2447
Edward Madden - Utica Aerie 97
John DiMaggio - Staten Island 543
Jack Eggleston - Oneonta 1260
Robert Magnan - Montreal 2130

There being no further nominations for Trustee, nominations were closed.

We have four Zone Vice-Presidents, your Nominating Committee present the following names:

Zone 1 - Vincent Scharf - Buffalo 46
Zone 2 - Frank Lagonegro - Elmira 941
Zone 3 - Ulisses Canale - Glens Falls 2486
Zone 4 - Harry Dietrich - Tarrytown 1043

There were no further nominations for Zone Vice-President or any other office and the Nominations were declared duly closed.

Brother Riley, No. 616 stated he would like to make a few remarks and personally appealed to the Delegates to attend the Sunday session as matters pertaining to the nomination of Officers would be brought out.

PSP Barber inquired of the State Legal Advisor regarding the eligibility of Bro. Harold Crawford currently residing in Connecticut.

State Legal Advisor stated that Brother Crawford was a member of Fort Hamilton Aerie 2621 in Brooklyn and continuously active in N. Y. Eagle affairs. That it was his Home Aerie, not his residence that determined his eligibility.

State President Wurzer announced that the Election Committee would meet in the Home of Schenectady Aerie, Sunday, June 28th, from 8 a. m. until 11 a. m. Only official ballots to be counted. There being two candidates for Outside Guard and five candidates for the four Trustee vacancies.

PSP Boyle reported in detail regarding the F. O. E. Pension Fund, stating that at present there were 157 Brothers receiving pensions from the fund. The fund is maintained by contributions from the employee and his employ-

ing Aerie. Stated the Pension Fund was a proud achievement of the F. O. E. and worthy of our full cooperation.

Brother Costello advised Worthy President Wurzer regarding an appointment in connection with a resolution submitted the previous year. State President Wurzer expressed his regret for the misunderstanding.

Whereupon the 2nd session was recessed until 9 a. m. Sunday, June 28th, 1953.

THIRD AND FINAL SESSION

SUNDAY, JUNE 28th, 1953

The final session of the 1953 New York State Aerie Convention was called to order by State President Wurzer at 10 a. m.

State Chaplain Harold Crawford gave the opening Prayer.

New members were admitted to the State Aerie and given the Obligation by PGWP Mostyn.

Brother Charles Lake reported on the various items of publicity accruing to the State Convention and the work of his committee regarding same. It was moved by Walters, 52, seconded by Sattler, 941 that the report be accepted. Carried.

THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL TOPICS WERE PRESENTED:

Semi-Annual Review of Activities — Paul M. Ayers
Report of FOE Insurance Co. — — — — — Louis Astifan
Damon Runyon Fund Frolics — — — — — Loren Swanson
Publicity for our Aeries — Harold Crawford
Youth Guidance — William Mostyn
Bond Fund Department — Clifford Brookins
Mutual Fund Shares — Kenneth Decker
Eagles Life Insurance Co. — — — — — Peter E. Tumblety
Activity Fund - Legislative Services — Walter Hogan

REPORT OF BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Chairman Hogan completed the 2nd reading of the By-Laws, then stated if there was no other question he would recommend the By-Laws be approved with the exception of Article 7 which pertains to the Nominating Committee and is under question. Hogan moved the By-Laws be adopted with the exception of Article 7. Motion seconded by Scharf, 46 and carried.

(COPY OF BY-LAWS PRINTED IN REAR OF THESE PROCEEDINGS)

MR. HOGAN:

Now, Brothers, we have left Article 7 open. I want to read it again to you as we propose it then I want to read the suggestion that Brother Boyle, Past State President, made yesterday to you and from then on of course it is entirely up to you fellows.

. . . The proposed Section 7 was read . . .

MR. HOGAN:

I have drafted another section, which conforms to Brother Boyle's suggestion, I hope.

MR. BOYLE:

That is all right, but I also added that no one of these men could serve again for three years.

MR. HOGAN:

Well, that doesn't appear here. You want it added?

MR. BOYLE:

That is what I mentioned yesterday. I believe I mentioned that because practically the same two men, who were named a year ago, were also named this year. I think there should be a change from year to year, and after three years, any of those men can go back in office again.

MR. HOGAN:

That is something for your fellows to consider. If I might be permitted, Worthy State President, I would like to make a remark or two on it. Sometimes I am afraid, fellows, if we make new Nominating Committees every year, completely new, we may be in a little trouble in a continuation. It has been my experience that you need a little bit, at least, of history from the past year, some idea of what a man has done. If you go in there cold, you may have a little trouble, and you may have some nominations that may or may not be for the best interests of the Order. Now, I personally feel this way. It doesn't make a bit of difference to the Judiciary Committee what you want, but I think the first thing you should decide as a matter of orderly procedure is whether you want a Nominating Committee. Then, if you do, we should go into the details of how it should be elected or selected. I think the first thing that should come before you, and as a matter of actual practice, just to bring the thing to a head, not because it makes any difference one way or the other, I would move you, Worthy State President, that we do continue our Nominating Committee system under such regulations as shall be adopted immediately after this motion.

MR. CORNEBY (Endicott):

Worthy State President, I have been an Eagle for several years and have been active in both state, district and subordinate Aerie work. In my own particular Aerie, we have a certain number who do not feel that we could adopt a nominating committee in our own Aerie, but in my own judgment from going around seeing what happens, I do believe in order to carry on the functions of the State Aerie as we should, that we should have a Nominating Committee, and I move, Worthy President, that the State Aerie adopt a Nominating Committee.

. . . Motion was seconded . . .

MR. BONNEY (No. 2333):

I have been an Eagle going on seventeen years. I have been at State Conventions in the past; in fact, my first convention was in the city of Rochester in 1941, at which time we operated without a Nominating Committee. We had a caucus up there. All the boys who wanted to run got in different

hotel rooms, and they worked for a State President among themselves. They didn't have a few boys stop you saying who was going to be your officers for the next year.

I am definitely against a Nominating Committee in any Aerie. If we have a good man coming in from the outside, there are too many times in the State Aeries that you have a certain group controlling year after year. I would like to see the Nominating Committee done away with, and then let the boys who come to the convention nominate. After all, there is little enough to do. There are fellows sitting on the side lines. Why not have the privilege of nominating whom we want in a State Aerie.

