

Journal of

# PROCEEDINGS

Fiftieth Annual Session of the

## New York State Aerie

## Fraternal Order of Eagles



# 1956

Held at Montreal, Canada

June 28, 29, 30 — July 1st

**STATE OFFICERS — 1956 - 1957**

JUNIOR PAST STATE PRESIDENT \_\_\_\_\_ KEENE M. BROWN  
Ithaca 1253

STATE PRESIDENT \_\_\_\_\_ FRANK LEWIS  
Middletown 544

STATE VICE PRESIDENT \_\_\_\_\_ CHARLES P. EDWARDS  
Schenectady 514

STATE CHAPLAIN \_\_\_\_\_ ALTON CORNEBY  
Endicott 2269

STATE SECRETARY \_\_\_\_\_ ALFRED W. LANE  
New Yorks 0473

STATE TREASURER \_\_\_\_\_ LOREN A. SWANSON  
Jamestown 2145

STATE CONDUCTOR \_\_\_\_\_ ROBERT MAGNAN  
Montreal 2130

STATE INSIDE GUARD \_\_\_\_\_ GEORGE D. SATTLER  
Elmira 941

STATE OUTSIDE GUARD \_\_\_\_\_ KENNETH L. SNYDER  
Binghamton 2119

**STATE TRUSTEES**

Chr. KEENE M. BROWN \_\_\_\_\_ Ithaca 1235

WILLIAM HATZMANN \_\_\_\_\_ Tarrytown 1042

THOMAS PHILPOTT \_\_\_\_\_ Toronto 2311

GAZA SAMOK \_\_\_\_\_ Depew-Lancaster 2692

WILLIS WARBURTON \_\_\_\_\_ Saratoga 2586

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## 1956 STATE CONVENTION

The 1956 New York State Convention opened with the Annual State Officers' Banquet at 6 P.M. Thursday, June 28th which was followed by the State Officers' meeting in the Sheraton Mt. Royal Hotel. Registration of delegates started at seven P.M. at the convention headquarters in the same hotel.

### FIRST SESSION

FRIDAY, JUNE 29, 1956 — 10:35 A.M.

The first session of the Fiftieth Annual Convention of the New York State Aerie was called to Order by New York State President Keene Brown who introduced Fernand Cardinal, Past President of Montreal Aerie and representative for the City of Montreal. Brother Cardinal extended the best wishes of the City government for a most successful convention and informed the delegates assembled that Montreal considered it an extra honor to be host to this the occasion of New York State Aerie's fiftieth anniversary. State President Brown thanked Mr. Cardinal on behalf of the delegates.

State President Brown proceeded to open the convention in the official manner in accordance with the ritual of the F.O.E.

Following the Roll Call of the State Officers, State President Brown called upon Past Grand Worthy President Mostyn who gave the obligation to all members of the State Aerie.

The following Committee Appointments were announced by State President Brown.

<b>AUDITING</b>		<b>GRIEVANCE &amp; APPEALS</b>	
Chr. Aaron Siegler	543	Chr. Robert Watts	825
Herman Cassidy	941	Donald Zimmerman	2145
Sherman Crawford	2621		
<b>BY-LAWS</b>		<b>HYDE PARK MEMORIAL</b>	
Chr. Edward Kamas	941	Chr. Chris Mitchell	1545
Kenneth Decker	1253	Harry Schlessinger	2687
Walter Hogan	1575		
Harold Crawford	2621	<b>JUDICIARY</b>	
<b>CREDENTIALS</b>		Chr. Wm. Mostyn	52
Chr. John C. Powers	1253	Raymond Barber	1253
Frank Lagonegro	941	Charles Boyle	46
Real Major	2130		
Lec Baigne	2130	<b>LEGISLATURE</b>	
<b>ELECTION</b>		Chr. Walter Hogan	1575
Chr. Edward Marcotte	2130	Wayne M. Harris	52
George Myers	7124	Myles Burke	514
Frank Patka	782	Edward Casey	1253
Gazo Samok	2692	Richard Knauf	2119
<b>FINANCE &amp; BUDGET</b>		<b>PUBLICITY</b>	
Chr. Frank Stokes	2311	Chr. Louis Dion	2130
James Black	482	Rocco Briganti	1166
Roy Warden	544	Eddie Costello	1117
		Thomas Philpott	2311

## RESOLUTIONS

Chr. John F. Pelly	543
Fabian Glaser	52
Chris Kleeman	1260
Elbert Linscott	3116

## RITUALS

Chr. Ben LaStella	583
John Kane	2119
Robert Trim	2190

## STATE OF THE ORDER

Chr. Paul Ayers	825
Joseph Wurzer	52
John Taggart	46

## MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

George Sattler	941
Anthony Ruggio	583
Joseph Perry	782

State Secretary Lane was called upon to read the minutes of the previous convention. After the reading started Brother Mostyn, Rochester 52 moved that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with inasmuch as they had been recorded in their entirety in book form, a copy of which had been distributed to all delegates. This was seconded by Brother Edwards, Schenectady 514 and carried.

## FIRST REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Grand Aerie Representatives _____	2
State Officers _____	9
Past State Presidents _____	7
Delegates _____	31
Alternates _____	7
Past Worthy Presidents _____	75
First Total of Credentials Issued _____	129

John C. Powers, 1,253  
Chairman  
Frank Lagonegro, 941  
Real Major, 2130  
Leo Baigne, 2130

A motion was made by George Sattler, Elmira 941, seconded by Herbert Old, Nassau 3128, that the report be accepted as read. Carried.

## REPORT OF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Read by P.G.W.P. William Mostyn, Rochester 52, Chairman:

## RULES OF THE CONVENTION:

1. Credentials for admission: Properly accredited Delegates and Past Worthy Presidents shall obtain their credentials from the proper committee upon presentation of their official receipts showing that they are in good standing in their aerie.

## YOUTH GUIDANCE

### COMMITTEE

Ben LaStalla	583
Carl W. Bushover	1575
Richard Smith	2119

### IN MEMORIAM

John Saxer	46
Sam Carlineo	2299

### DAMON RUNYON

Frank Lewis	544
George Sattler	941

### STATE BOWLING

William Deegan	941
Walter Bulas	941
Ray Womble	1253

### OLD AGE & SOC. SEC.

Wm. Mostyn	52
Leo Rought	2269
Harry Dietrich	1042

2. No person shall be admitted to the main floor unless he is a delegate or a Past Worthy President and he must display his credentials, depositing the daily attendance slip 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 the presentation 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 thirty 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 three minutes each, and seconding speeches to two minutes each.

7. The Election shall convene at its official quarters, Salon I on the 10th floor of the Mount Royal Sheraton Hotel on Saturday, June 10th from 9 A.M. until 12:00 noon. Only Official Ballots to be received. The count shall begin promptly and continue to the completion thereof.

8. Delegates must present their credentials and deposit same in the 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 in triplicate if possible) and delivered to the State Secretary for distribution to 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 29th, 1956

1. Call to order by State President
2. Opening exercises of the Convention
3. Roll Call of State Officers
4. Admission of New Members to the State Aerie and their obligation
5. Announcement of Committee Appointments
6. Report of Committee on Credentials
7. Reading of Minutes of the previous convention
8. Report of Committee on Judiciary
9. Adoption of Rules and Order of Business
10. Reading of Communications
11. Special Order of Business
12. Report of By-Laws Committee
13. Report of Resolutions Committee
14. Report of State President
15. Report of State Secretary
16. Report of State Treasurer
17. Report of the Legislative Committee
18. Report of the Memorial Foundation Committee
19. Report of the Publicity Committee
20. Report from the Legal Advisor
21. Nomination of Officers
22. Announcements
23. Good of the Order
24. Recess

**ORDER OF BUSINESS, SATURDAY, JUNE 30th, 1956**

1. Call to order by the State President
2. Opening Exercises
3. Admission of new members to the State Aerie and their obligation
4. Report of the Youth Guidance Committee
5. Report of Old Age and Social Security Committee
6. Report of the New York State Membership Department
7. Report of Auditing Committee
8. Report of Finance Committee
9. Report of Grievance and Appeals Committee
10. Second report of the Credentials Committee
11. Report of
12. Special Order of Business
13. Report of State Bowling Committee
14. Report of Resolutions Committee
15. Report of State Trustees
16. Report of the In Memoriam Committee
17. Report of all other Official Committees
18. Report of Elections Committee
19. Announcements
20. Good of the Order
21. Recess

**ORDER OF BUSINESS, SUNDAY, JULY 1st, 1956**

1. Call to order by State President at 10 A.M.
2. Opening Exercises
3. Special Order of Business
4. Final reports of various committees
5. Awarding of State President's Gift
6. Installation of Officers — State Aerie and State Auxiliary Joint Installation
7. Remarks of newly installed Officers
8. Good of the Order
9. Adjournment

At the conclusion of the reading of the Order of Business for the Convention Brother Mostyn presented the following resolution:

**WHEREAS:**

At a pre-convention meeting of the officers of the New York State Aerie held on Thursday, April 28, 1956 the question of how the candidates for State Office should be selected was thoroughly discussed and Whereas:

It was unanimous opinion of all those in attendance that a Nominating Committee offered the most democratic procedure that could be put into effect, and Whereas:

A Nominating Committee is appointed by the Grand Worthy President at the Grand Aerie Conventions for this purpose, and Whereas:

It is the consensus of opinion of the State Officers that the delegates of this 50th State Aerie Convention hereby approve the appointment of a Nominating Committee by the State President at this convention and all future conventions for the purpose of selecting candidates for State Office; and it is to be further understood and agreed that further nominations may be made from the floor following the presentation of the Nominating Committee's report.

Brother Mostyn, Rochester 52, moved for the approval of the report and the resolution. This was seconded by Joseph Sanborn, Middletown 544, and carried.

State President Brown announced that the members of the Nominating Committee would be as follows: Harold Crawford, Fort Hamilton 2621, Chairman, Charles Morris, Saratoga 2586, Harry Dietrich, Tarrytown 1042, Paul Ayers, Lockport 825 and Edward Kamas, Elmira 941.

**READING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

State President Brown called upon the State Secretary who presented the following communications:

From Jean Drapeau, Mayor of Montreal, a telegram extending his greetings and best wishes for a successful convention.

From Grand Secretary Watson, a telegram extending his greetings and best wishes.

From Grand Worthy President Maurice Splain, a telegram congratulating New York State Aerie for the work that it had done in the past year and extending his best wishes for a successful convention.

From Grand Aerie Program Chairman, Bob Hansen, congratulations and best wishes.

From Grand Treasurer Charles Guenther, Congratulations and best wishes.

From Michael Hughes of the N. Y. City Convention Bureau extending his greetings and asking that New York City be considered in the selection of the 1957 convention.

From William Dolan, Convention Manager of the New Yorker Hotel, Extending his greetings and asking that Hotel New Yorker be considered as a convention site in the near future.

From Mr. Jerome Cavanaugh, Convention Manager of the Van Curley Hotel in Schenectady extending an invitation to hold the 1957 Convention in the Van Curler.

State Secretary Lane stated that if there was no objection he would refer the communications with reference to the 1957 convention to the Executive Committee and file the remainder. There were no objections.

At this time a request was received from Harold Crawford, Chairman of the Nominating Committee asking that he and his committee be excused as they felt it would be necessary to go into session immediately if they were to be able to present nominations for office at the afternoon session. Brother Mostyn, Rochester 52, asked what the purpose of the meeting would be and if they planned to have representatives of the various candidates appear before them.

State President Brown replied that any brother seeking office would have an opportunity to meet with the committee during the recess period.

State President Brown then presented to the delegates Grand Aerie Representative Carl Depp, Past State President of the State of Pennsylvania who gave a brief but interesting address.

Grand Trustee Al T. Williams, also representing the Grand Aerie was introduced and extended his greetings to the delegates assembled.

## REPORT OF BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Edward Kamas, Elmira 941, Chairman

Chairman Edward Kamas introduced State Legal Advisor Walter Hogan who read the complete list of amendments and proposed changes in the New York State Aerie By-Laws. (Complete text of the changes will be found in the minutes of the third session)

It was moved by Brother Hogan, Fort Johnson 1575, seconded by Alton Corneby 2269, that the changes be tabled for acceptance at tomorrow's session. Carried.

Edouard Marcotte, Montreal 2130, chairman of the Election Committee asked that he be relieved of that position because of the many other duties that he is being required to perform. State President Brown appointed Fernand Cardinal, Montreal 2130, as chairman to replace Brother Marcotte.

## REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

John F. Pelley, Chairman, reported that he had no report to make at this time.

At this time the chair of State President was turned over to Past State President William Alf, Buffalo who called for a report from the State President.

## STATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To the Delegates  
NEW YORK STATE AERIE  
In Convention Assembled  
Montreal, Canada

### MY BROTHERS:

My term comes nearly to a close. Serving you as State President has been a great honor, indeed. I shall always cherish the memories and friendships I have made throughout this great Empire State.

I am happy to report to you that this has been a most successful year. The cooperation of the State Officers has been very helpful. The State Membership Director, Ken Decker, has worked extremely hard with the Aeries and helped us, once again, fill our quota. The Zone and District Directors have cooperated in this achievement and many thanks to them and the Aeries for their contributions, also. Another great help to the success of this year is my good friend and State Secretary, Al Lane who has worked so diligently for the Empire State. Many thanks, Al.

I have traveled many miles and visited many Aeries throughout New York State and Canada. Some Aeries I wanted to visit but I had previous commitments. I hope it will be possible to visit them this year. I want to thank the men and ladies in the Aeries for Mrs. Brown and myself for all the kindness and courtesies extended on these visitations.

The Grand Aeries has been most generous with visitations of the Grand Worthy President and other Grand Aerie officers who made numerous trips to our state and the Canadian Aeries this year.

Due to financial difficulties, the state officers have not met this year as much as I desired and possibly in the near future this situation may be remedied. At a meeting in Middletown last fall, however, we met with the State Auxiliary and made plans for our first joint convention here in Montreal. I am confident that this will be a successful one and may any errors that are made be corrected and be beneficial to the Auxiliary and also the State in carrying out joint conventions in the future.

I am very much impressed and I want to take this opportunity to thank our Canadian Brothers and Sisters for this hospitality. We are most fortunate to have them in the State Aerie.

In conclusion I wish to say that the Fraternal Order of Eagles will continue to grow and prosper as long as we are true to the cardinal principles of Liberty, Truth, Justice, and Equality. Faithfulness to these principles will make all of us better Eagles, better Canadians, and better Americans.

Respectfully submitted,

KEENE M. BROWN

Motion made by Charles Edwards, Schenectady 514, seconded by Chris Mitchell, Ossining 1545, that the report be accepted as read. Carried.

State President Brown reassumes the chair and calls for a report from the State Secretary.

## REPORT OF THE STATE SECRETARY

Looking back over the 12 month period just served as your State Secretary my mind goes back to a number of interesting and enjoyable incidents of that period. The first, and what is believed to be one of the important contributions towards increased interest in State affairs was the establishment of a new State Bulletin known as the New York State Reporter. The purpose of this periodical was to present monthly, important announcements concerning the State as a whole and also interesting news items concerning the local aeries. It was further agreed that each issue would contain a monthly membership report of the progress made by every aerie in the State Jurisdiction. A copy of this report to be send to the Worthy President, Secretary and Membership Chairman of every aerie. Also to the State Officers and the Personnel of the New York State Membership Department. To date ten issues of this publication have been forwarded to all of the units of the State Aerie and it is the consensus of opinion of the State leaders that this new medium will continue to generate interest in Eagle activities particularly in the membership field and can become an outlet for ideas and suggestions that could prove helpful to all aeries concerned.

Important meetings of both the State Aerie Officers and the State Executive Committee were held in Middletown on September 24th and 25th. Highlighting these sessions was the planning for the New York State Aerie and Auxiliary Conventions to be held this year in Montreal. This conclave was unique in the sense that it marked the formation of a closer association between the two State Organizations which will without a doubt give increased strength to the Fraternal Order of Eagles here, in the Empire State.

The standout month on our Eagle calendar was the month of January. 15th was the institution date of a new aerie in Elmont, Long Island, now known as Nassau Aerie No. 3128. 94 names were on the charter list with 72 being initiated on that date. This newest

member of the State Aerie was organized by State Trustee Herbert Old and the Instituting Officer was Past State President Edward Kamas.

During the weekend of January 28th and 29th the State of New York played host to all of the Aeries in the Eastern Section of the Country who attended the Eastern Regional Conference which was held in New York City at the New Yorker Hotel. A number of meetings of the various State Officers' were held on the 28th. The feature attraction of the conference was a class initiation of 138 candidates held on the 29th which included the Honorable Robert Wagner, Mayor of the City of New York. The majority of the Grand Aerie officers were in attendance. It was suggested that this type of meeting be an annual fixture during the month of January on the New York State Calendar.

The last four months of the Fiscal year saw the New York State Bowling Association of the F.O.E. HOLD ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL tournament this year in the city of Elmira. It saw a number of aeries holding their annual anniversary parties with Ithaca and Tonawandas celebrating their 50th birthdays and last but not least the increased activity in the membership field that made possible having the name of New York State being placed on the list of Quota Making Aeries for another 12 months. More detailed reports of this accomplishment can be found in the report of the State Membership Committee.

An overall survey of the past year shows an increase of one new aerie namely Nassau #3128 in Elmont, L. I. It also points out that 4 aeries have had their charters revoked: College Point #2065, New York City #2917 (Yorkville), White Plains #2948 and Albion #2628. The official number of Aeries in the State of New York at the present time is 59. During the past fiscal year we have initiated 1749 new members. Referring to the delinquency situation in the aeries we have to rely on the local aeries for this data. At the present writing there is no complete record. Total number of members in the State according to the Grand Aerie as of December 1st, 20665.

Throughout the year concerted drives have been held for the Damon Runyon Fund, Crusade For Freedom, Memorial Foundation and many other worthwhile charities. There is no complete record available at this time as to the total amount of money donated. The majority of the aeries in the jurisdiction have conducted many social and fraternal prgrams. All in all 1955-1956 could be considered a rather pleasant year.

However along with the pleasant things we do have the sadness. The State of New Lost a true and wonderful friend in the passing of Mrs. Helen Mostyn and an active leader and loyal fraternalist in the sudden death of Past State President Louis Astifan. Along with the above two many more of our members have taken that long journey to the Grand Aerie beyond included also was the Worthy President of Binghamton Aerie Walter Clark. For all of them I am sure that we all offer prayers for the repose of their immortal souls.

Following is a brief report of the financial standing of the State. A complete itemized report will be printed in the State proceedings. Balance as of June 1st, 1955 \$2,091.59. Total receipts for the year \$6,776.72 — Total cash available \$8,868.31. Total Expenditures \$8,108.53., leaving a balance as of June 1st, 1956 of \$759.78. Due to the increased cost of operation we continue to find ourselves in a weak financial condition. To alleviate this financial strain during the coming year a set of constructive plans are being formulated and will be put into operation in the very near future.

In conclusion I wish to thank one and all for the marvelous co-operation and help that I received during the past year. State

President Brown, State Membership Director Decker, State Trustee Swanson, Legal Advisor Hogan, Zone Directors Ayers, Miller, Edwards and La Stella all played a major part in making the job of State Secretary not as difficult as it possibly could have been. My best wishes to everyone and the sincere hope that your stay in Montreal will be so enjoyable that you will remember it with a great deal of pleasure for many, many years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED W. LANE  
State Secretary

A motion was made by Aaron Seigler, Staten Island, seconded by Edward Costello, Washington Heights 1117, that the report be accepted as read. Carried. William Mostyn, Rochester 52, proposed that a rising vote of thanks be given to Brother Lane for his splendid report. This was seconded by Herbert Old 3128 and carried.

### STATE SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL REPORT

JUNE 1st, 1956

#### RECEIPTS:

	November	June	Total
Per Capita Tax from Aeries _____	\$2,511.90	\$2,231.85	\$4,743.75
Memorial Foundation Donations _____	99.71		99.71
Canadian Exchange _____	2.18		2.18
Grand Aerie Refund (Hyde Park Service) _____	308.00		308.00
State Mem. Depart., Expense of State Officer's Meeting _____	336.54	175.00	511.54
State Mem. Dept., Part payment of State Bulletin _____	25.00	50.00	75.00
'55 Conv. Credential Committee _____	282.00		282.00
Elmira Convention Committee _____	412.01	82.50	494.51
Check 489 Refund _____		81.00	81.00
W. Hogan, Postal Refund _____		7.93	7.93
State Bowling Ass'n. Refund _____		171.10	171.10
	<u>\$3,977.34</u>	<u>\$2,774.38</u>	<u>\$6,776.72</u>
Balance June 1st, 1955 _____			<u>\$2,091.59</u>
Total Cash Available _____			<u>\$8,868.31</u>

#### EXPENDITURES:

	November	June	Total
Sal. of State Sec. (Hogan-June) — \$	65.33	\$	\$ 65.33
Sal. of State Sec. (Lane) _____	196.00	392.00	588.00
Sal. of State Treasurer _____	50.00	25.00	75.00
Sal. of Legal Advisor _____	25.00	50.00	75.00
Expenses Officers to State Conv. _____	940.52	81.00	1,021.52
Memorial Foundation Donation _____	99.71		99.71
Office Supplies _____	25.48	22.53	48.01
Stationery, Postage, Printing _____	163.52	104.95	267.46
State President's Visits (Crawford) _____	72.50		72.50
State President's Visits (Brown) _____	247.00	601.23	848.23
Other Visitations _____	1,107.15	1,323.72	2,430.87
Social Security Tax _____	16.00	16.00	32.00
Telephone and Telegrams _____	94.73	168.73	263.46
Misc. Convention Expenses _____	344.15	165.00	499.15
Civic Service Plaque and Awards _____	50.00		50.00
Hyde Park Ceremony _____	408.00		408.00

<b>EXPENDITURES (Continued)</b>	November	June	Totals
Addressograph Plates _____	18.80		18.80
Mimeographing State Bulletin _____	55.95	117.45	173.40
State Bowling Ass'n. Meeting _____	171.10		171.10
Grand Aerie Supplies _____	49.74		49.74
State Ad in Nat'l. Conv. Journal _____	140.00		140.00
Trans. Sec'y reports and Inventory _____	152.20		152.20
Flowers _____	10.95		10.95
State President's Sal. (1st Half) _____		2.00	2.00
Bond Premium _____		12.50	12.50
State Bowling Trophy _____		25.00	25.00
Printing 1954 Proceedings (Oneonta) _____		467.60	467.00
Ad in State Aerie Program _____	40.00		40.00
	<u>\$4,533.83</u>	<u>\$3,574.70</u>	<u>\$8,108.53</u>

**RECAPITULATION:**

Balance as of June 1st, 1955 _____		\$2,091.59
Total receipts _____		\$6,776.72
<b>Total Cash Available _____</b>		<b>\$8,868.31</b>
Total Expenditures _____		\$8,108.53
<b>Balance as of June 1st, 1956 _____</b>		<b>\$ 759.78</b>

**STATE TREASURER'S REPORT**

To the Officers and Delegates Assembled,  
1956 Annual meeting,  
Montreal, Canada.

Brothers:

I give you the annual report of the State Treasurer according to my books as of May 31st, 1956.

Balance on hand May 1st, 1955 _____	\$1,198.44
Receipts for the year _____	7,727.83
<b>First total _____</b>	<b>8,926.27</b>
Less expenditures for the year _____	8,166.49
Balance on hand in the checking account of the _____	
<b>First National Bank of Jamestown, N. Y. _____</b>	<b>\$ 759.78</b>

Respectfully submitted,

LOREN A. SWANSON  
Treasurer  
Fraternal Order of Eagles  
New York State Aerie

Motion was made by Robert Humphreys, Toronto 2311, seconded by Rocco Briganti, Port Chester 1166, that the report be accepted as read. Carried.

George Sattler, Elmira 941, Chairman of the Memorial Foundation Committee informed State President Brown that a complete report would be given on the following day.

Fernand Cardinal, speaking for the Publicity Committee informed the State President that no report was available at this time.

A recess was called at 11:55 by State President Brown, with the statement that the convention would re-convene at 2:00 P.M.

**SECOND SESSION**

Friday, June 29, 1956 — 2:35 P.M.

The second session of the 50th Annual Convention of the New York State Aerie was called to order at 2:35 by State President Kenne Brown.

