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NEW YORK STATE - AERIE OFFICERS

1998-1999

State President Kenneth Morrissey
South Glens Falls 2486

State Vice President Robert Rostas
Lockport 825

State Chaplain Harold Grant
Watertown 782

State Secretary Don Rettinger
Tonawanda 1411

State Treasurer Ray Haggerty
Tonawanda 1411

State Conductor Ellis Spencer
Addison 3904

State Inside Guard Patrick Gray
Depew-Lancaster 2692

State Outside Guard Bryan Welch
Ithaca 1253

Junior Past President James Telban
Rochester 52

State Membership Director Robert Sharkey
Rochester 52

STATE TRUSTEES

Daniel Curcio Rochester 52

Joseph Newman Saratoga Springs 2586

James Harris Olean 616

Joseph Piano Niagara Falls 88

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OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE CONVENTION

The Annual Convention of the New York State/Eastern Ontario Fraternal Order of Eagles was officially opened at 1:00 P.M. on June 18, 1998 in the home of Glens Falls Aerie 2486.

Master of Ceremonies for the official opening was Larry Robillard, Secretary, Glens Falls Aerie. Post 553 presented the colors and Kurt Traver led the Pledge of Allegiance. The invocation was given by Brother Robert Rostas, NYS Chaplain.

The Mayor of Glens Falls, Robert Phinney, and Police Chief, Kevin Judd, welcomed all the delegates to Glens Falls. Mayor Phinney wished Glens Falls a happy anniversary and welcomed everyone on behalf of Glens Falls. A number of Grand Aerie dignitaries & local Officers were then introduced: Joseph Schumacher, Eastern Regional President, James Clark, Grand Aerie Inside Guard, Ellen O'Neil, NYS Auxiliary President, and Cathy Caruso, Madam President, Glens Falls Aerie, who wished everyone a warm welcome and successful convention. successful

The ceremony closed at 1:19 P.M. with the ladies meeting at the Queensbury and the men at the Aerie home.

1998 STATE CONVENTION

The 92nd Annual New York State Convention held at Glens Falls Aerie 2486 began on Wednesday morning at 8:00 A.M. with the golfers taking part in the Annual Bill Carrick Tournament and the fishermen taking part in the first Annual Wayne "Homer" Monroe Fishing Derby at Saratoga. These events will be reported on later in the journal. Everyone had a wonderful time with a nice meal being served at the Aerie Home later in the day. Many awards were given out and a fine job was done by the Glens Falls Committee.

On Thursday morning, June 18th, registration began at the Aerie Home with the Committee in place and waiting. The Auxiliary registered at Queensbury. After the registration, the official opening was held at the Glens Falls Aerie Home. The woman returned to the Queensbury for their first session of business and the men remained at the Aerie Home for their first business session to be conducted at 2:00 P.M. by James Telban, State President.

The State Officers Banquet was held at Connie's Roadhouse with 27 in attendance. Dancing and the State Membership show were held at the Aerie Home on Thursday evening.

On Friday, June 19th, the meeting opened at 10:00 A.M. at the Aerie Home, followed by the Past State President's luncheon at Connie's Roadhouse. A joint Memorial Service was held at the Queensbury with a large number in attendance.

Saturday's meeting was opened at 9:30 A.M. by Worthy President James Telban, after which the installation of new Aerie and Auxiliary Officers was conducted. The State Banquet was held at the Glens Falls Civic Center that evening, which was followed by dancing at the Aerie Home.

FIRST SESSION

The first session was called to order at the home of Glens Falls Aerie #2486 at 2:00 P.M., June 18, 1998 by State President James Telban.

Following the opening ritual ceremonies, the Roll Call of State Officer was held with all being in attendance. The Obligation, admission of new members, and Oath of Allegiance were given by Past State President Douglas McDermott, Addison Aerie 3904.

State President Telban announced that Rudy Levey would be the Parliamentarian for the Convention. State Secretary Donald Rettinger then moved that the reading of the Convention Committee appointments be deferred as each delegate had received a copy. This motion was seconded by Daniel

Curcio, Rochester Aerie 52, and approved.

1997-1998 STATE CONVENTION COMMITTEES

ARTHRITIS

Jim Russell, 52
Haroly Royer, 2586
Art Carney, 782

MEMBERSHIP SECURITY

Bob Sharkey, 52
Gary Pechey, 782

BANQUET

Ken Morrissey, 2486
Don Rettinger, 1411

BOWLING

Bill Bell, 782
Lee Parks, 1253

ELECTION

Herb Farrell, 258
William Deimond, 1253

GOLDEN EAGLE

Jim Harris, 616
Richard Travis, 1253

IN MEMORIAM

Joe Newman, 2586

LEGISLATIVE

Bob Yager, 384
John Palmer, 3846

MR. & MRS. BOWLING

Dan Curcio, 52
Brian Trainor, 1253

DIABETES

Bryan Welch, 1253
Vincent Janiak, 544
Michael Hoag, 3773

G.A. HOSPITALITY

James Russell, 52
Robert Rostas, 825

JUDICIARY

Doug McDermott, 3904
Don Yanchunis, 2586

SPEAKERS

Don Rettinger, 1411

CANCER RESEARCH

Charlie Bolio, 782
James Sanders, 2586
Gerald Corbett, 782

FINANCE & BUDGET

John Palmer, 3846
Bob Rostas, 825
Pat Gray, 2692

GRIEVANCE & APPEALS

Harold Grant, 782

JIMMY DURANTE

Harold Fields, 52
Bernard Carpenter, 1253
Robert Thompson, 941
Harold Vaughan, 616