SECRETARY AYERS:

Worthy State President, I am going to speak just a little bit personally, and I trust you will treat it accordingly. Since the start of this convention, I probably have been busier than any other individual, strictly in the interest of the State Aerie. I say that, not in any manner to get any acclamation or anything of that sort, but to try to give substantiation to the statement that my work and mind tend in but one direction, the best interests of this New York State Aerie.

Now, I probably personally am responsible for the present status of the Nominating Committee in our State By-Laws. I am going to try to speak frankly, and I don't want anything misconstrued. It is no secret that a few years back your State Officers would meet, and one man would recommend a slate. Every man present would be committed to back that slate, and who in the hell could beat him.

There are men in this room, Aeries represented in this room, from whom I received communications personally and in writing asking commitments in that respect. In every case, I answered that I didn't believe any state leaders or individual should make any such commitment. In fact, where would he be justified in so doing? I personally suggested the Nominating Committee to this State Aerie, through the proper committee, because I believed that by picking five impartial men, whose integrity should not be questioned or could not be questioned, justice would definitely be done.

Now, there are men in this room who sat on the Nominating Committee last year. The State President, who is our Junior Past President at the moment, had the privilege of appointing the first Nominating Committee. In my office, we tried, in keeping with the purpose of the Nominating Committee, to geographically and justly give representation to every section of the state. It came down to the fifth member, and I was suggested. I attempted to decline, but Charlie felt that due to the offices I hold, and the information available, I would be able to give any information anybody might require. The same situation occurred again this year.

Now, some of the men who served on that committee, and I forget who were with me last year. We met in the Aerie room in Binghamton to choose nominees. The meeting was opened, and someone said, "Paul, you know the score; what do you recommend?"

I said, "My Brothers, this committee was appointed on a geographical basis, and I have no recommendations."

That is the same procedure that was followed by the Nominating Committee at this convention. I don't believe any one individual should or could make a commitment or a just recommendation. I don't say that those of us

who are aware of individuals who are working or who are doing a good job shouldn't present those facts, because we definitely must select capable men, men who have done a job in their Aeries, and who are doing a job. I have no personal interest. You can have your Nominating Committee abolished, and you can have your nominations as you had them a few years ago. You can take fifteen minutes or fifteen hours. In the end, you will still have some method by which a certain group is going to be committed to back a certain selected slate. I ask you now whether that occurred at this convention or did the men on that Nominating Committee, in keeping with the obligation of this State Aerie, act fairly and justly? I believe they did, and I believe everyone in this room believes they did. I believe we should have confidence in our leaders. I concur in the recommendation by Mr. Boyle that the same men should not always be on that committee. I'd like to ask every man in this room to raise his hand and bring it down with a sharp slap. Now, turn to the man next to you, and shake hands. Now, Brothers, right there I have demonstrated how willing we, as individuals, are to follow leadership. I have demonstrated two types of leadership: one harmful leadership where you hurt yourself; the other where you fraternally extend a greeting to your fellow brother. I believe the leaders of this State Aerie now are fair, just and able as any State Aerie officers we have ever had or any other State Aerie ever had. I personally recommend that we proceed to operate on the basis that we have. I have no personal interest. Thank you.

MR. PECK (Corning No. 2299):

I have met with and talked with each and every individual, I believe, here. I don't know them personally, but I can understand what they are talking about. In our home Aerie, if we can't trust the officers we have selected, we had better quit. I feel as Paul Ayers does. The officers have done a swell job in selecting and allowing men to go through the chairs without jumping, as I have seen it take place in our State Aerie. It is a wonderful thing and I think it has been a success. Let's not spoil it. Thank you.

MR. BURKE (Schenectady):

Brothers, I'd like to speak for the small Aerie. I consider Schenectady Aerie a small Aerie in the State Aerie. I think we all have to agree that you do not conduct the State Aerie on the same plane and same basis as you conduct your home Aerie. Well, it is possible for a group to go and control most any vote that might come up on the Aerie floor. However, when it comes to the State Aerie I think that each and every one of those small Aeries must feel that when they come to a State Aerie Convention or any business is being conducted in the State Aerie that that small Aerie is going to be carefully represented.

Now, I think we will all agree that it would be possible at a State Convention if there were not a Nominating Committee, for a couple of the larger Aeries in the State to band together and to come pretty near controlling the vote on the floor as to who the members of the Nominating Committee would be. If a man has been qualified and is worthy enough to go through the Chairs and eventually become State President I think that all of us should recognize that man in after-years after he has served as State President for his ability, for his experience in conducting the affairs of the State Aerie, and I am sure that the experience in the past has proven that these men are eminently fair, and if we stop and think for a moment with a Nominating Committee made up of five State Presidents, the chances are in all respects that the State will be

carefully and well represented by that Nominating Committee and that the smaller Aerie will be given due and honest consideration by the nominees.

MR. BOYLE:

Again, Worthy President, I am highly in favor of a Nominating Committee. I think the Nominating Committee is one of the best things that the State has ever done and I am heartily in favor of having a State Secretary on that board. He knows what is going on around the state; he knows the men that have the caliber and the stuff wherewith to do; he knows whether they are going to make capable officers or not. The only thing that I recommended to the Aerie is that the boys on the side lines be given a chance to sit on that committee. There are plenty of men on the sidelines here today that have attended meetings, far more meetings than a lot of the Past Presidents and they know just as much about the workings of this Organization as some of our Past State Presidents and I really think that these men who come here year after year should have a little something to say and sit on certain committees. So my suggestion is that three be appointed by the President and two from the sidelines. I am heartily in favor of this Nominating Committee and I wouldn't want to see it defeated. Thank you.

MR. WALTERS (Rochester):

I am only one individual. I speak for myself. In Rochester we have a Nominating Committee there and we have never as long as I have belonged to the Eagles had any trouble whatsoever. I am an old timer. I am 70 years old, retired from the fire department, and I have been to the meetings, watched the boys sit on the sidelines, and we pick out the best ones that we feel qualified for that position. And therefore I always believed that we should have a Nominating Committee that can go out and pick the man that is best qualified for that position. Therefore, Worthy President, I believe that we should still continue, the same as we did before, with that Nominating Committee.