The following brothers were appointed as committeemen by State President Brown: Joseph Perry, Watertown 782 — Election Committee. Conrad Waag, Long Island City Aerie 1509 — Ritual Committee.  
JOSEPH SANDBORN  
Middletown 544  
Ritual Committee

**REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

HAROLD CRAWFORD, Fort Hamilton 2621, Chairman. I would like to report that the State Nominating Committee has been in session since this morning and after careful consideration would like to endorse the names of the following brothers for office:

State President, Frank Lewis of Middletown 544  
State Vice President, Charles P. Edwards of Schenectady 514  
State Chaplain, Fabian Glaser of Rochester 52  
State Secretary, Alfred W. Lane of New York 0473  
State Treasurer, Loren Swanson of Jamestown 2145  
State Conductor, Robert Magnan of Montreal 2130  
State Inside Guard, George Sattler of Elmira 941  
State Outside Guard, Kenneth Snyder of Binghamton 2119  
State Trustees: William Hatzman of Tarrytown 1042  
Thomas Philpott of Toronto 2311  
Gazo Samok of Depew 2692  
Willis Warburton of Saratoga 2586

At this time I would like to place in nomination the names of those brothers who were just read off.

Nominations were then requested for all offices with the following additional nominations being made:

For State Chaplain: Brother Corneby, Endicott 2269, nominated by Loren Swanson, Jamestown 2145. For State Chaplain: Herbert Old, Nassau 3128, nominated by Fred Ritchie, Fort Hamilton 2621. For State Chaplain: Clarence Johannes, Fort Johnson 1575, nominated by Carl Bushouer, Fort Johnson 1575. For State Trustee: Vincent Scharf, Buffalo 46, nominated by John Saxer, Buffalo 46. The nominations were then declared closed. State President Brown thanked the Nominating Committee for their work and instructed the Election Committee to make those preparations that were necessary for the conducting of an election.

**REPORT OF RESOLUTION COMMITTEE**

Chairman John F. Pelley, Staten Island 543, reported that he had one resolution with the expectation of receiving a few more and that the committee would make a complete report at the Saturday session.

**REPORT OF THE RITUAL COMMITTEE**

Ben La Stella, Flushing 583, Chairman, reported that his committee would like to see all of the ritualistic teams regarding arrangements for the competition. He further announced for the benefit of any team that had arrived late that they would be able to enter competition Friday evening if they so desired. Further competition would be held Saturday afternoon.



State President Brown introduced at this time Grand Trustee Al T. Williams from the State of Pennsylvania who gave a very interesting and informative address.

### REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Read by Walter J. Hogan.

Worthy State, President, Delegates and members of the State Aerie:

Pursuant to our By-Laws, President Keene M. Brown appointed shortly after taking office the following Legislative Committee:

Wayne M. Harris — Rochester 52  
Myles Burke — Schenectady 514  
Edward J. Casey — Ithaca 1253  
Richard Knauf — Binghamton 2119

Each of them wrote to me acknowledging their appointment and offering their cooperation in any way possible.

The Legislative Committee has had in the past two main duties. One has been to act as a watch dog of all legislation introduced in the State Legislature which might adversely affect Local Aeries.

In this respect your Chairman regularly scrutinized the Legislative Digest of bills introduced. There were approximately 3,000 of these, and I am happy to report that no adverse legislation was introduced except in a few occasions and those bills were referred to committee where they remained and died.

The second function of the Legislative Committee is to urge humanitarian and progressive legislation in line with the principles of our Order. This is a continuing process and very little can be done in any one year because the Committee has no budget which will enable it to actively contact State Legislators by mail and otherwise, or to meet regularly to formulate practical programs and keep abreast of progress.

In this respect, however, the Chairman of your Committee was active informally on behalf of 18 year old voting and education of mentally retarded children.

In the continuing fight for mentally retarded children some progress has been made, but the matter is one that the State Legislature is reluctant to undertake on any serious financial basis. The general feeling seems to be that the general overhaul education program in the State requires more funds than the State is able to appropriate without taking on new and additional obligations. It is felt, however, that as time goes on this obligation must be met and it is hoped that the Legislative Committee for the coming year will continue agitation for a definite program and appropriate the necessary funds. In another respect, however, your Committee feels that it has been useful in continuing agitation for more adequate Workmen's Compensation coverage.

At the present time injured employees receive less in weekly funds than they receive under our sickness and disability insurance programs and very little more than those covered by unemployment insurance.

At the same time, cost of Workmen's Compensation is so high as to discourage outside industry.

Under Governor Dewey a Moreland Act Commission was established to study Workmen's Compensation Administration and cost.

This Committee was continued by Governor Harriman. During the past year your Legislature Committee Chairman has been in constant touch with this Commission particularly through Frederick A. Partyka, Esq., its associate counsel for Upstate. Conferences have been had. The attitude of the Fraternal Order of Eagles has been made known to the Commission and it is hoped that worthwhile recommendations have been made which will result with both higher compensation to injured employees without increased cost to employers.

While this work does not receive publicity, it is almost certain that much good can and is being done. In the opinion of your Chairman, there is little use of establishing a program and then forgetting it. Increased cost of living has made our present Workmen's Compensation Act almost useless in maintaining a family of an injured worker, and a large amount of money is now being spent by public relief agencies in the State to supplement Workmen's Compensation. Programs have been suggested to the Commission and the Commission is considering a suggestion of your Chairman and study of the relief moneys now being spent to supplement Workmen's Compensation. It is felt that if this money were set aside in a separate fund and considered supplemental compensation rather than public relief, great benefit would result and the morals of injured employees and their families greatly increased.

There is no reason why an injured employee and his family should be degraded and humiliated by being placed on the public relief rolls of his County or Town by reason of injury.

It is recommended that the Legislative Committee for the coming year continue its association and cooperation with the Moreland Act Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER J. HOGAN  
Chairman  
Legislative Committee

Motion made by Charles Edwards, Schenectady 514, seconded by Clarence Johannes, Fort Johnson 1575, that the report be accepted as read. Carried.

### REPORT OF STATE LEGAL ADVISOR

Read by Walter J. Hogan.

Worthy State President and my Brothers:

At your last State Convention in Elmira my appointment as Sate Aerie Legal Advisor was announced by President Brown, and during the past year I have endeavored to fulfill the requests made of me. I am happy to say that they have been few in number. It would appear, therefore, that affairs generally of our Local Aeries in the State are in better shape than they have been for years.

I did, however, make one trip to Buffalo Aerie at the request of your State President. The situation, among other things, involved the re-financing of a mortgage. After meeting with the Officers of the Club involved and discussing the situation generally, recommendations were made which I understand were acceptable to the parties.

I was also asked to intervene in a misunderstanding between another Local Aerie and the Telephone Company concerning the pay-

ment of a long past due bill which none of the current officers appeared to be familiar.

This type of work is one which is primarily of Local officers at the time they are in office and there is little if anything a Legal Advisor can do providing the bill is owing. It hardly seems necessary to point out that not only should strict attention be paid to the use of a telephone particularly in the matter of long distance calls, but that the bills themselves should be carefully scrutinized from month to month and the fiscal officers kept informed. This matter is still pending and the question of liability is still undetermined.

In addition to the above duties, your State Legal Advisor has met with the By-Laws Committee and as Chairman of the Legislative Committee has participated in a number of matters which will be more fully covered in the reports of the By-Laws Committee and the Legislative Committee.

In closing, I would like to express my appreciation for the fine cooperation and harmony which has existed between your State Legal Advisor, State President Brown, State Secretary Al Lane, Ed. Kamas of the By-Laws Committee and the members of his own Legislative Committee, and am grateful of the opportunity to have been of service to the New York State Aerie and the Local Aeries during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER J. HOGAN

Motion made by Brother Sanborn, Empire Aerie 544, seconded by Chris Kleeman, Oneonta Aerie 1260, that the report be accepted as read. Carried.

#### REPORT OF PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Louis Dion, Montreal 2130, reported on publicity and stated that press releases had been forwarded to both French and English newspapers. News items have already appeared in three French newspapers. Brother Dion further stated that another report will be presented at tomorrow's session.

Brother Fred Ritchie, Fort Hamilton 2621, spoke at length on Eagles' Day to be held at Ebbets Field on September 9th. He further informed the delegates that State Secretary Lane and Past President Crawford would appear on television during the month of August from that location and in conjunction with this event.

A suggestion was made by Brother Clarence Johannes, Fort Johnson 1575, that the delegates consider the raising of the State Per Capita Tax to forty cents annually. State President Brown advised Brother Johannes to refer this matter to the State Budget and Finance Committee.

State Secretary Lane explained to the delegates that in voting for the office of State Trustee you must vote for four candidates or your ballot will be declared void.

Brother Louis Dion, Montreal 2130, spoke on the changing of the Death Scene Transparency now in use to the one used in years gone by. State President Brown instructed Brother Dion to submit his request in a resolution form and it would be voted upon by the State Aerie for its approval and if necessary forwarded to the Grand Aerie Convention in Pittsburgh for the approval of the delegates assembled there.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 P.M. to reconvene tomorrow morning at 9 A.M.

### THIRD SESSION

Saturday, June 30th, 1956 — 10:00 A.M.

The third session of the 50th Annual Convention of the New York State Aerie was called to order by State President Brown.

New members were admitted to the State Aerie and all present were given the obligation by Past State President Harold Crawford.

#### REPORT OF THE YOUTH GUIDANCE COMMITTEE

Ben La Stella, Flushing 543, Chairman.

The report of your Youth Guidance Committee is such that we feel much has been accomplished this past year in favor of the youth of not only our individual communities but also in the State and National fields.

We have taken advantage of the offers made by the Youth Guidance Council of the Grand Aerie by the distribution of the ten commandments scrolls. We have also promoted youth activities in the aeries from which we realized new members and young blood.

We of the committee feel that this type of activity means the future of our Order and we should use every effort to assure the continuance of this program.

Respectively submitted,

Ben La Stella, Flushing, 583, Chairman  
Carl Bushouer, Fort Johnson, 1575  
Richard Smith, Binghamton, 2119

Brother La Stella moved the adoption of the report. It was seconded by Edward Costello, Washington Heights, 1117 and carried.

#### SECOND REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

John C. Powers, Ithaca 1252, Chairman: Following is the second report of the Credential Committee:

Grand Aerie Representatives _____	3
State Officers _____	9
Past State Presidents _____	7
Delegates _____	41
Alternates _____	7
Past Worthy Presidents _____	92
Total number of credentials issued _____	156

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Powers, Ithaca 1253, Chairman  
Frank Lagonegro, Elmira 941  
Real Major, Montreal 2130  
Leo Baigne, Montreal 2130

A motion was presented by Chris Kleeman, Oneonta, 1260, seconded by James Flanagan, Rochester 52, that the report be accepted as read. Carried.

### READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

State President Brown called upon State Secretary Lane who announced that an item of interest had been received from Zone Director Paul Ayers with regard to Depew Aerie making its yearly quota during the month of June. Brother Lane stated that in view of the fact that no issue of the State Bulletin would be printed during July and August he would see to it that this item would receive the proper publicity.

Secretary Lane also read a report from Robert Hansen, Chairman of the Grand Aerie Program Committee which was in reference to the Damon Runyon Cancer Fund campaign for the State of New York. Brother Lane informed the delegates that this report was in error and not complete. State President Brown informed the delegate that this had been brought to his attention and that he had appointed Brothers Frank Lewis, Middletown 544 and George Sattler, Elmira 941, to make a check, as best as they could, at this convention to determine if possible the amount donated to the Damon Runyon Cancer Fund by the New York State Aeries. State President Brown then called upon Brother Lewis for the report.

### REPORT OF THE DAMON RUNYON CANCER FUND COMMITTEE

Frank Lewis, Middletown, 544, Chairman.

In our hurried survey of the 59 aeries in the State present at this convention we found that all of the aeries co-operated in a number of different ways. Some of the aeries reported to Walter Winchell direct — some to the Grand Aerie and others to their local chairman. It is suggested and recommended by this committee that in the future all contributions be listed with the State Secretary so that the State will get the proper credit and that the chairman of this committee will be able to present a correct and complete report to the delegates at the State Convention. Our partial survey conducted at this convention and which is incomplete shows that the sum of \$1,650.00 was raised and turned over to the Damon Runyon Cancer Fund by the aeries and auxiliaries of the State in the name of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Lewis, Middletown 544

George Sattler, Elmira 941

Co-Chairmen

It was moved by Edward Costello, Washington Heights 1117, and seconded by Joseph Sanborn, Middletown 544, that the report be accepted as read. Carried.