MAX BAER

Joc Piano, 88
John Ferguson, 2586
Thomas Henry, 3904

NEW AERIES

Doug McDermott, 3904
Willard Blair, 782
Charles Straub, 2486

PAST STATE PRESIDENTS

Dan O'Neil, 2119
Bob Butts, 941

RESOLUTIONS

Bob Butts, 941
Art Gonyea, 2586

STATE OF THE ORDER

Don Cowan, 782
Wayne Monroe, 941

GRIEVANCE & APPEALS

Harold Grant, 782
Gary Carlson, 616

BETTER HOME TOWNS

Ellis Spencer, 3904

NOMINATING

Dan O'Neil, 2119
Dick Potorff, 1253
Don Cowan, 782
Bob Butts, 941
Doug McDermott, 3904

PUBLICITY

Larry Robillard, 2486
Earl Sweet, 782

SCOUTING

Bob Rostas, 825
Raymond Howland, 782

YOUTH GUIDANCE

Bryan Welch, 1252
Richard Mosher, 1253

AUDITING

Bob Rostas, 825
John Palmer, 3846
Pat Gray, 2692

BY-LAWS

Ray Haggerty, 1411
Wayne Monroe, 941
Don Cowan, 782

PROGRAM & ACTIVITIES

Lou Osmond, 2692
John Ferguson, 2586

RITUALISTIC

Bill Bell, 782
Al Garin, 2119
Skip Grant, 782
Jack Kincaid, 616
Dan O'Neil, 2119

ATHLETIC

Dan Curcio, 52
Mike Fehy, 616

HOME & FAMILY

Dick Potorff, 1253
Joe Vella, 52

300 CLUB

Al Hubbard, 2119
Jim Tambash, 616

BLOOD DONORS

Charlie Bolio, 782
Herbert Taylor, 2586

STATE FUND RAISING

Gordy Brenenstuhl, 2467
Herbert Taylor, 2586

UNDER 35

Joe Salisbury, 3846
Mike Ketchner, 616

CREDENTIALS

Duane Bruning, 825
Bill Schwabenaue, 616

Bob Sharkey, 52

MEMORIAL FOUNDATION SOCIAL SECURITY

Harold Grant, 782
Robert Lancaster, 52

R.E.A.C.

Jim Harris, 616
Ronald Cate, 3128

KIDNEY FUND

Ken Morrissey, 2486
Pat Gray, 1411

HALL OF FAME

Al Hubbard, 2119
Doug McDermott, 3904

PARLIAMENTARIAN

Harry Stewart, 2191
William Mulhollen, 3904
Rudy Levey, 544

REPORT OF THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Read by Douglas McDermott, Chr., Addison Aerie 3904

RULES OF THE CONVENTION

Credentials for admission: Properly accredited delegates and Past Worthy Presidents, along with Ten Year Secretaries, shall obtain their credentials from the proper committee upon presentation of official receipts showing that they are in good standing in their Aerie.

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

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

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

Voting shall be by the voting sign of the Order, except upon Roll Call, then it shall be by aye or any vote. Any thirty persons may demand a roll call on any questions, but such demand shall be made before voting on the question.

Nominating speeches shall be limited to three minutes each and seconding speeches to two minutes each.

The election shall convene in the Aerie home on Saturday, June 18, 1998, from 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. Only official ballots to be received. The count shall begin promptly at the close of the polls and continue to the completion thereof.

Delegates must present their credentials and ballots, depositing the latter in the ballot box, first ascertaining the number of voted indicated on the credential is identical with that indicated on the ballot and that no erasures appear thereon.

All resolutions must be reduced to writing, typewritten in triplicate if possible, and delivered to the State Secretary for distribution to the proper committees. The Committee on resolutions will, at the proper time, report all resolutions to the convention, with recommendations thereon.

Any part of the issue not covered by the Rules of the Convention or the Rules of Order shall be

governed by Robert's Rules of Order Revised.

At this time, it is customary to read the Order of Business for the Convention, but in view of the fact there is no great change in the procedure as regards to previous sessions and also that copies of the Order of Business have been distributed to all of the delegates, I shall dispense with the reading of the same, if there are no objections.