MR. SHERMAN (No. 2948 White Plains):

I cannot help but agree with Brother Boyle. The very fact that the question came up shows that there is some basic reason for dissatisfaction or an expectation that it would be an improvement on the past. I am not against a Nominating Committee, but adding two more from the rank and file is very important. Merely to depend solely upon the possibility that a man has past experience is not wise. Sometimes men get to a certain routine and certain way of thinking which they seem to be unable to get out of. It is necessary to have new blood, new ideas. Sometimes a person who has appeared in front of the membership is inspired with certain thoughts and comments, and I think in our hearts our desire is to get some new thoughts and ideas for this organization worthy of building it up. Therefore, I think that the suggestion is very advisable, and it is worth while. I ask the membership to give careful consideration before they decide one way or the other. I think it is essential, and I think it would be bringing new life, new confidence, to have two men from the rank and file added to this committee in the future.

MR. HALLENBECK (No. 2348):

Am I in order to ask the Secretary to read the motion that is on the floor?

PRESIDENT WURZER:

The motion is that we have a Nominating Committee in the State Aerie.

MR. HALLENBECK:

I believe that the suggestion of Brother Boyle was that we have three appointed by the Worthy President and two from the floor. That is not included in that motion.

PRESIDENT WURZER:

No, not yet.

MR. HALLENBECK:

I therefore make an amendment to that motion that that be included.

PRESIDENT WURZER:

We are going to have that in the next order of business.

MR. PECK:

Worthy President. If there is further discussion we can stay here all day. We have elected leaders. I second the motion that we have two from the floor, that will make everybody happy.

PRESIDENT WURZER:

We are a little bit out of order. The only thing we are trying to determine is whether we will continue to operate with the Nominating Committee.

SECRETARY AYERS:

My Brothers, I think we can wrap this up right at the moment if we follow the formal motion. There will have to be some method of choosing those two men that might run into complications. Brother Hogan has worked out a compromise that I think will be satisfactory to everybody and I suggest that Walt present the compromise now.

MR. HOGAN:

First of all let's keep the thing straight. What I have tried to do and maybe we have forgotten, let's decide right here and now if you want a Nominating Committee. Let's get that out of the way. Then I will read a proposal which I have here which I think and hope will meet with the approval of all of you. But let's get the Nominating Committee question settled. I move that we have a Nominating Committee. Then I was coming to the details of it next. But let's get to the Nominating Committee first then I will move to the next question or how it is to be composed.

MR. BURKE:

Worthy President. I call for a vote on the question.

PRESIDENT WURZER:

The motion has been made and seconded that we continue to operate in the State Aerie with a Nominating Committee. All in favor signify by the usual sign of the Order; contrary the same sign. Carried and so ordered.

MR. HOGAN:

Worthy State President, Brother Boyle and Fellow Delegates. Here is the difficulty with the appointment of Aerie delegates from the floor. You are going to have to open this convention with a battle right off the bat and an election. Now I don't know of any committee in the State Aerie and the Grand Aerie or anywhere else in the sub-ordinate Aeries that is elected by the membership or delegates from the floor. They are all appointed by the President. That is true everywhere I go. I have never seen a situation where your

actual committees are nominated and elected from the floor. Here is my suggestion to you and the suggestion of your Judiciary Committee for what it is worth and it would read this way. In addition to the committee provided by Article 18 of the Grand Aerie Laws the State Aerie shall have a nominating committee consisting of not less than five members, three of whom shall be past State Presidents and the remainder of whom shall be duly qualified delegates to the convention to be appointed by your State President just the same as you appoint every other committee. Now how does that sound to you? Three Past State Presidents, the remainder appointed by the State President if duly qualified delegates to the convention.

MR. PECK:

Worthy President, it sounds very good and I see the gleam in all of the Brothers' eyes. I move that be adopted, three Past State Presidents; two from the floor.

MR. BONNEY (No. 2299)

Second the motion.

PRESIDENT WURZER:

The motion is made and seconded. On the question. All in favor signify by the usual sign of the Order; contrary same sign. Carried and so ordered.

IN MEMORIAM REPORT

Read by Brother Bonney, 233:

WHEREAS, the New York State Aerie and the Grand Aerie have, during the past year, suffered great losses, and the Grand Worthy President from above has called from our midst by death, many of our Brothers who were well known to those of us here assembled, and

WHEREAS, we are ever mindful of the fact that these Brothers gave real and faithful service to our Order, and

WHEREAS, many of the departed Brothers lost their lives in defense of this country, serving humanity in this struggle for democracy,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the members of the New York State Aerie in Convention assembled in the City of Schenectady, do hereby pledge ourselves to carry on where these Brothers ended their mission and that we all pray silently for a peaceful repose of their souls, feeling that in the Grand Aerie beyond, they have found lasting peace and happiness.

In their Memory we ask that the State President ask for a moment of silent prayer, not alone for those departed Brothers, but in reverence to God, asking for a lasting peace for the World, the kind of Peace that we are all anxiously waiting for.

Respectfully submitted

ROBERT GALLUP, Chairman
WILLIAM RYAN
DANIEL BURD
CHESTER BLANKOWSKI
ULISSES CANALE

It was moved by Bonney 2333 that the report be accepted. Seconded by DiMaggio, 543 and carried. Following which the meeting was recessed, visitors admitted and the Gloversville Ladies Auxiliary presented a long to be remembered Memorial Service.

RITUAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Read by Bonney, 2333

My Brothers, ritual competition has fell to an alarming low here in our New York State Aerie and we recommend that every effort be made to encourage greater participation in our annual Ritual Competition.

By virtue of their appearing and exemplifying our F. O. E. ritual, we the Ritual Committee do hereby declare; Gloversville Aerie No. 482, the Class "C" Champions of the New York State Aerie. Their official score was 97.1.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS BONNEY
HAROLD BRITTON
JOHN EGGLESTON
CLIFFORD LAKE
A. L. SCHROUT

It was moved by Bonney that the report be approved. Seconded by Eggleston, 1260 and carried.