### REPORT OF THE NEW YORK STATE BOWLING COMMITTEE

William Deegan, Elmira 941, Chairman, presented the following financial report:

#### RECEIPTS OF 1956 TOURNEY

Balance from 1955	\$ 324.82
Auburn Aerie #96	198.30
Corning Aerie #2299	108.40
Corning Aerie #2299	34.20
Endicott Aerie #2269	58.50
Watertown Aerie #782	127.00
Dunkirk Aerie #2447	71.30
Depew Aerie #2692	450.30
Depew Aerie #2692	2.00
Rochester Aerie #52	982.60
Rochester Aerie #52	5.00
Schenectady Aerie #514	617.40
Elmira Aerie #941	195.00
Elmira Aerie #941	334.40
Jamestown Aerie #2145	9.30
Jamestown Aerie #2145	391.20
Cortland Aerie #2191	93.60
Norwich Aerie #1043	71.30
Buffalo Aerie #46	71.30
Olean Aerie #616	129.90
Medina Aerie #2424	71.30
Johnstown Aerie #1575	127.00
Johnstown Aerie #1575	127.00
Lockport Aerie #825	472.80
Ithaca Aerie #1253	942.70
Oneonta Aerie #1260	273.50
Binghamton Aerie #2118	72.30
Watkins Glen Aerie #2590	71.30
Johnstown Aerie #1575	71.30
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	\$6,505.02

101 5 Man Teams  
242 Doubles  
474 Singles  
454 All Events

#### REPORT OF F.O.E. STATE BOWLING ASSOCIATION

##### RECEIPTS:

Balance 3/1/56	\$ 324.82
1956 Tourney Receipts	6,180.20
Cash Available	6,505.02

##### EXPENDITURES:

Overpayment of entry fee	
Binghamton	\$ 1.00
Oneonta	19.50
Expenses of meeting in Elmira 11/6/55	171.10
Prizes	3,380.00
Bowling Fees	1,755.60
Assistant Secretary Salary	25.00
Tourney Secretary Salary	329.17

Scorekeepers _____	219.45
Issuing Checks _____	15.00
Expenses of meeting in Elmira 6/3/56 —	196.68

Total Expenses _____	6,112.50
Balance 6/19/56 _____	\$ 392.52

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM DEEGAN  
Chairman  
WALTER BULAS  
TEX WOMBLE

It was moved by Chris Kleeman, Oneonta 1260, and seconded by Kenneth Snyder, Binghamton 2119, that the report be adopted as read. Carried.

Brother Deegan, Chairman of the State Bowling Committee presented the State Bowling Trophy to Samuel Carlino, Worthy President of Corning Aerie #2299 who accepted it in behalf of his aerie, who were the winners in the Five Man Team Competition in the New York State Bowling Association, F.O.E tournament which was held in Elmira, N. Y.

At this time State President Brown introduced Past Worthy Grand President Robert Hansen and Grand Worthy President Maurice Splain to the delegates and had the two distinguished guests escorted to the rostrum.

#### REPORT OF THE NEW YORK STATE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Kenneth Decker, Ithaca, 1253, Chairman:

#### REPORT OF THE STATE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

My Brothers:

Your State Officers, your State Secretary and myself have agreed that our reports should be brief. The compiling and printing of the minutes and procedure of our State Convention has become one of our major expenses and must be curtailed. With this thought in mind I submit for your consideration the following.

The number of new members reported for the year 1955-56 was not outstanding 1749, this exceeded our State Quota by about 40 new members but was 600 shy of 1954-55.

My letter of June 1, 1956, to all Aeries gave what I believe was the reason for our slowing up. Namely, failure to produce for the first six months of our fiscal year especially during June, July and August.

We broke all records from January on. We should all take note of this and do everything possible not to let the first half of our year slip by us again.

The class a month idea is the best answer. If every Aerie reported some new members each month 50% of our Aeries would fill their quota automatically and the other 50% would have a good start. The goose eggs would be eliminated. At this time I am happy to say that the zeros were kept at a minimum with only six Aeries reporting no new members. In 1954-55 thirteen Aeries ended up in the zero column.

29 Aeries filled their quota, 3 doubled, 5 tripled, Montreal #2130, was one of the later tripling a quota of 60 for a grand report of 205.

Monthly membership gains were as follows June 71, July 39, August 32, Sept. 145, Oct. 151, Nov. 185, Dec. 42, January 450, February 181, March 89, April 117, and May 247.

We were in the Big-Ten four times and received honorable mention four times also.

Our annual January drive produced us 450 new members and sixth spot in the Big-Ten. The Michael T. Gaffney membership cup went to Montreal #2130 for the most members reported and the Paul M. Meyers cup to Poughkeepsie #2687 for largest percentage gain.

Your State Membership Department continued throughout the year to set up membership contests and prizes. Every Zone participated in these campaigns and the prize money was well distributed.

The Zone and District Directors were the work horses and direct connection for this office with the local Aeries. They all did an excellent job. This office also called upon the State Officers many times for speakers and assistance. The response was always gladly and wholeheartedly. Grand Worthy President Maurice Splain, Jr. and all his Grand Aerie staff was always at our disposal and gave us a world of help.

I would like to name and thank every member personally for the many courtesies, the help and the cooperation extended me and my staff, but in the spirit of brevity let me say to you all "Brothers, thanks a million".

KENNETH B. DECKER

New York State Aerie  
Membership Director

#### NEW YORK STATE MEMBERSHIP FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1955-56

Balance — Audit — June 20, 1955 _____	\$1,149.91
Deposits	
June 21 _____	462.00
July 15 _____	142.00
August 15 _____	78.00
September 19 _____	64.00
October 28 _____	290.00
November 28 _____	302.00
December 19 _____	370.00
January 20 _____	84.00
February 15 _____	712.00
March 16 _____	362.00
May 22 _____	412.00

Balance and Deposits — June 20, 1956 _____	\$4,427.91
Disbursements _____	3,739.43

Balance — June 20, 1956 _____	\$ 688.45
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#### GENERAL BREAKDOWN

Zone — District Directors _____	\$ 874.50
Prizes — Promotion _____	654.26
State Aerie _____	1,061.54
Membership Director — Transportation _____	226.00
Membership Director — Per diem _____	468.00
Printing _____	108.10
Postage _____	35.76
Telephone _____	179.90
Miscellaneous — Office, Flowers, etc. _____	131.37

\$3,739.43

It was moved by Edward Costello, Washington Heights, 1117, and seconded by Frank Lewis, Middletown 544, that the report be adopted as read and that a rising vote of thanks be given the chairman of this committee for his excellent report. Carried.

### REPORT OF HYDE PARK MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

This report was read by Ben La Stella, Flushing 583, at the request of the committee chairman Chris Mitchell, Ossining 1545:

The Fraternal Order of Eagles, on Sunday, August 14, 1955, made its annual pilgrimage to Hyde Park, New York, to pay tribute to our late President and Brother, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and to also commemorate the Twentieth Anniversary of the signing of the Social Security, of which the Order was its chief sponsor.

The committee was composed of C. Mitchell of Ossining and H. Schlesinger of Poughkeepsie, Co-Chairman; T. Ryerson of Tarrytown; B. LaStella of Flushing; H. Matthews of Staten Island; L. Kalibash of Poughkeepsie; H. Olds of Fort Hamilton, and F. Perry of Ossining, who acted as Secretary of the Committee.

Representing the Grand Aeries were A. Ehrmann, Editor of the Eagle Magazine and Mrs. Ella Maraldo, Madam Grand Trustee. Representing the New York State Aeries were State President Keene Brown and Madam State President Ann Tompkins, and State Secretary A. W. Lane, who also acted as Master of Ceremonies. Also present were Alderman Walter Van Tyne, and Commander F. Crispi of the American Legion, of the City of Poughkeepsie. Many of the Aeries in lower New York State were represented.

The program was started at 2:30 p.m. with a welcome address by H. Schlesinger of Poughkeepsie. The Rev. Leslie Schaumann of Ossining Aerie gave the invocation and also prayers at the gravesite. A copy of the program presented at Hyde Park is enclosed.

The Memorial Service was held outside the gravesite and was under the direction of Mrs. Ann Tompkins of Ossining and conducted by the Ladies Auxiliary of Ossining Aerie No. 1545, consisting of Mrs. Ruth Smallhorn, President; Mrs. Ann Tompkins, Junior Past President; Mrs. Dorothy O'Brien, Vice President; Miss Gertrude Chamberlain, Chaplain; and Miss Clara Landgraf, Conductress. Assisting as Guards were Mrs. Gertrude Perry; Mrs. Catherine Reynolds; Mrs. Edith Carpenter; Mrs. Gladys Lobus; Mrs. Catherine Gilleran; Mrs. Alberda Lobus; Mrs. Lois Carney and Mrs. Alice Brady. Acting as posts were Mrs. Ellen Francis; Mrs. Mae Piccirilli, Mrs. Louise D'Amico, and Mrs. Ann Willamghiemer. Lafayette Post No. 34, American Legion, Poughkeepsie, served as Color Guard. Following the Memorial Service, the Color Guard and members of the Degree Team marched into the gravesite, where appropriate services and placing of the wreath on the grave were held. An Honor Guard of the various Aeries present escorted the Degree Team from the gravesite.

Harold Matthews of Staten Island was soloist during the services, accompanied by John Serni, accordionist.

Amplifying system and loud speakers were placed around the ground. Over 1,400 copies of the program were distributed to Aerie members and visitors. Motion pictures were taken of the affair, which will be available to the Grand Aerie, State Aerie and any other Aerie who may wish to show them. Photographs were also taken of various scenes.

The expenses incurred are as follows:

Flowers _____	30.00
Loud speaking system _____	50.00
Photographs _____	20.00
Bus transportation _____	75.00
Printing _____	23.00
Stamps _____	10.00
Telephone _____	5.00
Telegrams _____	10.00
Moving pictures _____	30.00
Accordionist _____	10.00
Soloist _____	15.00
Refreshments _____	130.00
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	\$408.00

Letters were sent to all New York State Aeries and Auxiliaries and to other Aeries in New Jersey, Connecticut, and Massachusetts, as well as Grand Aerie and New York State officers.

The personnel and guards at Hyde Park were very cooperative and did everything possible to make the affair a success.

Many complimentary remarks were heard as to manner and impressiveness of the affair.

Pougkeepsie Aerie was host to approximately 300 guests after the ceremonies.

Respectfully submitted,

CHRIS MITCHELL  
Chairman

HARRY SCHLESINGER  
Poughkeepsie 2687

It was moved by Brother La Stella and seconded by Joseph Wurzer, Rochester 52 that the report be accepted as read. Carried.

### REPORT OF THE STATE AUDITING COMMITTEE

Aaron Seigler, Staten Island 543, Chairman:

To the Delegates assembled at The 50th Annual Convention of the New State Aerie:

We the undersigned have audited the books of the Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Director.

We checked all items of receipts and expenditures and found all entries to be correct. We also found that the Secretary issued miscellaneous receipts for all monies received.

Bank balance reconciled with bank statement and found to be in order and same agreed with Secretary's and Treasurer's Cash Books.

In checking expenditures we found the following items exceeded the amounts set in the budget: stenographic service budgetted at \$150.00 actually amounted to \$499.15, other visitations budgetted at \$800.00 actually amount spent — \$2,430.87.

We feel we should call these items to your attention so that responsible officers can in the future be guided accordingly.

All other items of estimated expenditures were kept very close to the limit set in the budget.

Respectfully submitted,

AARON SIEGLER  
Chairman, S. I. 143  
HERMAN E. CASSIDY  
Elmira 951  
SHERMAN T. CRAWFORD  
Ft. Hamilton 2621

It was moved by Rocco Briganti, Port Chester 1166, and seconded by Edward Costello, Washington Heights 1117, that the report be adopted as read. On the question State Secretary Lane agreed with the findings of the committee and explained briefly the reasons for the exceeding of different amounts set by the State Finance Committee.

He further stated that future plans included ways and means to eliminate the exceeding of future budgets. The motion as presented was approved.

#### REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

##### RESOLUTION No. 1

Read by Frank Pelley 543: This resolution was proposed by Flushing Aerie No. 583.