Hearing none, this report is

Respectfully submitted,

Doug McDermott, Chr., 3904
Don Yanchunis, 2586

Brother McDermott moved for the adoption of this report. This was seconded by Ken Morrissey, Glens Falls Aerie 2486, and approved.

Committee Chairmen: This schedule must be strictly adhered to. Please have your report ready.

ORDER OF BUSINESS - THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 1998

1. OPENING EXERCISES
2. ROLL CALL OF THE STATE OFFICERS
3. ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS AND OATH OF ALLEGIANCE
4. STATE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS
5. REPORT OF THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
6. APPROVAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE PREVIOUS CONVENTION
7. READING OF COMMUNICATIONS
8. FIRST REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE
9. REPORT OF THE STATE PRESIDENT
10. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
11. REPORT OF THE STATE SECRETARY
12. FIRST REPORT OF THE BY-LAWS COMMITTEE
13. REPORT OF THE STATE TREASURER
14. REPORT OF THE SCOUTING COMMITTEE
15. REPORT OF THE NEW AERIE COMMITTEE
16. REPORT OF THE PUBLICITY COMMITTEE
17. REPORT OF THE STATE FUND RAISING
18. REPORT OF THE HOME AND FAMILY COMMITTEE
19. REPORT OF THE BETTER HOME TOWNS COMMITTEE
20. REPORT OF THE SPEAKERS COMMITTEE
21. REPORT OF THE 300 CLUB
22. REPORT OF THE HALL OF FAME
23. GOOD OF THE ORDER
24. RECESS

ORDER OF BUSINESS - FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 1998

1. OPENING EXERCISES
2. REPORT OF THE G.A. HOSPITALITY ROOM COMMITTEE
3. REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION COMMITTEE
4. REPORT OF THE BLOOD DONOR COMMITTEE
5. FIRST REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE
6. REPORT OF THE STATE BOWLING COMMITTEE
7. REPORT OF THE BY-LAWS COMMITTEE
8. REPORT OF THE STATE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
9. REPORT OF THE IN MEMORIAM COMMITTEE
10. REPORT OF THE STATE ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

11. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
12. SECOND REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE
13. REPORT OF THE STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR
14. REPORT OF THE STATE ARTHRITIS FUND COMMITTEE
15. REPORT OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY COMMITTEE
16. REPORT OF THE UNDER 35 CLUB
17. NOMINATION OF OFFICERS
18. RECESS

ORDER OF BUSINESS - SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 1998

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

Brother Rettinger then made a motion to dispense from reading the proceedings of the previous Convention due to the fact that all had received a copy. The motion was seconded by Dan Curcio, Rochester Aerie 54, and approved.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

State Secretary Donald Rettinger presented the following communications for disposition by the Delegates:

From Robert Wahls, Grand Secretary, requesting names & addresses of Officers elected at this Convention. Filed.

Letter of support for Joe Piano for State Officer from Rainbow Aerie #88. Filed.

From Harold Royer, Sr., Secretary, Saratoga Springs Aerie 2586, advising of their Aerie's approval of Donald Yanchunis for consideration for State Officer. Filed.

From William Wensley, Secretary, Lansingburgh Aerie 3773, advising of their nomination of Michael Hoag for State Officer. Filed.

From Kevin LaBombard, Apple Country Aerie 4358, advising of their support of Mike Hoag for State Officer. Filed.

From Robert Lancaster, Rochester Aerie 52, advising of their support for Dan Curcio for another year in the State Chairs. Filed.

From Harold Royer, Sr., Saratoga Springs Aerie 2586, advising of their support for Joseph Newman for State Officer. Filed.

From James Taton & Joe Walden, Depew-Lancaster Aerie 2692, advising of their support for Patrick Gray for State Officer. Filed.

From Kevin LaBombard, Apple Country Aerie 4358, advising of their support for Joe Newman to continue as State Officer. Filed.

From Larry Robillard, Glens Falls Aerie 2486, advising of their support for Kenneth Morrissey as State President. Filed.

From Bernard Carpenter & Allan Porter, Ithaca Aerie 1253, advising of their support for Bryan Welch as State Officer. Filed.

From Richard Travis, Addison Aerie 3904, advising of their support for Ellis Spencer to continue as State Officer. Filed.

From Harold Royer, Sr., Saratoga Springs Aerie 2586, advising of their support for Joseph Newman for State Officer. Filed.

From Gary Jacobik, Olean Aerie 616, advising of their support for James Harris for State Officer. Filed.

From Donald Cowan & Charles Bolio, Watertown Aerie 782, advising of their support for Harold Grant for State Officer. Filed.

From Franklin Rose, Lockport Aerie 825, advising of their support for Robert Rostas to carry on as State Officer. Filed.

From Gary Jacobik, Olean Aerie 616, requesting that Olean Aerie be named as host for the 1999 Eastern Regional Conference. Filed.

From Arnot Ogden Medical Center thanking the Grand Aerie for the \$10,000 grant to benefit the Children's Miracle Network. Filed.