REPORT OF STATE BOWLING COMMITTEE

Read by Astifan, 782

REPORT OF NEW YORK STATE AERIE FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES - BOWLING ASSOCIATION

Balance 3/1/53\$ 66.30

RECEIPTS:

\$3,495.24	
504.60	
220.90	
	Total \$4,220.74

Total Cash Available \$4,287.04

EXPENDITURES:

Scorekeepers	\$ 162.00
Bowling Fees	1,151.70
Prizes	2,412.99
Salary of Assoc. Secretary	25.00
100 Meeting Notice letters	2.50
H. Phillips ("700 Club") membership	2.25
Expense Meeting in Watertown 6/14/53	265.59
Issuing Checks	15.00

Refund (J. Finnigan - #52)	3.70	
Tourney Secretary Salary	235.58	
		Total \$4,276.31
		Balance 6/18/53 \$ 10.73

Signed:

PAUL M. AYERS, State Secretary
 RUSSELL A. OLSEN, Tourney Secretary

Brother Magnan 2130 moved the report be adopted, same seconded by Swanson, 2145 and carried.

REPORT OF THE HYDE PARK COMMITTEE

Read by Frank Lewis, 544

On a sunny, bright Sunday, last August 24th, 1952, the New York State Eagles paid their annual visit to our past Brother, F. D. Roosevelt, by exemplifying the Eagle Memorial Services. We also joined with Sister Eleanor Roosevelt in observing the 17th anniversary of the passing of the Social Security bill.

The Middletown Auxiliary Memorial Team, Captained by Past Madam President Edith Buder, and accompanied by the Degree Team of Middletown Aerie No. 544, as escorts; plus two (2) Flag Bearers and Guards, exemplified the work at the great marble bier on the beautiful estate. Each Sunday during the summer, a crowd estimated at over 3,000 visitors, pass through the grounds which are governed by the National Park Service, a Federal Department.

A large 27 inch wreath of white roses, symbolic of our respect for our dead, was placed on the bier during the ceremony and each lady officer and the guards laid a long white silk wrapped stem white rose on the grave. Brother Joseph L. Wurzer, New York State President, was escorted to the grave as was sister Mariam Walrath, Madam New York State Auxiliary President of Gloversville Auxiliary. Following the ceremony, the two teams gathered on the lawn in front of the home to hear a short address by both State President's. Sister Roosevelt was presented with a large arm bouquet of red American Beauty roses, as a living tribute. She thanked the Fraternal Order of Eagles on behalf of herself and in memory of her departed husband. She gave a short talk to the crowd which had assembled and spoke very highly of the work that the Eagles are doing and offered to cooperate in any way to help our efforts to better heights for all Americans.

Excellent publicity on the ceremony was obtained. Poughkeepsie and Middletown both had articles and photos which were forwarded to both State and Grand Aerie for the maximum amount of publicity.

Expenses were as follows:

Transportation - 2 teams by bus	\$45.00 (84 miles return trip)
27 inch white wreath	25.00
White long stem roses (12)	7.50
Black scarf to lay on wreath	2.00
Donation to Poughkeepsie Aerie for open	

house for all participants	25.00
Brother Lincoln McGill - soloist	10.00
TOTAL	\$129.50

At this time I would like to ask that a vote of thanks be extended to Brother Joseph Wurzer, State President; Sister Mariam Walrath, Auxiliary State President, and to the Memorial Teams of Middletown Auxiliary and Aerie. To Brother Buder, who Captained the Middletown Degree Team and to all who helped in any way, may I at this time express my thanks for a really worth while accomplishment. I ask for adoption of this report and that it be spread on the New York State Aerie minutes.

Fraternally submitted

FRANK H. LEWIS, Chairman
 1952 Hyde Park Memorial Services

Brother Lewis moved its adoption, same seconded by Scharf, 46 and carried.

REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Read by State Legal Advisor Walter Hogan:

Because the Co-Chairman of the State Legislative Committee is also the State Legal Advisor of the State Aerie and the work is closely related, their respective reports are being combined in the interest of brevity.

In other years the State Legal Advisor has had many problems and legal questions of general interest referred to him for advice. They have included matters concerning social security and State unemployment insurance participation for employees; lease and rental problems; problems concerning liquor licenses and the like. A number of the same type of problems were again referred during the past year. In each case the best possible advice was made available to the Aerie concerned without cost either to it or to the State Aerie. In some cases, because of local political conditions, it was deemed wise to advise local counsel.

As a result of the number of cases which are accumulating and being classified, the State Aerie is rapidly acquiring a more thorough understanding of the problems of local aeries and is becoming a much more valuable service each year.

In addition to purely legal problems of individual Aeries, the State Legal Advisor and Legislative Committee have again cooperated as in the past three years in screening every bill introduced into the New York Legislature for their possible adverse effect on the operation of not only our own Aeries, but as an incident thereto all fraternal orders in the State. This year more than 6,000 bills were introduced and more than 50 required close examination to determine if they might have adverse effect direct or indirect on the operating problems of our Aeries. In two cases informal talks with the chairman of the committees involved were had. Neither bill left committee. No bill was passed which would increase the operating burden of our clubs although several were introduced.

Another bill which would compel all fraternal clubs to open its membership to all regardless of color was introduced for the second year. This bill

was carefully watched and the Administrative Director Matty Brown and Grand Aerie Legislative Chairman Barnett H. Goldstein, Esq. were kept informed. Again this bill died in committee.

During the past few years it became evident that in order to continue this protective and necessary work and to even consider sponsorship of progressive and humanitarian legislation for which the order has been noted in the past, some reasonable provision for the actual expense of such programs must be provided. Last year at the Binghamton Convention our by-laws were amended to provide for an ear-marked Activities Fund and a special 10¢ per capita tax increase voted in part for the purposes of the legislative program.

This was one of the most progressive moves of the New York State Aerie in many years. The first payment of this per capita tax did not become due until December, 1952, and the greater part of the fund has only recently been received in May and June of this year.

Much of the work of your committee should properly be done in the fall and during the session of the legislature. Your Committee and State officers were therefore faced with the problem of immediately borrowing money against revenues uncertain in amount in order to swing into action on a program immediately or whether to plan a program and hold the moneys just recently received from last year's convention action for this coming year.

We believe that in these times of uncertain revenues our decision to confine ourselves to plans during the past year and to work this year on our program on a pay as you go basis with cash in hand was a realistic and wise decision. Thereby we have avoided any possibility of committing future conventions or legislative committees to payments for past indebtedness for which they are not responsible.

The incoming legislative committee will have the advantage of being able to swing into action immediately. We propose in part the following constructive program:

1) Immediate intervention in the present Moreland Act investigation into the administration of the Workmen's Compensation Act in New York as ordered by Governor Dewey. Charges and complaints that the cost of Workmen's Compensation is too high and drives business from New York have had wide publicity and have helped to inspire this investigation.