WHEREAS the problem of juvenile delinquency has reached a serious level both in urban and country localities, and

WHEREAS it is essential that the Fraternal Order of Eagles support all community efforts to solve this social evil, and

WHEREAS the Eagle appointed to serve as chairman of the Youth Guidance Committee must have the necessary qualifications to do an effective job such as experience, association with community and governmental agencies, and an enthusiastic interest in youth activities and prevention of juvenile delinquency, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the officers and members of Flushing Aerie 583, respectfully request that the newly elected Worthy President for 1956-1957 of the New York State Fraternal Order of Eagles appoint Dr. Jack Smith, Past Worthy President of Flushing Aerie, as Chairman of the N. Y. State Youth Guidance Committee because of his qualifications, and

BE IT RESOLVED furthermore that the New York State Fraternal Order of Eagles, its officers and members of subordinate aeries assume the leadership and support the Youth Guidance Committee in an all out drive to eliminate juvenile delinquency and promote juvenile decency.

It was moved by Brother Pelley that this be adopted, it was seconded by Kenneth Decker, Ithaca 1253, and carried.

##### RESOLUTION No. 2

Read by Chris Kleeman, Oneonta 1260: This resolution was proposed by Montreal Aerie 2130.

To the Delegates, 50th Annual New York State Convention.

WHEREAS: The ritual of the Fraternal Order of Eagles has always been considered, one, of outstanding and impressive nature, and

WHEREAS: That section of the ritual exemplified, during the ceremony of initiation, has always been an excellent introduction to the cardinal principles, upon which, our great Order was founded, and

WHEREAS: The transparency now being used during the "Death Scene" lecture on equality is very modernistic, however it does not fulfill the impressive idea of equality as strongly as the one previously used which pictured a mortuary parlor.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the transparency depicting the hand of death at the present time be replaced and that we revert back to the older but much more impressive scene of the mortuary parlor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that an endorsed copy of this resolution be sent to the Grand Aerie Secretary for presentation to the 1956 Grand Aerie Convention.

Signed:

LOUIS DION  
P.W.P. Montreal 2130  
REAL MAJOR  
P.W.P. Montreal 2130

It was moved by Brother Kleeman that this be adopted. It was seconded by Rocco Briganti, Port Chester 1166 and carried.

#### REPORT OF GRIEVANCE AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

Robert Watts, Lockport, 825, Chairman:

We as members of your Grievance 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 that 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,  
ROBERT WATTS  
Chairman

#### REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

Brother George Sattler, Chairman informed the delegates at this time that he and his committee were to take up a collection for the Memorial Foundation and a complete report would be presented at the Sunday Session.

State President Brown introduced Grand Worthy President Maurice Splain who delivered a most interesting and informative address concerning the progress made by the Order during the last twelve months.

#### SECOND REPORT OF THE BY-LAW COMMITTEE

Harold Crawford, Fort Hamilton 2621, read the complete list of amendments and proposed changes in the New York State By-Laws for the second time. They are as follows:

**PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE BY-LAWS  
OF**

**NEW YORK STATE AERIE, FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES**

AMEND SECTION 2.6 BY ADDING AT THE END THEREOF THE FOLLOWING:

Such secret ballot shall be issued by the Credentials Committee. They shall be issued only to named qualified delegates and Past Worthy Presidents, State Officers and Past State Presidents who are actually registered at the Convention. No delegate shall be entitled to cast more votes than appears on the roster of qualified delegates as submitted by the Secretary of the Local Aerie to the State Secretary and the Credentials Committee.

AMEND SECTION 3.2 TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

The five trustees shall consist of four elected members and the Junior Past Worthy President, who shall serve as the fifth member and who shall by virtue of his office be Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

AMEND SECTION 3.9 BY ADDING AT THE END THEREOF THE FOLLOWING:

It shall be further be the duty of the State Secretary to act as a member of the Board of Directors of the New York State Bowling Association. He shall also as State Secretary receive from the State Bowling Association Tourney Secretary all funds of the New York State Bowling Association and deposit the same in the bank or banks designated by the Directors of the New York State Bowling Association. He shall countersign all checks or withdrawal orders on said account which are presented to him by the Bowling Tournament Secretary and which are in accordance with the Statues and By-Laws of the New York State Aerie Bowling Association.

AMEND SECTION 3.13 (a) TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

The State President shall act as Chairman of the Executive Committee. As such Chairman, he shall have no greater powers than those vested in him while jointly and collectively acting with his associates on the Committee. He shall preside at all regular and special meetings of the Committee except that in his absence for any reason or inability to serve as Chairman, the President of the Board of Trustees shall act in his place.

AMEND SECTION 3.13 (b) TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

The Chairman of the Executive Committee shall take or cause one of the members of the Committee to take an annual inventory of all property and material in the hands of the State Officers which belongs to the State Aerie.

AMEND SECTION 4.1 TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

The State Aerie shall fix the amount of the per capita tax in annual convention for the coming year after hearing the recommendations of the Budget and Finance Committee, for each member whose name appears on the membership roll of the Local Aerie on the date upon which the per capita tax is due, the same to be paid semi-annually on or before January 1st and on or before July 1st of each year, not less than 30 cents per annum.

AMEND SECTION 5.2 BY ADDING AT THE END THEREOF THE FOLLOWING:

At the conclusion of his term the State President shall receive a Past State President's Pin as prescribed by the Grand Aerie and in

addition thereto a purse of Fifty Dollars, both of which shall be an expense of the State Aerie.

ADD A NEW SECTION TO BE KNOWN AS SECTION 5.8:

The Chairman of the Credentials Committee at the State Convention shall receive the sum of twenty-five dollars and each other member of the Committee shall receive the sum of ten dollars.

AMEND SECTION 8.1 TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Credentials Committee — Duties: The State Secretary shall submit to the Credentials Committee prior to the opening of the Annual Convention a copy of the roster of the delegates and Past Worthy Presidents qualified to vote at the Annual Convention as submitted to the State Secretary by the Secretaries of the respective local aeries, such roster shall show the number of votes each local member aerie, each delegate and Past Worthy President is entitled to cast. The committee shall issue to each delegate and each Past Worthy President proper credentials which shall include therein the number of votes each delegate and Past Worthy President is entitled to cast. The Committee shall report to the Convention the number of accredited delegates and Past Worthy Presidents to whom credentials have been issued and the number of votes each is entitled to cast.

Further, in case of a contested election the Credentials Committee shall issue the ballots to those delegates and Past Worthy Presidents strictly in accordance with the number of votes each is entitled to cast as appears on the said rosters, and no ballots shall be issued or votes changed because of the absence or disability of any accredited delegate or Past Worthy President. Each contestant for office shall be entitled to have one watcher at the time the ballots are issued and to insure that ballots issued shall conform strictly with the roster of accredited delegates and Past Worthy Presidents as submitted to the Credentials Committee. This to be in addition to the one watcher he is entitled to have at the polls and at the counting of the ballots.

It was moved by Charles Edwards, Schenectady 514, and seconded by Joseph Sanborn, Middletown 544 that the report be adopted as read.

On the question Brother Frank Pelley, Staten Island 543, stated that there is one change to the wording of Section 4.1 which refers to the per capita tax by-law and is now "not in excess of 30 cents" with the change reading "not less than 30 cents". He further stated that he was opposed to this change and made an amendment to the motion that no change be made in section 4.1 that the same to remain as is. The amendment was seconded by Edward Costello, Washington Heights 1117. After a lively discussion as to what procedure would be taken the amendment was presented to the delegates and was carried. Section 4.1 was eliminated from the proposed changes.

Also on the question an objection was raised by Aaron Seigler, Staten Island 543, to the addition of section 5.8 which states "The Chairman of the Credentials Committee at the State Convention shall receive the sum of \$25 and each other member of the committee shall receive the sum of \$10.". It was Brother Seigler's belief that due to the responsibility placed on the shoulders of the chairman of that committee he should receive the same compensation as do the State Officers. An amendment was proposed by Brother Seigler that the wording of the addition to be known as Section 5.8 to be changed so that the chairman would be allowed the same compensation as the State Officers. This was seconded by Brother Pelley, Staten Island 543. On the vote of the delegates the amendment was defeated.

The motion to accept the report of the By-Law Committee as amended was presented and carried.

## REPORT OF THE STATE TRUSTEES

Vincent M. Scharf, Buffalo 46, Chairman.

To the Officers and members of the New York State Aerie:

We, your board of Trustees in compliance with the laws of the New York State Aerie have examined the report of the auditing committee and we are pleased to report that the books, records, checks, submitted by the State Treasurer and State Secretary agree and balance.

We have also checked the items and inventory of all the furniture and equipment of the State Aerie and estimate the value of same to be five hundred dollars.

In conclusion, the State Board of Trustees recommends that all expenses of this convention held in Montreal, Canada, be paid as soon as possible.

VINCENT M. SCHARF, 46  
Chairman

HAROLD CRAWFORD, 2621, JPSP

KENNETH L. SNYDER, 2119

WILLIAM G. HARRIS, 2447

HERBERT K. OLD, 2621

Following the reading of the report Brother Scharf informed the delegates that there were no official bids on hand for the 1957 convention.

It was moved by Chris Kleeman, Oneonta 1260, and seconded by Richard Smith, Binghamton 2119, that the report be adopted. Carried.

Charles Morris, Saratoga Springs 2586, spoke regarding the site for the holding of the 1957 State Convention. He informed all present that the State Aerie had received an oral invitation to hold the next convention in Saratoga Springs, N. Y. It was his belief that the aeries would accept that invitation and that all could look forward to a most progressive conclave in Saratoga the following year.

## REPORT OF THE IN MEMORIAM COMMITTEE

John Saxer, Buffalo 46, Chairman.

Whereas, Almighty God, the supreme Power over all men in His infinite wisdom has called to the Grand Aerie beyond many of the brothers who had enrolled as members of the Fraternal Order of Eagles for the purpose of living up to his teachings, and

Whereas, during the year on many occasions we have had to drape our charters as a sign of respect, for the loss we suffered and as a remembrance of the services they rendered in making this a God fearing Order.

Now be it resolved, that we the delegates of the New York State Aerie will forever revere the memories of those who are no longer with us and remember them in our prayers, and

Be it further resolved, that we express our condolences to each of their families with the wish that they do not mourn them further for they are safely in the bosom of their God and Maker and happy in their eternal life.

A tribute to our departed brother Louis Astifan, Past State President.

BUT WE MUST BELIEVE, AS WHEN FALLS THE BLOW  
THERE IS NO TIME THAT WE COULD SET FOR PARTING,  
AND WE WHO MUST REMAIN  
ARE NEVER READY FOR SUCH PAIN  
FOR OUR PRAYERS WOULD BE "NOT YET,  
NOT YET DEAR GOD — ANOTHER DAY  
AND WITH US LET OUR BROTHER STAY"  
YET WE MUST BELIEVE, AS WHEN FALLS THE BLOW  
THAT, WISELY GOD HAS WILLED IT SO.

JOHN SAXER  
Buffalo 46  
Chairman

SAMUEL CARLINO  
Corning 2299

Moved by John Saxer, Buffalo 46, seconded by Robert Magnan, Montreal 2130 and Carried.

State President Brown introduced Art Ehrmann, Editor of the Eagle Publications who extended his greetings to all present.

State President Brown then called Past Grand Worthy President Robert Hansen forward and who, after being introduced to the delegates, delivered a sparkling address on democracy and its connection with the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Ben La Stella, Flushing, 583, Chairman of the Ritualistic Committee reported that the ritual competition between Saratoga Springs, Watertown and Toronto Aeries would take place starting at 2:30 P.M. in the Sheraton Hall.

Robert Magnan, Montreal 2130, thanked everyone for the co-operation he and the members of his aerie had received during the convention and said how pleased they were to have the delegates meet in Montreal. He further told the delegates of the two holidays celebrated in Canada during the week. The first was held on Monday, June 25th. It was the feast of St. Jean Baptiste — the Patron Saint of French Canada. The other holiday being July 1st, being known as Dominion Day — a national holiday celebrated throughout Canada. Brother Magnan remarked that this holiday was equivalent to July 4th in the United States. State Secretary Lane stated that in view of the fact two holidays were being celebrated in one week telegrams should be sent by the State Aerie to the Canadian Government and the St. Jean Baptiste Society. A motion was made by Chris Kleeman, Oneonta 1260, seconded by Herbert Old, Elmout 3128, and approved by the delegates that this suggestion be acted upon.

Brother Costello spoke briefly with regard to safety as he did in previous years. He asked that all be careful on the long trip home. He warned the delegates of the danger of drinking while driving. His closing remarks "May the Lord take you home safely and God bless you all".

The session was brought to a close by State President Brown at 12:30 P.M.