From Lynn Eldred, Johnson City Aerie 2644, inviting all State Officers to attend their celebration for 51 years in existence. Filed.

From Robert Wahls, Grand Secretary, advising that the Secretary's Semi-Annual Report for the December 1, 1997 term has not been filed from 7 Aeries. Report to be submitted.

From the Grand Aerie requesting the State's participation in the Re-Enrollment Program. It was moved by Kenneth Morrissey, Glens Falls Aerie 2486, that NYS participate. This was seconded by Harold Grant, Watertown Aerie 782, and approved.

From Jim Roberts, Olathe Aerie 700, advising that the Kansas State Aerie supports Jim Roberts for Grand Aerie Office. Filed.

From Jerry Wilson, Secretary, Grand Aerie, advising of the illness of Grand Treasurer & Past Grand Worthy President Russ Clark's wife. Filed.

From Robert Wahls, Grand Secretary, requesting names & addresses of State/provincial President, Secretary, Membership Chairman & Bulletin Editor. Filed.

From Charlie Scheele, Grand Aerie Comptroller, advising of the Aeries who are delinquent in their Per Capita Tax through 12/1/97. Filed.

From Virginia State Aerie advising of their support of Wayne Clark for retainment as a Grand Aerie Officer. Filed.

Section of newspaper article advising of an Eagles Club President who was arrested for possession of cocaine. Filed.

From Washington State Aerie endorsing Mike Lagervall for Grand Aerie Office. Filed.

From William Blum, Grand Worthy President, advising of the Grand Aerie's regret of the discontinuance of forming a new Aerie in Amsterdam. Filed.

From William Blum, Grand Worthy President, thanking all Eagle members for their participation in membership drives. Filed.

From William Blum, Grand Worthy President, advising of need to report new and re-enrolled applicants. Filed.

from Myron Fisher, National Parade Chairman, requesting that each State/Province have an individual to carry their flag. Filed.

From Albert Gonas, Tonawanda Aerie 1411, requesting that Tonawanda be considered as Host Aerie for the State Spring Conference. Filed.

From Ken Cross, Membership Director, thanking NYS for placing an ad in the Grand Aerie/Grand Auxiliary International Convention Souvenir Program Book. Filed.

From William Blum, Grand Worthy President, requesting the status on Johnstown, Endicott & Corning Aeries.

From Jerry Wilson, Secretary, Board of Grand Trustees, advising that Grand Worthy Vice President Larry Hanshaw recently had surgery. Filed.

From David Cook thanking the Executive Committee for awarding the Spring Conference to Gloversville and advising of a letter he sent to the Grand Aerie questioning the rule with regard to a dual member of one Aerie not being able to hold office in both Aeries at the same time.

From Jerry Wilson, Housing Chairman, advising of the block of rooms in Spokane for the Grad Aerie Convention. Filed.

From Committee to Elect Charles Weber to Grand Aerie Office advising of their support. Filed.

From Robert Wahls, Grand Secretary, advising who will represent the Grand Aerie at the Convention in Spokane. Filed.

All letters of support for State Officers will be forwarded to the Nominating Committee.

Donald Rettinger
State Secretary

Brother Kenneth Morrissey, Glens Falls Aerie 2486, moved for the approval of Brother Rettinger's report. This was seconded by Harold Grant, Watertown Aerie 782, and approved.

FIRST REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Read by Duane Bruning, Chr., Lockport Aerie 825

Brother Delegates:

The following is a partial report of the Credentials Committee:

Grand Aerie Representatives	2
State Officers	14
Past State Presidents	13
Delegates	62
Alternates	0
Past Worthy Presidents	52
TOTAL VOTES	127
Total Credentials Issued	66

Respectfully submitted,

Duane Bruning, Chr., 825
Donald Yanchunis, 2586
Louis Osman, 2692
Mike Fahy, 616

Brother Bruning moved for the adoption of this partial report. This was seconded by Daniel Curcio, Rochester Aerie 52, and approved.

STATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Read by State President James Telban, Rochester Aerie 52:

Grand Aerie Representatives, State Aerie Officers, Brother Delegates:

Let me start by thanking the Brothers of New York State for the privilege and honor of serving as your President during the last year. We started together at the Convention in Watertown, continued with the Conferences in Olean and Rochester, and end here in Glens Falls. In between, the kindness and hospitality shown to Pearl and me during our visitations was fantastic.

Though we did not reach my membership goals, we did sign up 1257 new and re-enrolled Brothers. Our challenge with the girls came close, but with the odds I gave them, we needed a new Aerie to beat them, and that was not to be. I wish Ken the best in the coming year and hopefully, with the assistance of Vermont Eagles, he will become a Bell Ringer.

Our Joint President's charity was a different story. Ellen and I picked "Children's Hospital at Strong" and wherever we went, at joint functions or by ourselves, we were met with a great response from the Brothers and Sisters throughout the State. I am proud to say that in Rochester on Sunday, May 31st, I presented a check in the amount of \$10,000.00 to the hospital on the Children's Miracle Network Telethon. Since then, we have raised even more and I thank you for your donations and support.