Yet 60% of premiums paid by employers for Workmen's Compensation insurance in New York is lost in the administration of the money and only 40 cents on the dollar paid reaches the worker or his widow and children.

The maximum that can reach a worker or widow, whether she has one or ten children is \$32.00 per week. Almost every worker and widow with growing children must apply for public assistance to supplement compensation payments with additional cost to all of us in Public Welfare moneys in large and undisclosed amounts.

Your State Legal Advisor has had more than 15 years of experience with the Workmen's Compensation Courts. In his own experience in two death cases years elapsed before any payments were made at all while insurance companies battled over which was to pay the bill. The expenses of the companies alone exceeded the moneys due. The present administration is hopelessly inadequate and wasteful. We must work for change; equitable to employer and employee alike.

2) Amendments to our State Constitution which will permit religious, fraternal, veterans, volunteer fire associations, County Fair associations and similar non-profit organizations to conduct raffles, lotteries and other types of activities for fund raising purposes as they have been permitted to do in the past.

In this respect some unorganized efforts to legalize bingo alone have been made. These bills do not go far enough. They attract only those groups interested in bingo.

Your legislative committee believes that a broad amendment, to be administered under laws to be fixed by the legislature will attract approval of a large majority of the people of our State. Relaxation of the law has the public approval of religious groups, the New York State Policemen's Association. A very recent grand jury investigating crime in Buffalo, New York (June 20, 1953) stated as follows:

4. "The definition of lottery under the State Penal Law should be changed to permit certain lottery activities by non profit organizations."

Unfortunately examination of our State Constitution shows that the constitution itself must be changed to permit such change in the Penal Law.

It is the opinion of your legislative committee that it requires aggressive action by the Eagles and similar groups and plenty of work to procure the necessary change. Talks with leaders of other groups heretofore mentioned show unanimous approval of such a proposed change and promises of active support within the capabilities of their organizations to organize such support.

3) Constitutional Amendments and changes in the Election Law of New York to permit voting for youngsters under 21 years of age who are either eligible for drafting into our armed forces or who have completed a high school education.

There is great unorganized support for such legislation. President Eisenhower and others have so advocated. It is essentially a state problem. Your state officers at the suggestion of Rochester Aerie have endorsed such a program. We believe that our State Aerie should lead actively the fight for such a change and rally the now unorganized support everywhere.

4) Universal blood typing for school children and automobile operators.

These proposals already have the endorsement of our State Aerie through action at Binghamton last year. For the financial reasons heretofore mentioned they have been discussed only informally with state school officials.

The principal objection to the school program is a matter of expense. Most school districts are operating at or near the constitutional limitations of taxation and are crying to the State for increased state aid for new buildings and other pressing needs. The possibility of using Civil Defense funds for such program has yet only partly been explored.

There is some informal opposition to using operators licenses for information or purposes other than that necessary for identification and qualification to drive an automobile. There is reluctance to open the door to other types of data than that necessary for automobile operation alone. It is also said that even in emergency today type "O" blood can almost always be found

immediately, and since it is a universal type can be administered at once to anyone if there is no time to type the blood before use.

The objections above are not believed to be fatal to the blood programs and we recommend continued endorsement and education toward their adoption as circumstances permit and support is developed.

5) Combat of Cerebral Palsy.

This malady has only comparatively recently come to public attention as a great, and perhaps unnecessary, waste of human life and happiness. Yet two members of the present legislative committee were present at Albany five years ago when the first appropriation of \$400,000 for study and research by the State of New York was still under consideration by the legislature. This proposed study received the whole-hearted support of that committee in informal discussion, in particular from P. G. W. P. William H. Mostyn of Rochester, whose own Aerie has done such a great job in its cerebral palsy clinics and otherwise combatting this malady. The initial appropriation was made. Since then other groups have been organized but our order has dragged its feet. It is an example of many lost opportunities to our order for public service because of limited funds in the State budget.

There is still much to be done. Your committee believes Eagles can still do great good in combatting the results of this injury to the brain and nervous system of our young at birth, and preferably of course, encourage research to prevent the usual results of such injury when incurred before they can develop.

These proposals, together with the active vigilance of the committee against oppressive legislation, are ready. They will be presented to the proper legislative committees and State officials. The committee will attempt to keep each Aerie informed of their progress. Their ultimate success will depend upon such simple effort by subordinate Aeries as telephone calls or letters to the Assemblymen and State Senators in each particular Aerie's legislative assembly district. Individual legislators tend to be passive but can easily be aroused by interest in any proposed legislation by local individuals or organized groups of their districts. The program is non political.

Your committee therefore recommends the adoption and approval of this report by this convention. With the continuation and support of the legislative committee and activities fund, the name of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in New York can become a common household word and continue unabated the enthusiasm of our order in procuring more and more members, increasing our effectiveness as a great fraternal and social force in our State, and spreading the financial burden of our present membership among the many who would be with us if they but realized the great principles and purposes of our order.

Respectfully submitted

WALTER J. HOGAN
 Legal Advisor and Chairman, Leg. Com.
 PETER E. TUMBLETY, Co-Chairman.

Brother Hogan moved its adoption, same seconded by Scharf 46 and carried.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE AND BUDGET

Read by Charles Lake, 514

BUDGET - NEW YORK STATE AERIE

For Period from June 1, 1953 to June 1, 1954

Cash on hand as of this date, June 1, 1953 \$1,412.51

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS FROM JUNE 1, 1953 TO JUNE 1, 1954:

Per Capita Tax (50% to be earmarked for organization expenses as provided by Section 20, Article 18, G. A. Laws)\$5,300.00

OTHER ESTIMATED INCOME

Conv. Receipts\$ 300.00

Total Estimated Receipts, Fiscal Year of 1953 and 1954\$5,600.00

CONTEMPLATED EXPENDITURES:

(Based upon estimated receipts for June 1, 1953 to June 1, 1954 only, not considering the cash on hand at the beginning of the fiscal year.)