## FOURTH AND FINAL SESSION

July 1, 1956

The final session of the 1956 New York State Aerie Convention was called to order by State President Brown at 10:50 A.M. The obligation to the delegates was given by Past State President Crawford.

### REPORT OF THE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

Louis Dion, Chairman:

Following are the results of the election for a State Chaplain and four State Trustees:

State Chaplain	
Alton Corneby — Endicott, 2269 _____	129
Fabian Glaser — Rochester, 52 _____	76
Herbert Old — Elmont, 3128 _____	25
Clarence Johannes — Johnstown, 1575 _____	19

State Trustee	
Thomas Philpott — Toronto, 2311 _____	243
William Hatzmann — Tarrytown, 1042 _____	221
Gazo J. Samok — Depew - Lancaster 2692 _____	208
Willis Warburton — Saratoga 2586 _____	194
Vincent M. Scharf — Buffalo 46 _____	144

At this time I wish to thank everyone on the committee for their able assistance and the delegates as a whole for their co-operation.

LOUIS DION  
Montreal 2130  
Chairman

FRED RITCHIE  
Fort Hamilton 2621

LEON BARRINGER  
Schenectady 514

EDWARD ANDERSON  
Staten Island 543

JOSEPH D. PERRY  
Watertown 782

Edward Costello, Washington Heights 1117, moved that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Fabian Glaser, Rochester 52 and carried.

### REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

June 30, 1956

Frank Stokes, Toronto, 2311, Chairman:

<b>BALANCE — June 1, 1956</b> _____	\$ 759.78
Budget — New York State Aerie June 1, 1956 - June 1, 1956	
Estimated Revenue (Per Capita Tax) _____	4,500.00
Estimated Convention Program Receipts _____	400.00
	\$5,659.78

### ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

State President's Salary _____	4.00
State Secretary Salary _____	800.00
State Treasurer Salary _____	100.00
Telephone - Telegram - Insurance Bonds _____	200.00
Printing and Postage _____	250.00
State Convention Officers Expense _____	900.00
Printing Proceedings of Convention _____	350.00
Stenographer _____	150.00
Delegate Grand Aerie Convention _____	200.00
Hyde Park Ceremonies _____	50.00
State President's Visitations _____	900.00
Other Visitations _____	800.00
State Bulletin _____	246.00
Contingent Fund — Special Activities _____	500.00
Total Estimated Expenditures _____	\$5,450.00

### RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

Now therefore be it resolved that the Per Capita Tax for the fiscal year 1956-57 be fixed at 30 cents per member.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK STOKES  
Chairman

Brother Sattler moved for the adoption of the oral report. This was seconded by Anthony Ruggio, Flushing 583. On the question State Secretary Lane stated that there was an item missing from the report due to the fact that it was in the hands of the by-law committee. The item in question concerns the presentation to the outgoing State President a purse of \$50.00 and a Past State President's Pin. An amendment was proposed by Brother Dion, Montreal 2130, and seconded by Brother Scharf, Buffalo 46, that this item be included in the report. This was approved as was the main motion.

### REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

George Sattler, Elmira 941, Chairman:

Brother Sattler informed the delegates that he would only be able to give an oral report at this time. He stated that due to the fact the Grand Aerie had not asked the State Aeries to donate to the Memorial Fund the Officers of the New York State Aerie decided to take up a collection. 131.00 was realized by this gesture. The money was then turned over to the State Secretary.

Brother Sattler moved for the adoption of the oral report. This was seconded by Brother Bridge, Buffalo, 46 and carried.

### FINAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

John C. Powers, Chairman:

Grand Aerie Representatives _____	3
State Officers _____	9
Past State Presidents _____	7
Delegates _____	46
Alternates _____	7
Past Worthy Presidents _____	92
Total number of credentials issued _____	162

It was moved by Brother Powers that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by William Hatzmann, Tarrytown 1042 and carried.

State President Brown introduced Michael T. Gaffney, Grand Aerie Budget Director who delivered a brief but most interesting address to the delegates.

### REPORT OF THE RITUALISTIC COMMITTEE

Ben La Stella, Flushing 583, Chairman:

To the Officers and Delegates of the 50th Annual New York State Convention: My Brothers:

This is the report of the Ritualistic Committee. The winners of the 1956 State Ritualistic competition are as follows:

- 1 — Maple Leaf Aerie #2311 with a percentage of 97.8
- 2 — Watertown Aerie #782 with a percentage of 95.6
- 3 — Saratoga Springs #2586 with a percentage of 94.4

Respectfully submitted,

BEN LA STELLA  
Flushing 583  
Chairman

JOHN KANE  
Binghamton 2119

JOSEPH SANBORN  
Middletown 544

CONRAD WAAG  
Long Island City 1509

The Prize checks were then presented by Brother La Stella. First Prize \$75.00 was accepted by Frank Stokes in behalf of Maple Leaf Aerie. Second Prize \$50.00 was accepted by Kenneth Brown, Worthy President of Watertown in behalf of his aerie. Third Prize \$25.00 was accepted by Willis Warburton in behalf of his aerie.

It was moved by Edward Costello, Washington Heights 1117, that the report be adopted. This was seconded by Joseph Wurzer, Rochester 52 and Carried.

The following changes in the New York State Bowling By-Laws were read by State Secretary Lane:

Section 2. The local Aerie where the tournament is to be held must purchase at its own expense or arrange for the purchase in such a way that the entrants will not be obliged to pay the expense of all paper, carbon, books, printing of all kinds and any incidental expenses necessary for conducting the tournament.

ARTICLE 4. Section 3. Amended to read: The Association Secretary shall be elected at the Annual meeting for a term of three (3) years. (Effective June 1957).

Article 9. Section 1. Amended to read: The Association Secretary shall receive a salary of fifty (50) dollars per year and shall also re-

ceive necessary postage, stationery and similiar expenses incidental to the office. (Effective June, 1956). Brother Lane explained that these changes were presented by the New York State Bowling Committee for approval by the State Aerie. William Mostyn, Rochester 52 moved that the changes be adopted as read. This was seconded by Michael Gaffney, Auburn 96 and carried.

Vincent Scharf, Buffalo 46, Chairman of the State Executive Committee made a brief report in connection with the awarding of the State Convention for 1957. He stated that no official communication had been received and that the only request for the honor of being host came verbally from the delegates of Saratoga Aerie #2586. A recommendation was made by the committee that consideration of the 1957 convention site be laid over for the new incoming Executive Committee which will take office within an hour or so.

It was moved by Brother Scharf that the report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Paul Ayers, Lockport 825 and carried.

### REPORT OF OLD AGE AND SOCIAL SECURITY COMMITTEE

William Mostyn, Rochester 52, Chairman:

Brother Mostyn told the delegates that due to the fact he had only been elected to the committee on Wednesday, he really had not had sufficient time to draw up the kind of report he would like to make. However he did outline two of his objects which are as follows:

1. Lowering the age of persons applicable for social security from 65 to 63 and possibly to 60.
2. 100% Social Security coverage for persons who after reaching 50 years find themselves incapacitated.

Brother Mostyn informed the delegates he would forward a properly printed report to the State Secretary and moved for its adoption. This was seconded by Alton Corneby, Endicott 2269 and carried.

### COMMUNICATIONS

State Secretary Lane read a communication with relation to considering Elmira, N. Y. as a convention site for the 1958 Session. It was moved by Brother Lane that this be placed in the hands of the Executive Committee. This was seconded by William Mostyn, Rochester 52 and carried.

Brother Louis Dion, Past President of Montreal Aerie and Chairman of the Convention Publicity Committee stated that he felt privileged to thank, in the name of Montreal Aerie, all Officers from the Grand Aerie who were kind enough to come to Montreal to appear at the convention. He further stated that Montreal enjoyed playing host and that the entire membership were working to make Montreal a real Eagle town.

Brother Mostyn, Rochester 52, spoke on the decision made at the 1955 Convention with relation to the site of the 1956 convention and congratulated Montreal on the splendid job done.

## REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

### RESOLUTION No. 3

Read by Fabian Glaser, Rochester 52:

THANKS TO THE HOST CITY:

WHEREAS, the City of Montreal has extended to the New York State Aerie a friendly hand of welcome, and

WHEREAS, the local Convention Committee, headed by Robert Magnan have planned and arranged an outstanding program plus entertainment for the delegates and their wives, and

WHEREAS, the civic groups and clubs of this city have extended to us every courtesy and the local Aerie, its Officers and Members have done everything needed to insure a memorable convention, and,

WHEREAS, the Editors, Reporters and Photographers of the local press have co-operated in making this Convention an outstanding one, and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Montreal have given to the Eagles a welcome and friendly reception that no city has exceeded, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the New York State Aerie in convention assembled, express our appreciation of the hospitable and fine program arranged for the delegates and visitors at this Convention.

Brother William Mostyn, Rochester 52, moved that this be adopted with a rising vote of thanks. This was seconded by Edward Costello, Washington Heights 1117 and carried.

Speaking for Montreal Aerie, Secretary Robert Magnan again thanked all, for wonderful support given, especially the committees from his own aerie that made all of this possible.

Brother Fred Travers, of Montreal Aerie asked the State Aerie for a donation of \$350.00 to furnish a room at the Dieppe Foundation for Epileptics. Secretary Lane asked that this be clarified somewhat and if Brother Travers wanted the donation made at this Convention. Brothers Travers replied this was not necessary as long as the request would be carefully considered. Brother Lane suggested that this matter be left in the hands of the Executive Committee.

All of the newly elected Officers were introduced and made very brief Thank You speeches. Brother Old, secretary of Nassau Aerie 3128, introduced the Worthy President of New York State's newest Aerie, Frank Di Carlo.

Brother Ken Decker, Ithaca 1253, gave a short address on the history of Ithaca Aerie and the part that State President Brown played in the same after which he presented to Brother Brown a past State President's pin and a purse of \$50.00.

State President Brown thanked his officers for their co-operation during the past year and said that he would also be available for service to the order. He wished the incoming Officers the best of luck and success.

Rocco Briganti, Port Chester 1166, congratulated State President Brown on the manner in which he conducted all meetings.

Art Ehrmann, Editor of Eagle Publications was introduced and gave a brief but very amusing address. He brought his talk to a close by also extending his best wishes for a happy and most successful term of office to all of the new leaders.

State President Elect Frank Lewis was introduced and gave a short address promising to do everything in his power to build up the programs of the New York State Aerie. State President Brown asked all delegates to retire to the Sheraton Hall where a Joint Installation of Officers of the State Aerie and State Auxiliary would be held.

### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The first joint installation of officers of the New York State Aerie and the New York State Auxiliary in the history of both organizations was held in the Sheraton Hall of the Mount Royal Sheraton Hotel. Installing Officers were Grand Aerie Representative Alta Smith and Grand Aerie Representative Al Williams. Serving as Grand Aerie Conductors Past Madam State President Lucille Wurzer of Rochester Auxiliary and Grand Aerie Representative Michael Gaffney. The following brothers and sisters were installed into office:

#### STATE AERIE

#### STATE AUXILIARY

##### Past President

Keene M. Brown, Ithaca 1253

Ann Tompkins, Ossining 1545

##### President

Frank H. Lewis, Empire 544

Margaret Falvey, Flushing 583

##### Vice President

Charles P. Edwards, Schenectary 514

Gladys Ross, Syracuse 053

##### Chaplain

Alton Corneby, Endicott 2269

Mae McCluskey, Maple Leaf 2311

##### Secretary

Alfred W. Lane, Yonkers 0473

Grace Garthwaite, Elmira 941

##### Treasurer

Loren A. Swanson, Jamestown 2145

Carlita White, Binghamton 2119

##### Conductor

Robert Magnan, Montreal 2130

Rose Weber, Watertown 782

##### Inside Guard

George Sattler, Elmira 941

Irene Perreault, Montreal 2130

##### Outside Guard

Kenneth L. Snyder, Binghamton 2119

Alice Barkdoll, Ithaca 1253

##### Trustees

Keene M. Brown, Chr., Ithaca 1253

Angela De Vito, Staten Island 543

William Hatzmann, Tarrytown 1042

Marie Crowley, Elmira 941

Thomas Philpott, Maple Leaf 2311

Elizabeth Bridge, Buffalo 46

Gazo Samok, Depew-Lancaster 2692

Pauline Riso, Batavia 2348

Willis Warburton, Saratoga 2586

Marion Glaser, Rochester 52

Following the ceremony Past State President Saxer of Buffalo 46 introduced Grand Worthy President Maurice Splain, Past Grand Worthy President Robert Hansen and Art Ehrmann, Editor of the Eagles Publications. Grand Aerie Representative Alta Smith introduced Grand Grand Trustee Ella Maraldo of Staten Island and Past Grand Madam President Mary Dunn of Toronto. The retiring State Presidents Ann Tompkins and Keene Brown were presented with their Past Presidents certificates and Past State President Pins. Both spoke briefly after which the 50th Annual Convention of the New York State Aerie was adjourned at 1:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED W. LANE  
State Secretary

**BY - LAWS  
OF**

**NEW YORK STATE AERIE, FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES**

Pursuant to the authority granted by Section 35, Statutes, F. O. E., and for the purpose of securing a more efficient organization of, and strengthening the bond of fraternity between the several Local Aeries and their membership within the State of New York, the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario of the Dominion of Canada, under the charter granted by the Grand Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles, the New York State Aerie hereby enacts and adopts these by-laws for the government of its affairs, and repeals any and all other Constitutions and/or by-laws, if any, heretofore adopted.