Again, thank you for your help and confidence during the past year. You have proved that New York Eagles are truly "People Helping People" and I will remember this year the rest of my life.

Respectfully submitted,

James R. Telban, President
New York State Aerie, F.O.E.

It was moved by Daniel Curcio, Rochester Aerie 52, that this report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Harold Grand, Watertown Aerie 782, and approved.

Under Special Order of Business, State President Telban introduced Grand Aerie Representative Tom McGrath, Jim Clark and Joe Schumacher. They wished everyone a successful Convention. They offered thanks to Brother Telban for a great year as President and wished success to the new incoming Officers, not only for membership, but for the charities.

STATE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Read by Donald Rettinger, Tonawanda Aerie 1411

Brother Delegates:

This past year has been a lot different than I expected. Wayne warned me, but I didn't think that there was a much work involved in this office, nor did I expect to hear so many troubles from so many places. However, I went in with both eyes wide open, so full steam ahead.

Our membership for the year was not what we planned, but I guess we are no different than a lot of other States. We all can't be Pennsylvania Jim & Joe. However, we did very well in some Aeries with Cobleskill being a triple quota Aerie, with Saratoga and Elmont doubling theirs, and as of this writing, there are some others real close to doubling and will probably make it.

As you know, Membership is our life's blood and Bob Sharky and his Zone and District Directors are to be congratulated for the fine work they have done this past year. I wish them even more success with Kenny at the wheel.

Our finances are not the best with a balance of \$21,346.87, with almost \$13,000 earmarked for the Arthritis Fund. However, we did manage to only exceed our receipts by \$3,000.00. With having to set up a different office and a lot of new supplies, I guess that's not too bad and should be a lot better next year.

We are down to a couple of weak Aeries but with the effort and time being put in by a few individuals, things are looking good in that direction. While I'm on this note, I would like to give some kudos to some of the guys who really worked hard on these Aeries: John Palmer who worked with Gloversville, Oneonta and Johnstown; Charles Straub with Schenectady and Ossining; Bob Butts with Corning; Joe Newman who has helped out Elmont, Northport; and Al Hubbard who is working with Endicott.

Weak Aeries are the downside. On the upside, we expect a new Aerie to be instituted in Ticonderoga during the month of July, probably the 19th. If you can, I'm sure it would be appreciated to attend the opening and welcome our new Brothers. Due to the new Grand Aerie policies, we have had to cease organizing two other Aeries, namely Amsterdam and Easton.

Our State Athletic Programs could use some infusion, especially the Bowling and Softball Tournaments. They are both down in participation.

As for our charities, they seem to be doing well with the good efforts being put forth by our Chairmen. Naturally, they are down to what they were in the past, but this is because we have less Aeries from which to draw, but the per capita ratio has increased.

The Spring and Fall Conferences were a success, but could use some more people. You should let your Aeries know of the information and good times that are to be had at these Conferences. The highlights of these Conferences were the selection of Middletown for the Fall Conference, Gloversville for the Spring Conference, Lockport for the Convention, and Bob Sharky was appointed as Membership Chairman for the next year.

The one thing that I feel is of the utmost importance to us being successful as Local or State Aeries is to make sure that we select good local secretaries and follow up by ensuring that they are doing their

job. They are the pivot around which everything in your Aerie and State revolve and very little can be done by anyone if they do not. We in the State do not get the information we require and as a result we cannot get the information to you that you are entitled to receive and to keep you informed what is going on in the State and the other local Aeries. So, keep on their tails to see your bulletins and other reports and make sure they are getting their reports out to the State and Grand Aeries.

All in all, this has been a good year for New York under the guidance of Jim and his Officers and I want to thank them for being so patient with me. I also want to thank Homer for the east transition into the office and for his help during the year. Also, to Bib for not deserting the ship, although I sure miss being out front watching the leg go, and especially to Mary and Ray for looking after the mail for me. We have the makings for a great year in 1998-1999 and I'm sure, with everyone pulling together and Kenny at the wheel, we will have a banner year for our Eagle family.

I'm looking forward to a successful Convention and extend my best wishes to all for a safe journey home.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Rettinger
State Secretary

STATE SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL REPORT May 31, 1997 - May 31, 1998