State President's Salary\$ 4.00
 State Secretary's Salary 597.60
 State Treasurer's Salary 50.00
 Printing, Postage, Stationery 250.00
 Telegraph-Telephone Insurance-Bond Premium 250.00
 State Convention Officers and Committees 1,000.00
 Printing State Convention Proceedings 325.00
 Stenographer Services 100.00
 Delegate Expense to Grand Aerie Convention 150.00
 Jr. Past State President's Emblem 84.00
 Flowers 40.00
 Withholding Tax 158.40
 Social Security Tax 12.00
 Pension Fund 40.00

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES (List)

Hyde Park 100.00

ORGANIZATION EXPENSES:

(50% of Per Capita Tax for Organization expenses)

State President's Visitations\$ 750.00
 Official Visits other State Officers 750.00
 State Bulletin 139.00

For Reserve at Least 10% of Total Receipts - See Activity Budget

Total Budget Fiscal Year of 1953 and 1954\$4,800.00

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES LAKE, Aerie No. 514, Chm.
 FRANK L. PECK, 2299
 CLIFFORD L. BROOKINS, 616

Finance Committee
 City of Schenectady, New York

Date: June 28, 1953

Approved by:
 JOHN A. ABEL
 Grand Secretary-Treasurer, F. O. E.

ACTIVITY FUND BUDGET

New York State Aerie, for Period from June 1, 1953 to June 1, 1954
Cash on hand as of this date, June 1, 1953 \$ 576.46

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS FROM JUNE 1, 1953 TO JUNE 1, 1954:

State Activity Fund Receipts\$1,700.00
Total Receipts\$1,700.00

CONTEMPLATED EXPENDITURES:

(Based upon estimated receipts for June 1, 1953 to June 1, 1954, only,
not considering the cash on hand at the beginning of the fiscal year.)

Legal and Legislative Services\$ 680.00
For Reserve at least 10% of Total Receipts 340.00
Membership Promotion 680.00
Total Activity Budget 1953 and 1954\$1,700.00

COMMENTS OF FINANCE COMMITTEE:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Per Capita tax for the fiscal year 1953-1954 be fixed at 30¢ per person of which 10¢ shall be specifically earmarked for the promotional and activities fund, and shall not be used for ordinary and usual expenses of the State Aerie. The amount of Per Capita tax payable to said activities and promotional fund shall not exceed \$100.00 payable by any one Aerie. No contribution shall be required to said fund from any Aerie outside the United States.

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES LAKE, Aerie No. 514, Chm.
FRANK L. PECK, 2299
CLIFFORD L. BROOKINS, 616

Finance Committee
City of Schenectady, N. Y.
Date: June 28, 1953

Brother Lake moved its adoption, same seconded by Spencer, 1266 and carried.

FINAL REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Read by Glaser, 52

Grand Aerie Representatives	5
State Officers	17
Past State Presidents	10
Delegates	147
Alternates	1
Past Worthy Presidents	75

Total credentials issued 147. 278 total votes.

Brother Glaser moved adoption of the report, same seconded by Swanson, 2145 and carried.

State President Wurzer then presented the State Aerie SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD for 1952-53 to Brother Cris Kleeman, Secretary of Oneonta Aerie No. 1260.

REPORT OF ELECTION COMMITTEE

Read by Norman Burke, 52

There were 123 ballots cast. 1 ballot for 3 votes declared void. The tally as follows:

State Outside Guard Alton Corneby	- 129
Arnold Clark	- 112
State Trustees: Edward Madden	- 238
Robert Magnan	- 230
Jack Eggleston	- 211
John DiMaggio	- 180
William Harris	- 169

It was moved by Clark, 2311 that the report be accepted. Motion seconded by Field, 514 and carried.

Brother Seigler, 543 moved that the State Secretary cast one ballot for the uncontested offices. Same seconded by Mitchell and carried. State Secretary Ayers proceeded to cast the ballot for the uncontested Officers for 1953-54.

REPORT OF STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Read by PSP Charles Boyle, 46:

June 28, 1953

To the Officers and Delegates:

It is with pleasure that the Executive Board of the New York State Aerie F. O. E. report at this time that the 1954 - 48th Annual New York State Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles Convention is awarded to Oneonta Aerie No. 1260, Oneonta, New York, subject to completion of the usual Convention agreements.

This decision has been made after thorough deliberation and your Executive Board at this time express the sincere thanks of the New York State Aerie to the Officers and Members of Glens Falls Aerie No. 2486 for its interest and convention bid.

Respectfully submitted

CHARLES F. BOYLE, Chrm.
ALTON CORNEBY, Trustee
CARL BUSHOUER, Trustee
ROCCO M. RICCI, Trustee
ROBERT MAGNAN, Trustee
JOSEPH L. WURZER, S. President
PAUL M. AYERS, St. Secretary

Moved by Boyle same be adopted, seconded by Seigler, 543 and carried.

PRESENTATIONS

January Membership Trophy to Syracuse Aerie No. 053 by Paul M. Ayers
State President's Certificate & Purse to Joseph Wurzer by Charles Boyle
Cancer Fund Citations: Orleans Aerie No. 2424 by Loren Swanson
Rochester Aerie 52 by Loren Swanson
Saratoga Springs 2586 by Loren Swanson
Schenectady 514 by Loren Swanson
Olean 616 by Loren Swanson
Lockport 825 by Loren Swanson

FINAL REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Read by C. Astifan, 782

WHEREAS the Fraternal Order of Eagles has always championed the cause of humanity and recognizes the problems confronting the people generally, and

WHEREAS one of the greatest problems of the present day are the youngsters of our country because of the tempo of present day living, and

WHEREAS our great order has recognized this situation and has started one of the most progressive campaigns to combat this so called Juvenile Delinquency by organizing Junior Order of Eagles for youngsters between the ages of 13 and 18 years of age; and, after attaining the age of 18 years are potential members of the parent aerie, and

WHEREAS these young men at the age of 18 years would be just graduating high school and would find it a hardship in meeting the requirements of joining the parent Aerie, namely, \$10.00 initiation fee and the payment of the first quarterly dues,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the initiation fee be waived for the "JOES" joining the parent aerie (who have been members for at least one year) and the Delegates assembled at this New York State Aerie Convention in the City of Schenectady, N. Y. adopt this resolution, and also that this resolution be presented for adoption at the next National Convention by the representative of the N. Y. State Aerie to the National Convention.

Respectfully submitted

Adopted May 15, 1953

STATEN ISLAND AERIE No. 543, F. O. E.
GODFREY BENEDETTO, W. P.
A. WALL, Sec.