**MEETINGS**

**Section 1.1** The State Aerie shall meet annually at such place and time as may be fixed and designated by its Executive Committee.

**Section 1.2** Between the annual sessions of the State Aerie, the President, Secretary and Trustees shall act as the Executive Committee and shall, subject to the laws of the Order, have and exercise all the powers of the said State Aerie whenever the necessity of exercising such powers arises, or where, because of an emergency, an annual meeting cannot be held.

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

**MEMBERS**

**Section 2.1** The State Aerie shall be composed of delegates from the Local Aeries of the New York jurisdiction as follows:

- (a) The present serving officers of the State Aerie.
- (b) All of the past State Presidents of this State Aerie.
- (c) All Past Worthy Presidents of Local Aeries.
- (d) Representatives elected by the Local Aeries of the New York State Aerie, provided, however, that no individual shall be eligible to vote or sit in the deliberations of this State Aerie, unless he is in good standing in the Local Aerie, of which he is a member.

**Section 2.2** Each member Local Aerie which has filed its required report and paid its per capita tax in full and is otherwise qualified by the laws of the Grand, State and Local, and this State Aerie, shall be entitled to one vote for each one hundred (100) members on whom the per capita tax has been paid, or the major fraction thereof, on its rolls in the month of December preceeding the annual convention.

**Section 2.3** Any State Officer and past State President in good standing in his Local Aerie shall be entitled to one vote for each such office in addition to any vote or votes to which he might be otherwise entitled.

**Section 2.4** No individual may cast more than five votes for or on behalf of any one Aerie in his capacity as a duly elected delegate from such aerie.

**Section 2.5** The presence of a sufficient number of representatives legally eligible and certified by their respective aerie and authorized to cast one-fourth or more of the total legally authorized and registered votes shall constitute a quorum.

**Section 2.6** All voting except for the election of officers and on roll call, shall be by regular voting sign of the Order. A majority of the legally authorized votes present and voting shall prevail. Election of officers shall be by secret written, printed or typed ballot and a plurality of the legally qualified votes legally cast for each office shall elect. A roll call vote shall be had on any question except election of officers upon the request of such number of qualified delegates as the rules of the convention shall provide. Upon a roll call vote a majority of the legally qualified and registered votes present and voting shall prevail. Where more than one person is to be elected for any one office, no ballot shall be counted for any candidate for such office unless such ballot shall have been voted and marked for the required number of persons to be elected to such office. Ballots shall not be prepared or marked in any way that the casters thereof can be identified. Such secret ballots shall be issued by the Credentials Committee. They shall be issued only to named qualified delegates and Past Worthy Presidents. State Officers and Past State Presidents who are actually registered at the Convention. No delegate shall be entitled to cast more votes than appears on the roster of qualified delegates as submitted by the Secretary of the Local Aerie to the State Secretary and the Credentials Committee.

**OFFICERS**

**Section 3.1** The elected officers of the New York State Aerie shall be as follows:

- A Junior Past President
- A President
- A Vice-President
- A Chaplain
- A Conductor
- A Secretary
- A Treasurer
- A Inside Guard
- A Outside Guard
- 5 Trustees

**Section 3.2** The five trustees shall consist of four elected members and the Junior Past Worthy President, who shall serve as the fifth member and who shall by virtue of his office be Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

**Section 3.3** The Term of offices of all State Officers of the State Aerie, shall be for one year.

**Section 3.4** All Officers, except the Junior Past Worthy President, shall be nominated and elected at the annual convention. All candidates for elective office shall be nominated from the floor of the Annual Convention. A nominating committee may function at a session when provided for by resolution of the State Aerie, in which event additional nominations may be made from the floor.

**Section 3.5** No person other than the Past Worthy President of a Local Aerie shall be eligible for the office of President, Vice-President of the State Aerie, nor shall any person be eligible to hold office as President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer or Trustee, unless he shall at the time of his installation as such officer, be of legal age as defined by the laws of the State or Canadian civil jurisdiction, nor unless he shall be a member of good standing in his own Local Aerie

**Section 3.6** No person shall be placed in nomination for any office unless he be in good standing and shall be present at the time such nomination is made, or if unable to be present has given his written consent to have his name placed in nomination for such office.

**Section 3.7** The President shall preside at all meetings of the State Aerie, appoint committees and sign voucher checks drawn upon the State Treasury, and perform such other duties as may be required of him by the State Aerie. He shall render all decisions interpreting the State by-laws, and his decision shall be final unless reversed by the State Aerie, or the Grand Tribunal. He shall, whenever he deems the same necessary, call a meeting of the Executive Committee. The President shall appoint a Membership Director, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, upon his assumption to office, The President shall, during his term of office, officially visit as many Aeries as possible in the State, within his budget allotment, and shall send a copy of his visitations to the State Secretary.

**Section 3.8** The Vice-President shall, in the absence or disability of the State President, perform all the duties of State President.

**Section 3.9** The Secretary shall act as Secretary to the Executive Committee and maintain a record of their proceedings. He shall maintain a record of all proceedings of the State Aerie, shall collect all monies due to the State Aerie and shall pay the same over to the Treasurer at least once each month with an itemized statement thereof, and shall maintain a true and correct account of all monies received and disbursed. He shall, under the supervision of the President and Treasurer, initiate all disbursements, and the payment of all expenditures of and from State Aerie funds. At each session of the State Aerie and whenever required to do so by the President, he shall deliver to the Auditing Committee of the State Aerie all his books and records for examination and audit. He shall at each session of the State Aerie deliver to the President a duplicate report covering the cash balance of the preceding State Convention, and the amounts received by him from all sources and the sums paid for all purposes. He shall deliver to his successor in office all books, papers, blanks, records, money and other property of the State Aerie in his possession. As soon as practical after the adjournment of each annual State session, the Secretary shall compile and include so much of the record of the proceedings of the session, to be printed or mimeographed as shall be directed by the Executive Committee and shall deliver two copies thereof to the Grand Worthy President and copies to the Secretary of each member Local Aerie. He shall require all expense vouchers to be itemized. It shall further be the duty of the Secretary:

- (a) To arrange official visitations of State Officers and individuals upon request and within the limitations of the State Budget. Each such person so assigned shall submit a report to the State President and State Secretary.
- (b) It shall further be the duty of the State Secretary to act as a member of the Board of Directors of the New York State Bowling Association. He shall also as State Secretary receive from the State Bowling Association Tourney all funds of the

New York State Bowling Association and deposit the same in the bank or banks designated by the Directors of the New York State Bowling Association. He shall countersign all checks or withdrawal orders on said account which are presented to him by the Bowling Tournament Secretary and which are in accordance with the Statutes and By-Laws of the New York State Aerie Bowling Association.

**Section 3.10** The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all bonds and securities belonging to the State Aerie, receive all monies from the Secretary and receipt to him therefor. He shall deposit the same in a good and responsible bank approved by the Executive Committee. He shall countersign all checks for legal expenditures of the State Aerie after the same have been authorized and signed by the Secretary. He shall maintain an account of all monies coming into his hands and all checks issued and all checks that have cleared the bank and such as have not been presented for payment. He shall annually present to the President a report in duplicate showing a detailed statement of his accounts. He shall deliver to his successor in office all books, papers, records, monies and other property of the State Aerie in his possession from under his control.

**Section 3.11** The Conductor shall be responsible for the safekeeping of all paraphernalie of the State Aerie during the annual session, but the Secretary shall be the custodian thereof when the State Aerie is not in session. The Conductor shall perform all duties prescribed by the Ritual and such other duties as he may be directed to perform by the President of the State Aerie when in session.

**Section 3.12** The Chaplain and the Inside and Outside Guards shall perform such services at the State Aerie sessions as are required of them by the Ritual governing proceedings of the State Aerie Session as provided by the Grand Aerie.

**Section 3.13** The Executive Committee, when the State Aerie is not in session, shall act upon such matters as may be referred to them by the State Aerie and the majority rule shall prevail. They shall also examine and inquire into the sufficiency of all official bonds and make recommendations to the State Secretary regarding them. In all matters of expenditures of monies of the State Aerie in which the obtaining of bids or awarding of contracts is deemed by them to be advisable, and that may be required so to be done by the State Aerie, they shall require and conduct the demand for bids, the opening of the same, and award contracts but no such contract shall extend any time beyond the current fiscal year, and every action in this regard shall be subject to review by the State Aerie. Between annual State Aerie sessions, the Executive Committee shall meet upon call of the State President or when in the judgment of a majority of the Executive Committee such meetings are necessary to the general welfare of the State Aerie, but in no instance shall more than one meeting be held in any one month. They shall keep an inventory of all furniture and equipment of the State Aerie held by them or any other officer and report the same annually in writing to the State Convention. sessions, the Executive Committee shall meet upon call of the State

- (a) The State President shall act as Chairman of the Executive Committee. As such Chairman, he shall have no greater powers than those vested in him while jointly and collectively acting with his associates on the Committee. He shall preside at all regular and special meetings of the Committee except that in his absence for any reason or inability to serve as Chairman, the President of the Board of Trustees shall act in his place.

(b) The Chairman of the Executive Committee shall take or cause one of the members of the Committee to take an annual inventory of all property and material in the hands of the State Officers which belongs to the State Aerie.

**Section 3.14** Except as otherwise provided by the Laws of the Order, should a vacancy occur in any State Aerie Office other than President or Vice-President by reason of death, removal from office, resignation or expulsion from the Order, the Executive Committee shall appoint a successor to such office to fill the unexpired term. In the event of a vacancy in the office of State President, the State Vice-President shall succeed to and fill the office of State President for the unexpired term.

### PER CAPITA TAX

**Section 4.1** The State Aerie shall fix the amount of the per capita tax in annual convention for the coming year, following the recommendations of the Budget and Finance Committee, for each member whose name appears on the membership roll of the Local Aerie on the date upon which the per capita tax is due, the same to be paid semi-annually on or before January 1st and on or before July 1st of each year, not in excess of 30 cents per annum.

### SALARIES

**Section 5.1** All serving officers attending sessions of the State Aerie shall receive \$10.00 per day and actual railroad and Pullman fare. **Section 5.2** The State President shall receive annually a salary of \$4.00 payable quarterly, and in addition thereto an annual allowance shall be made for his respective office expenses in such amount as shall be fixed by the budget as adopted by the State Aerie. At the conclusion of his term the State President shall receive a Past State President's Pin as prescribed by the Grand Aerie and in addition thereto a purse of Fifty Dollars, both of which shall be an expense of the State Aerie.

**Section 5.3** The State Secretary shall receive annually a salary of \$800.00 payable quarterly and in addition thereto an annual allowance shall be made for his respective office expense in such amount as shall be fixed by the budget as adopted by the State Aerie.

**Section 5.4** The State Treasurer shall receive annually a salary of \$100.00 payable quarterly and in addition thereto an annual allowance shall be made for his respective office expense in such amount as shall be fixed by the budget as adopted by the State Aerie.