Receipts:	November	May	Total
Gr. Aerie Per Capita Tax	\$1,803.00	\$1,743.00	\$3,546.00
State Fund Raising	850.00	----	850.00
Past President's Ad	36.00	----	36.00
Arthritis	4,847.00	1,140.00	5,987.00
State Per Capita Tax	7,799.25	8,606.50	16,405.75
Pin Sales	104.00	----	104.00
Aux. 1/2 Page Ad-Convention	147.50	----	147.50
Aux. Badges	160.00	52.50	212.50
Banquet Tickets-Watertown	352.00	----	352.00
Bank Interest	234.43	161.02	395.45
Aux. Postage Bulletin	100.00	----	100.00
Past President's Ad	4.00	----	4.00
G.A. Hospitality Rm. Refund	1,191.80	----	1,191.80
300 Club	440.00	5,020.00	5,460.00
Convention Advance	----	1,000.00	1,000.00
Registration Fees	----	400.00	400.00
TOTAL	\$18,068.98	\$18,123.02	\$36,192.00
Expenditures:	November	May	Total
Membership Awards	\$1,468.14	\$661.51	\$2,129.65
Membership Meetings	822.20	639.40	1,461.60
Convention-Watertown	3,508.15	----	3,508.15
G.A. Ritual Books	28.06	----	28.06
G.A. Assignments	700.00	----	700.00
G.A. P.P. Registration Fees	25.00	60.00	85.00
941 Tax	57.37	----	57.37
President's Visitations	492.60	904.00	1,396.60
Treasurer's Allowance	114.00	132.72	246.72
Secretary's Allowance	750.00	1,125.00	1,875.00
Hall of Fame	113.70	42.72	156.42
Spring-Fall Conference	1,913.00	1,614.16	3,527.16
Postage	140.04	204.17	444.21

Office Supplies	397.61	282.97	680.58
G.A. Bonding	26.25	26.25	52.50
G.A. Hospitality Room	1,888.00	----	1,888.00
Telephone	128.34	107.17	235.51
Arthritis Grants	12,000.00	----	12,000.00
Eastern Regional Conf.	820.00	----	820.00
Past Pres. Honorarium	100.00	----	100.00
Prepare 990	50.00	----	50.00
Bulletin Expenses	901.79	361.90	1,227.69
Officers Visitations	139.40	239.00	432.40
Officers Badges	49.20	----	49.20
Sympathy Expenses	83.00	42.80	125.80
Membership Office Expenses	30.00	32.32	62.32
Glens Falls Conv.	----	246.78	246.78
Aux. Conv. Advance	----	500.00	500.00
Past Pres. Pin	----	302.50	302.50
300 Club Awards	----	3,000.00	3,000.00
Convention Journal	----	1,290.23	1,290.23
Grand Aerie Ad	----	295.00	295.00
Glens Falls Conv. Ad	----	130.00	130.00
Aux. Badges Overcharge	----	7.50	7.50
Past Pres. Ad	----	65.00	65.00
TOTALS	\$12,367.10	\$26,845.85	\$39,212.95

RECAPITULATION

Balance as of May 31, 1997 - \$24,367.82

EXPENSES	\$39,212.95
RECEIPTS	<u>36,192.00</u>
	\$ 3,020.95

\$24,367.82
3,020.95

Balance as of May 31, 1998

\$21,346.87

Brother Kenneth Morrissey Glens Falls Aerie 2486, moved for the adoption of this report. This was seconded by Daniel Curcio, Rochester Aerie 52, and approved.

FIRST REPORT OF THE BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Given by Ray Haggerty, Chr., N. Tonawanda Aerie 1411.

Brothers:

Brothers Haggerty, Monroe and Cowan read the first proposed changes to the By-Laws:

Section 1.2

Delete - ...and the Membership Director of the New York State Aerie. It was recommended that they revert back to deleting the Membership Director as part of the Executive Board of the NYS Aerie.

Section 5.9

Add - Whenever a State function is held in the Aerie Home of a State Officer or appointed Chairperson, the said State Officer or appointed Chairman will not receive any compensation from the State Aerie, except for registration fee at the State Convention. It was felt that a State Officer should not

receive remuneration for a function being held in his Aerie Home.

Delete - Eastern Ontario, Province of Ontario of the Dominion of Canada, in all appearances in the Fraternal Order of Eagles New York State Aerie By-Laws. It was recommended that all publications for the State Aerie have the reference to Eastern Ontario removed.

Section 3.5

Currently Reads: No person, other than a Past Worthy President or a 10 year Secretary of a local Aerie, shall be eligible for State Office, nor shall any person be eligible to hold State Office, unless he shall, at the time of his installation as a State 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.

Proposed Change: No person, other than a Past Worthy President or a 10 year Secretary of a New York State local Aerie, shall be eligible for State Office, nor shall any person be eligible to hold State Office, unless he shall, at the time of his installation as a State Officer, be of legal age as defined by the Laws of New York State, nor unless he shall be a member of good standing in a New York State local Aerie.

The changes are: 1) Canadian Civil Jurisdiction was deleted, and 2) A person has to be a Past Worthy President of a local Aerie in New York State.

The above changes do not affect any State Officer now in office or anyone from Eastern Ontario from running for State Office who was President of his local Aerie when they were affiliated with New York State.

Section 2.1

Currently Reads: The State Aerie shall be composed of delegates from the local Aeries of the New York jurisdiction as follows:

- The present serving Officers of the State Aerie,
- All of the Past State Presidents of this State Aerie,
- All Past Worthy Presidents and 10 year Secretaries of local Aeries,
- 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 and has paid all designated registration fees.