Moved by Bro. Benedetto, 543 that same be adopted, seconded by Mitchell, 1545 and carried.

Read by Bro. Costello, 1117

WHEREAS, The Fraternal Order of Eagles attendance at the New York State Conventions are getting smaller by the year,

WHEREAS, that all members that can show credentials and be in good standing should be admitted to all sessions of the New York State Aerie

WHEREAS, all members should be allowed a voice on all matters of business of the New York State Convention

BE IT RESOLVED, that no member be allowed to vote except a delegate or alternate.

Foregoing resolution ruled out of order as provisions for attendance at State Aerie Sessions are provided for by Grand Aerie Laws and our State By-Laws.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The following duly elected officers of the New York State Aerie for the year 1953-54 were installed by PGWP William Mostyn, assisted by PSP George Green of Gloversville.

JOSEPH WURZER - Rochester 52 Jr. Past State President
LOUIS ASTIFAN - Watertown 782 State President
HAROLD F. CRAWFORD - Fort Hamilton 2621 State Vice-President
KEENE M. BROWN - Ithaca 1253 State Chaplain
PAUL M. AYERS - Lockport 825 State Secretary
LOREN A. SWANSON - Jamestown 2145 State Treasurer
FRANK H. LEWIS - Middletown 544 State Conductor
CHARLES P. EDWARDS - Schenectady 514 State Inside Guard
ALTON CORNEBY - Endicott 2269 State Outside Guard

STATE TRUSTEES

JOSEPH L. WURZER, Jr. PSP Rochester 52
JOHN EGGLESTON Oneonta 1260
EDWARD MADDEN Utica 97
JOHN DiMAGGIO Staten Island 543
ROBERT MAGNAN Montreal 2130

STATE ZONE VICE-PRESIDENTS

VINCENT M. SCHARF Buffalo 46
FRANK LAGONAGRO Elmira 941
ULISSES CANALE Glens Falls 2486
HARRY DIETRICH Tarrytown 1042

The various newly installed State Officers expressed their appreciation of the honors bestowed upon them and pledged every effort to build our New York State Aerie and our Order.

The State Secretary requested a brief but urgent meeting of the State Trustees, State President and State Vice-President immediately following the close of the session.

PGWP William H. Mostyn spoke briefly but fervently regarding the F. O. E., its programs and the need for continuous, increasing effort to build the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Brother Costello, 1117 inquired why the N. Y. State Aerie could not have a Shuffleboard Tourney. Same referred to the State Athletic Committee.

PSP Decker moved the State Aerie contribute \$25.00 to the Gloversville Auxiliary Memorial Team for their expenses putting on the Memorial Service. Same seconded by Lewis, 544 and carried.

There being no further business, the 1953 - 47th Annual Convention of the New York State Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles, adjourned in form at 1:05 p. m. on Sunday, June 28th, 1953.

Respectfully submitted
PAUL M. AYERS,
State Secretary

BY-LAWS OF THE NEW YORK STATE AERIE

ARTICLE 1. MEETINGS

SECTION 1. This State Aerie shall meet subject to written authority of the Grand Worthy President annually at such time and place as may be fixed by the Executive Committee of the State Aerie.

ARTICLE 2. PER CAPITA TAX & VOTES

SECTION 1. Each Subordinate Aerie shall pay an annual per capita tax to the State Aerie in a sum of not less than 20 cents per member per year, the same to be paid in two installments, December 1 and June 1 of each year.

SECTION 2. Each member subordinate aerie which has filed its required reports and paid its per capita tax and all other indebtedness in full, and is otherwise qualified by the laws of the Grand and State Aeries shall be entitled to one vote for each 100 members on whom per capita tax has been paid, or major fraction thereof, on its rolls in December, preceding such Convention.

ARTICLE 3. OFFICERS

SECTION 1. The New York State Aerie shall have among the officers selected as provided in Article 18, Grand Aerie Laws, 4 Zone Vice-Presidents, and five trustees, of whom the retiring Jr. Past State President shall be one, four others to be selected from the State as a whole.

ARTICLE 4. SALARIES AND EXPENSES OF OFFICERS & COMMITTEEMEN

SECTION 1. All serving Officers and Past State Presidents serving as members of any committee appointed pursuant to the provisions of Article 18, Grand Aerie Laws, attending the sessions of the New York State Aerie shall receive \$10.00 per diem plus actual Pullman or rail fare, unless travelling by auto, in which case the travel allowance shall be 5¢ per mile.

SECTION 2. The State President shall receive a salary of \$4.00 per year, payable quarterly. The State Secretary shall receive an annual salary of \$800.00 per year, payable monthly. The State Treasurer shall receive an annual salary of Fifty Dollars, payable quarterly.

SECTION 3. An annual allowance shall be made to the State President and State Secretary for their respective office and travel expense in such amounts as shall be fixed in the State Budget as adopted by the State Aerie, such amounts to be paid upon voucher to be submitted for each item and trip or visitation.

SECTION 4. Deputy State Presidents and State Aerie representatives appointed pursuant to Article 18, Grand Aerie Laws, shall receive the same per diem and travel expenses as State Officers attending conventions, except that on

one day visitations the per diem shall be \$7.50, plus actual hotel bill, not to exceed \$7.50, if necessary to stop or remain overnight.

SECTION 5. Provision is made for a State Aerie Legal Advisor who may be paid a retainer fee, of not in excess of One Hundred Dollars per year, payable quarterly, if provision is so made in the State Budget. The State Legal Advisor is to counsel and advise with State Aerie Officers on matters of legal nature which are of concern to the welfare of the State and Subordinate Aeries. He shall attend the State Aerie Conventions and such other sessions of the State Officers, Executive Committee, Special committees and meetings as may be called lawfully and when his presence is necessary or desirable and he has to be paid the same per diem and travel expense provided for in Sec. 4 preceding.

In event the Legal Advisor is called upon to represent the State Aerie in any legal action or proceeding which requires his appearance or attendance in any court, or to so appear on behalf of any Subordinate Aerie he shall be allowed such legal fee as is commensurate with the services rendered. Such fee to be paid by the State Aerie or Subordinate Aerie, whichever is involved.