**Section 5.5** The State Legal Advisor shall be paid a retainer fee not in excess of \$100.00 per year payable quarterly, if provision therefor made in the State Budget. The State Legal Advisor shall counsel and advise the State Aerie Officers, when requested, on matters of a legal nature and which are of concern to the welfare of the State and Local Aeries. He shall attend the State Aerie Conventions and such other sessions of the State Officers, Executive Committee, Special Committees and meetings that may be duly called, when his presence is necessary or desirable. He shall be paid the same per diem and travel expense provided for in Section 5.1, only when called upon to attend any of the aforesaid sessions by the State President. If the Legal Advisor is called upon to represent the State Aerie in any legal action which

requires his appearance or attendance in a Civil Court, involving the State Aerie or any of its Local Aeries, he shall be allowed such additional legal fees as is commensurate with the services rendered by him. The said fee, shall be paid by the State Aerie or by the Local Aerie, whichever may be involved.

**Section 5.6** Whenever per diem and travel expenses are allowed, the same shall be as follows: One day visitations shall be at \$10.00 per diem plus actual hotel bill which shall not exceed \$7.50 per diem, providing it is necessary to stop or remain there overnight. Travel expenses shall be the actual first class railroad fare, including Pullman or air travel. In the event the trip is by automobile, the amount paid shall not be in excess of \$.06 per mile for the distance to and from point of destination.

**Section 5.7** The State Aeries representative to the Grand Aerie session shall be the Junior Past Worthy President at the time of the Grand Aerie Convention, or his duly elected alternate. And his compensation shall not exceed \$20.00 per diem plus the approved registration fee and actual Pullman fare or airline fare, or if traveling by automobile, not in excess of \$.06 per mile while going to and returning from, and while in actual attendance at the Grand Aerie's session in no event shall the per diem and travel expense exceed \$200.00.

**Section 5.8** The Chairman of the Credentials Committee at the State Convention shall receive the sum of twenty-five dollars and each other member of the Committee shall receive the sum of ten dollars.

### BUDGET

**Section 6.1** The Finance Committee shall report and the State Aerie shall adopt a budget of the anticipated per capita tax and other income, and authorized expenditures and appropriate the money from the State Aerie Treasury to finance the same. Such appropriation shall not be exceeded except by unanimous approval of the State Aerie's Executive Committee.

### REPORTS

**Section 7.1** The Secretary of each Local Aerie, comprising this State Aerie shall make a semi-annual and/or quarterly report to the Secretary of the State Aerie on such forms and in such manner as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the State Aerie and in conformity with Section 35.3 Statutes, F. O. E., or laws amendatory thereof. Any change in the office of a Local Aerie Worthy President and/or Secretary shall be forthwith reported by such Local Aerie to the Secretary of the State Aerie.

**Section 7.2** The fiscal year of the State Aerie shall begin on the First day of June of each year and end on the 31st day of May of the following year.

Amend Section 3 by adding thereto a new section to be known as Section 3.15.

### MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

The duties of the Membership Director shall be as follows: To have general supervision over all activities of the State Aerie relating to the securing of new membership; to promote membership campaigns throughout the State; to assist Local Aeries in their membership campaigns by furnishing said Local Aeries with suggestive programs, data, encouragement and generally to do all things necessary or desirable to encourage and promote the addition of new members in the Local Aeries throughout the State.

He shall be authorized to divide the State into Zones and Districts within the Zones; to name Zone Directors; to supervise and cooperate in membership promotion activities with the respective Zones and to assist and cooperate with the Zone Directors in setting up such further districts and district directors for each such district so created. He shall annually submit a proposed budget to the State Convention for the operation of his office for the coming year.

He shall deposit all funds received by him from whatever source in such bank or banks as may be designated by the Executive Committee of the State Aerie and shall draw all checks as necessary with the provisions of the Budget. He shall not exceed the amount allocated for any particular activity as set forth in the budget except with the consent of the Executive Committee secured prior to such disbursement. All funds in his possession shall be the property of the State Aerie and any funds received in excess of those necessary to carry on the work of the Membership Director may be transferred to the General Funds of the State Aerie upon resolution of the Executive Committee. Amend Section 3.7 to provide the following additional duties of the State President.

Annually and prior to the State Convention, the State President shall appoint the following Committees and announce the appointments thereof on the first day of the Annual Session:

- (a) Credentials, three or five members.
- (b) Auditing, three or five members.
- (c) Finance, three or five members.
- (d) Judiciary, three or five members.
- (e) Election, three judges and two clerks.
- (f) State of the Order, three or five, Past State Presidents.
- (g) Resolutions, three or five members.
- (h) Exemplification of the Ritual, such number of judges and tellers as may be required.

All committees appointed by the President shall be selected from among the duly accredited delegates, as well as from among the Past Worthy Presidents in good standing of member Local Aeries. Subject thereto, he shall also from time to time appoint such other committees as the State Aerie, while in session, or the Executive Committee thereof, in the interim between sessions, shall create and direct.

**Section 8.1 Credentials Committee — Duties:** The State Secretary shall submit to the Credentials Committee prior to the opening of the Annual Convention a copy of the roster of the delegates and Past Worthy Presidents qualified to vote at the Annual Convention as submitted to the State Secretary by the Secretaries of the respective local aeries, such roster shall show the number of votes each local member aerie, each delegate and Past Worthy President is entitled to cast. The committee shall issue to each delegate and each Past Worthy President proper credentials which shall include therein the number of votes each such delegate and Past Worthy President is entitled to cast. The Committee shall report to the Convention the number of accredited delegates and Past Worthy Presidents to whom credentials have been issued and the number of votes each is entitled to cast.

Further, in case of a contested election the Credentials Committee shall issue the ballots to those delegates and Past Worthy Presidents strictly in accordance with the number of votes each is entitled to cast as appears on the said rosters, and no ballots shall be issued or votes changed because of the absence or disability of any accredited

delegate or Past Worthy President. Each contestant for office shall be entitled to have one watcher at the time the ballots are issued and to insure that ballots issued shall conform strictly with the roster of accredited delegates and Past Worthy Presidents as submitted to the Credential Committee. This to be in addition to the one watcher he is entitled to have at the polls and at the counting of the ballots.

Where credentials are issued in place of an accredited delegate, the alternate shall be considered to be the accredited delegate and shall have the same powers and be subject to the same duties as the original delegate named.

The same rules and procedures shall govern the issuance of credentials and votes to all State Officers and Past State Presidents.

**Section 8.2 Auditing Committee; Duties.** The Auditing Committee shall make a complete audit of the records of the State Secretary and Treasurer, and report thereon at the annual session.

**Section 8.3 Finance Committee; Duties.** The Finance Committee shall report to the State Aerie an itemized budget for the ensuing year, and the per capita tax required to meet the same.

**Section 8.4 Judiciary Committee; Duties.** The Judiciary Committee shall recommend in a report submitted to the State President at the opening session of the State Aerie, the Order of Business and Rules to be followed at each daily session thereof, and pursuant to which the business of the several sessions of the State Aerie shall be conducted, and by which the Delegates shall be governed in their deliberations.

Any proposed amendments to by-laws and such portions of the reports of officers and committees of the State Aerie and/or resolutions containing suggestions which, if adopted, would necessitate a change in any existing by-laws, shall be in writing submitted to the Judiciary Committee which shall, at the same session of the State Aerie, report thereon to said session with its recommendations. Such committee shall report to the State Aerie such legislation as it may deem advisable and within the powers of the State Aerie to legislate.

**Section 8.5 Election Committee; Duties.** The Election Committee shall of the State Aerie and its member Local Aeries, and shall report to the State Aerie.

**Section 8.6 Publicity Committee; Duties.** The Publicity Committee shall have charge of all publicity of the State Aerie Session.

**Section 8.7 State of the Order Committee; Duties.** The Committee of the State of the Order shall consider all matters presented to it by the State President or Aerie, concerning the general welfare of the State Aerie and its member Local Aeries, and shall report to the State Aerie.

**Section 8.8 Resolutions Committee; Duties.** All resolutions with the exception of those initiated or considered by the State of the Order Committee or those required to be submitted to the Judiciary Committee, shall first be in writing presented or referred to and passed upon by the Committee on Resolutions, which shall make its report, with its recommendations thereon, to the State Aerie in Session.

**Section 8.9 Ritualistic Committee; Duties.** The Committee on Exemplification of the Ritual shall have full charge of all ritualistic and drill contests according to such rules as may be by it adopted, subject to the approval of the State Trustees, and shall report the results

of such contests to the State Aerie, giving to each contesting team an itemized record of the debits and credits accorded such team.

**Section 8.10** Committee Reports in Triplicate. Except as herein otherwise provided, each committee shall, immediately after its appointment by the President, convene and review the activity of its predecessor committee since the preceding annual convention and, through its chairman, draft and present in triplicate a written report of such activity and recommendations for the ensuing year.

**Section 8.11** Legislative Committee. The State President, immediately following his installation in Legislative years, shall appoint a Legislative Committee, to be composed of three (3) or five (5) members who are in good standing in member Local Aeries. The Chairman and the Secretary, if any, of said committee shall be designated by the President. Such committee shall hold office and serve through the State convention following the next regular session of the State Legislative assembly. Any such committee member shall be eligible to succeed himself. In the event of a vacancy for any cause, occurring in the membership of said committee, such vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the then President for the remainder of the unexpired term. The Legislative Committee shall have the power and shall be charged with the following duties:

- (a) To direct and control all matters relating to legislative action necessary to be taken before the State Legislative assemblies in connection with proposed or pending legislation that basically effect the essential internal operations of the Local Aeries, their club rooms and facilities, or that in any way effect their property rights and interests, and such matters as are exclusively subject to state legislation and regulation, to the end that the rights of the Local Aeries may be safeguarded and protected.
- (b) To carefully review and consider, prior to and during State legislative sessions, all legislation that may be proposed or submitted thereto, which may in any way effect the public welfare, social security or other humanitarian programs and policies of the State Aerie, or that may in any way effect the property rights and interests of the member Local Aeries, and to keep said member Local Aeries and the State Aerie Legislative Committee fully informed thereon, and of the progress of such legislation and of the action recommended or taken thereon by this Committee as herein authorized.
- (c) There shall be provided to said committee, subject to the approval of the State Aerie, adequate funds to enable it to properly carry out its herein designated duties and activities in an efficient manner.
- (d) There shall at all times be provided to said committee, in connection with the performance of its duties as herein prescribed and in order to enable it to properly advise member Local Aeries with respect to the legal effect of existing or proposed legislation on their property holdings, interests and activities, adequate legal advice, either by appointment of a State Legal Advisor or by including qualified licensed attorneys among the membership of the Legislative Committee.
- (e) A report by the Legislative Committee of its activities shall be made at each session of the State.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**Section 9.1** In opening and closing the State Aerie Sessions and installing Delegates and Officers, the approved Ritual as provided by the Grand Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles shall be used.

**Section 9.2** Any violation of these by-laws by any member, officer, delegates or Local Aerie, attending or belonging to or affiliated with the State Aerie shall constitute a violation of the laws of the Order, and may be tried in the same manner and penalized to the same extent as a violation of the Constitution and Statutes, Fraternal Order of Eagles, or laws amendatory thereof.

**Section 9.3** No amendment, alteration or addition to the by-laws shall take effect unless made in accordance with the requirements of Section 35.4, Constitution and Statutes, Fraternal Order of Eagles or laws amendatory thereof, and such change shall require a two-thirds vote of the authorized delegates present and voting.

**Section 9.4** Where the Constitution and Statutes of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Rules and Regulations of the Fraternity and these by-laws do not cover or control, then Roberts' Rules of Order (revised) shall govern the actions and deliberations of the State Aerie.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the delegates of the New York State Aerie, in Convention assembled at Montreal, Canada, on this 30th day of June 1956 that we hereby adopt the foregoing as Amendments to the New York State Aerie By-Laws and the same shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon their approval by the Grand Secretary, F. O. E.

Original Reading June 29, 1956

June 30, 1956

BY LAWS COMMITTEE

EDWARD M. KAMAS  
Chairman

KENNETH DECKER

WALTER J. HOGAN

HAROLD F. CRAWFORD

Brother Charles Edwards of Aerie No. 514 moved the adoption of these by-laws on the second reading, seconded by Joseph Sandborn of Aerie No. 544. Vote was adopted this 30th day of June, 1956.

ALFRED W. LANE  
State Secretary

KENNE M. BROWN  
State President

Approved this 30th day of June, 1956.

WILLIAM G. WATSON  
Grand Secretary, F. O. E.



## NEW YORK STATE AERIE CONVENTIONS

### Year and City

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

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### 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
LOUIS ASTIFAN, Watertown No. 782	1953-1954
HAROLD CRAWFORD, Fort Hamilton No. 2621	1954-1955
KEENE M. BROWN, Ithaca Aerie No. 1253	1955-1956

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