Proposed Change: The State Aerie shall be composed of delegates from the local Aeries of the New York State jurisdiction as follows:

- The present serving Officers of the State Aerie,
- All of the Past State Presidents of this State Aerie,
- All Past Worthy Presidents and 10 year Secretaries of New York State local Aeries,
- 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 and has paid all designated registration fees.

The only change is that you must be a Past Worthy President or a 10 year Secretary of a New York State local Aerie. This change does not affect any State Officer now in office or anyone from Eastern Ontario who was President of his local Aerie when they were affiliated with New York State.

Brother Haggerty advised that these proposed By-Law changes will not be voted upon until the last meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Haggerty, Chr., 1411

Wayne Monroe, 941
Donald Cowan, 782

Brother Haggerty moved for the adoption of this partial report. This was seconded by James Harris, Rochester Aerie 52, and approved.

STATE TREASURER'S REPORT

Read by State Treasurer Raymond Haggerty, N. Tonawanda Aerie 1411

State Officer, Grand Representatives and Delegates:

I hereby submit the following Treasurer's Report:

Bank balance - March 18, 1998	\$23,987.98
Deposits	5,621.75
TOTAL	\$29,668.12
Expenditures	\$ 8,318.93
Balance	22,349.19
Outstanding checks (13)	1,539.75
Bank Balance - May 18, 1998	\$22,888.94

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Haggerty, Chr., 1411

Brother Haggerty moved for the adoption of this report. Daniel Curcio, Rochester Aerie 52, seconded this motion. Approved.

REPORT OF THE SCOUTING COMMITTEE

Read by Robert Rostas, Chr., Lockport Aerie 825.

Grand Aerie Representatives, Worthy State President, State Officers, Delegates and My Brothers:

The Scouting Programs are character building by design. The boys and girls involved in the Scouting movement are molded and educated through their Scout Leaders so that they will become the future leaders of our communities, industries, our country, and, yes, even future members of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

By the support supplied by the various Aeries of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, such as providing a safe and continuous place to meet and seeking to help financially with equipment and supplies, we can help to guarantee the continuation of the Scouting movement.

I have received reports from 3 Aeries on their involvement in Scouting activities. Cobleskill Aerie 2695 sponsors Cub Pack #2695 and also Boy Scout Troop #5. The Aerie provides a meeting place and supports their functions, as well as supporting them financially. Canajoharie Aerie 3846 sponsors Boy Scout Troop #3846 with 25 Scouts involved. Lockport Aerie 825 is deeply involved in the Scouting movement. They sponsor Cub Pack #71 with 81 boys. They also sponsor Boy Scout Troop #82 with 58 boys. In addition to the boys, they also sponsor the girls of Brownie Troop #126, Cadet Troop #45, Junior Troop #269, and also a Senior Girl Scout Troop. All together, Lockport Aerie sponsors 208 scouts. Lockport Aerie is extremely proud of the fact that 12 Eagle Scouts have come out of Troop #82, with 2 more Courts of Honor scheduled for this summer.

Let's all become involved in the Scouting movement. It is our future.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Rostas, Chr., 825
Raymond Howland, 782

Brother Rostas moved for the adoption of this report which was seconded by Kenneth Morrissey, Glens Falls Aerie 2486, and approved.

REPORT OF THE NEW AERIES COMMITTEE

Read by Douglas McDermott, Chr., Addison Aerie 3904

Worthy President, Grant Aerie Representatives, State Officers and Brother Delegates:

It is my sad duty to announce that the New York State Aerie did not institute a new Aerie for our Brother, Jim. However, it is with great pride that I announce that a new Aerie in Ticonderoga, NY will be instituted on July 19th. Its Aerie number will be 4410.

Brother McDermott then introduced Frank Trombley, PWP of Fair Haven Aerie 3907, Fair Haven, Vermont. Mr. Trombley announced that a new Aerie would be instituted on July 19, 1998 in Ticonderoga, NY. He advised that there were 78 charter applicants reported and that he expects to have 100 charter members for the new Aerie. A standing ovation was given to our visiting Brother.

In correspondence, the State Secretary read the letters on the two active commissions, one in Amsterdam, and the other in Easton. These efforts are discontinued.

New Aeries play a vital roll in the continuance of the growth of our Order. We recognize the commitment that organizers give to the Order.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas McDermott, Chr., 3904
Willard Blair, 782
Charles Straub, 2486

It was moved by Brother McDermott to accept this report as given. This was seconded by James Telban, Rochester Aerie 52, and approved.

REPORT OF THE PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Read by Larry Robillard, Chr., Glens Falls Aerie 2486

Grand Aerie Representatives, State Aerie Leaders, Members:

As you have heard throughout the last year, a lot of Eagle Club's have started to use the word Aerie. This helps our public relations image. This one step should help to establish a more favorable relationship with the public and our own members. For example, here at the Glens Falls Aerie, changing Club Day to Family Aerie Day or just Aerie Day shows that we are more than just a Club. Clubs primarily exist for themselves, but Aeries are the nests of our communities.