ARTICLE 5. REPORTS

SECTION 1. The Secretary of each subordinate aerie shall make a semi-annual report to the State Secretary on such form as may be prescribed in conformity with the laws of the Grand Aerie. Failure of the Secretary to furnish such semi-annual report on or before June 30 or December 31, of each year to the State Secretary will subject the Aerie involved to a fine of \$5.00. Any change in the office of a subordinate aerie Worthy President or Secretary shall be forthwith reported to the State Aerie by such subordinate aerie.

ARTICLE 6. DISTRICTS

SECTION 1. The State Aerie shall be divided into Districts or Zones and they shall be as provided by the Grand Aerie Membership Department.

SECTION 2. The officers or representatives of each District or Zone and their respective duties shall be designated by the Membership Department of the Grand Aerie. They shall function in keeping with the directives of the Grand Aerie Membership Department, the By-laws of this State Aerie and the laws of the order.

ARTICLE 7. COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. In addition to the committees provided by Article 18 of the Grand Aerie Laws, the State Aerie shall have a Nominating committee consisting of not less than FIVE (5) members of the State Aerie. THREE of whom shall be Past State Presidents and the remainder of whom shall be duly qualified Delegates to the convention. They shall be appointed by the State President on or before the opening of the State Convention. They shall report to the convention their recommendations for State office, after which report nominations shall be open from the floor for every State office.

ARTICLE 8. MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 1. Pursuant to the provisions of Sec. 49 (c) of Article 18 of the Grand Aerie Laws, the State Aerie representative to the Grand Aerie Sessions shall receive as his expense and travel allowance such sum as may be fixed in the State budget, in a sum not to exceed Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00).

SECTION 2. The registration fee of delegates to the State Convention shall be not more than \$10.00, the actual registration fee to be fixed by the executive committee at or about the time the convention site is chosen.

SECTION 3. Any violation of these by-laws by any member, officer, delegate or Subordinate Aerie shall constitute a violation of the laws of the order and may be charged, tried and punished in the same manner as a violation of the constitution for subordinate aeries, and in addition thereto, and subordinate aerie may be punished or expelled from the state aerie.

SECTION 4. No amendment, alteration or addition to the By-laws shall take effect unless made in accordance with the requirements of Article 18 of the Grand Aerie Laws.

**ARTICLE 9. EFFECT OF GRAND AERIE CONSTITUTION
AND/OR GRAND AERIE LAWS.**

SECTION 1. If any portion of these By-Laws shall be found to be in conflict with the Grand Aerie Constitution or Grand Aerie Laws or for any other reason invalid, the remaining portion hereof shall not be affected thereby but shall be in full force and effect.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Delegates of the New York State Aerie, in Convention assembled at Schenectady, New York on this 28th day of June 1953, that we hereby adopt the foregoing as the By-Laws of the New York State Aerie and the same shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon their approval by the Grand Secretary-Treasurer.
Original reading (A.M. Saturday, June 27th, 1953.

BY-LAW COMMITTEE and

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

WILLIAM H. MOSTYN
KENNETH DECKER
WALTER HOGAN

Brother Walter Hogan of Aerie No. 1575 moved the adoption of these By-Laws on second reading. Seconded by Vincent Scharf of Buffalo Aerie No. 46. Vote was carried. Adopted this 28th day of June, 1954.

PAUL M. AYERS
State Secretary

LOUIS ASTIFAN
State President

NEW YORK STATE AERIE CONVENTIONS

Year and City

1907—Rochester (Institution)	1930—Elmira
1908—Saratoga Springs	1931—Oswego
1909—Little Falls	1932—Rochester
1910—Rockaway Beach	1933—Lockport
1911—Rochester	1934—Johnstown
1912—Cohoes	1935—Ithaca
1913—Carthage	1936—Olean
1914—Olean	1937—Auburn
1915—Auburn	1938—Watertown
1916—Rochester	1939—Cloversville
1917—Buffalo	1940—Lockport
1918—Geneva	1941—Rochester
1919—Syracuse	1942—New York City
1920—Niagara Falls	1943—Auburn
1921—Saratoga Springs	1944—Batavia
1922—Binghamton	1945—Rochester
1923—Mount Vernon	1946—Middletown
1924—Rockaway Beach	1947—Utica
1925—Niagara Falls	1948—Saratoga Springs
1926—Watertown	1949—Saratoga Springs
1927—Binghamton	1950—Rochester
1928—Syracuse	1951—Rochester
1929—Schenectady	1952—Binghamton
	1953—Schenectady

LIST OF PAST STATE PRESIDENTS

JOSEPH M. SCHERER, Long Island City Aerie No. 1509	1919-1920
JOSEPH M. STRITCHER, Buffalo Aerie No. 46	1923-1924
WILLIAM B. HUTCHINSON, Buffalo Aerie No. 46	1926-1927
WILLIAM H. ALF, Buffalo Aerie No. 46	1931-1932
WALTER E. McGRATH, Bronx Aerie No. 491	1932-1933
ALBERT B. LEONARD, Rochester Aerie No. 52	1933-1934
ERNEST J. MAHONEY, Rochester Aerie No. 52	1934-1935
JOHN P. SAXER, Buffalo Aerie No. 46	1935-1936
JOHN J. SHORTELL, Olean Aerie No. 616	1936-1937
CHARLES G. MARALDO, Staten Island Aerie No. 543	1937-1938
RAYMOND R. BARBER, Ithaca Aerie No. 1253	1938-1939
WILLIAM H. MOSTYN, Rochester Aerie No. 52	1939-1940-1941
R. LESLIE McDERMOTT, Lockport Aerie No. 825	1941-1942
CHARLES J. DOLZEN, Schenectady Aerie No. 514	1942-1943
KENNETH DECKER, Ithaca Aerie No. 1253	1943-1944
HENRY KOHAUT, Yonkers Aerie No. 0473	1944-1945
JOHN R. TAGGERT, Buffalo Aerie No. 46	1945-1946
GEORGE A. GREEN, Gloversville Aerie No. 482	1946-1947
FRANCIS H. BRECHUE, Auburn Aerie No. 96	1947-1948
EDWARD M. KAMAS, Elmira No. 941	1948-1949
PAUL M. AYERS, Lockport No. 825	1949-1950
DONALD MANZER, Utica No. 97	1950-1951
CHARLES F. BOYLE, Buffalo No. 46	1951-1952
JOSEPH L. WURZER, Rochester No. 52	1952-1953