All Eagles have that public spirit in them. This public spirit gets us motivated to help the public welfare by showing our devotion to different fund raisers we have.

Sometimes we don't always get to prepare or to issue printed material to the media (radio, newspapers & TV), but we are taking better strides in doing so, as you have heard and seen on TV with the telethons.

I still hear, "What are the Eagles and what do they do?" This sounds very strange to hear when we are 100 years old. The words "Fraternal Order of Eagles" will be getting stronger and mean more to the communities we serve.

We will be the ones who will have to develop and keep the Fraternal Order of Eagles in positive light, but we all will have to work on publicity for the good of our Order.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Robillard, Chr., 2486
Earl Sweet, 782

Brother Robillard moved for the adoption of this report. This was seconded by Harold Grant, Watertown Aerie 782, and approved.

REPORT OF THE STATE FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

Read by Gordon Brenenstuhl, Hoosick Falls Aerie 2467

Brothers:

At the time this report was compiled, we had collected \$880.00 in funds for the New York State Aerie. This has been turned over to the State Secretary.

The donations were:

Rochester Aerie 52	\$580.00
Lansingburgh Aerie 3773	50.00
Hoosick Falls Aerie 2467	100.00
Cortland Aerie 2191	100.00
Watertown Aerie 782	50.00

I want to thank each of the Aeries who contributed to this fund. I am sure that this extra money will make it much easier for the State Aerie to carry out some of the things which need to be done. Once again, thanks go to each and every member who had a hand in raising these donations.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon Brenenstuhl, Chr., 2467
Herbert Taylor, 2586

It was moved by Brother Brenenstuhl and seconded by Harold Grant, Watertown Aerie 782, that this report be approved as read. Approved.

REPORT OF THE HOME & FAMILY COMMITTEE

Read by Joe Vella, Rochester Aerie 52

Grand Aerie Officers, State Officers, Brother Delegates:

It is important for the Aerie to hold programs which involve the whole family in Aerie events. The Aerie should sponsor family picnics, softball and bowling parties, dances for the young people, and any other programs which will bring the families together. It lets the children get to know each other and have fun together.

We must remember that the young men and women of our Aeries and Auxiliaries will be the leaders of our Clubs tomorrow. If we are to continue to be one of the leading fund raisers in our communities, we must instill in our children a sense of the value of hard work to raise monies for our many charities.

We must let them know that we truly are people helping people. The more we involve the family members in the Aerie activities, the better our Aeries will be. If we show the kids we love them and that we appreciate their help, the more we can be sure they will want to help carry on our work. All we have to do to involve the children is ask them. You will probably be surprised at their willingness to help.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard K. Pottorff, Chr., 1253
Joe Vella, 52

Brother Vella moved for the adoption of this report. Harold Grant, Watertown Aerie 782, seconded the motion. All in favor.

REPORT OF THE BETTER HOME TOWN COMMITTEE

Read by Ellis Spencer, Chr., Addison Aerie 3904

Grand Aerie Representatives, State Aerie Officers, Past Presidents, My Brothers:

We as Eagles should speak up and let the community know what we stand for. That is our right and we should exercise it at all times.

Without a doubt, we should get involved in community meetings, etc. If we speak up, then people will know what we stand for. This is how we got to be what we are today.

Fraternally yours,

Ellis D. Spencer, Chr., 3904

Brother Spencer moved for the adoption of this report which was seconded by Harold Grant, Watertown Aerie 782. Approved.

REPORT OF THE SPEAKERS COMMITTEE

Read by Donald Rettinger, Chr., Tonawanda Aerie 1411

Brothers:

To start, I would like to thank the Glens Falls Convention Committee for obtaining the local Glens Falls City officials who spoke at our Opening Ceremony.

Something we have been able to do this year that, in my mind, has not been done enough, is to get some of our Officers out on speaking engagements. This past year we were able to get Officers, other than the State President, at Anniversaries and other functions. Our President made eleven official visitations, plus quite a few he made on his own.

I would encourage the Aeries if they want a State Officer at their functions, they get their requests in writing as early as possible as they will be handled on a first come, first serve basis, unless the President has committed himself to attend other functions on his own.

We are very fortunate to have two of my personal friends and very able speakers for our banquet, namely, Joe Schumacher, Past State President and Eastern Regional President from Bethlehem, PA, and our Keynote Speaker will be Grand Outside Guard James J. Clark from New Kensington, PA.

In closing I want to thank Jim for this appointment. It was an interesting year.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Rettinger, Chr. 1411

This report was moved by Brother Rettinger, seconded by Douglas McDermott, Addison Aerie 3904, and approved.

REPORT OF THE 300 CLUB

Read by Daniel O'Neil, Binghamton Aerie 2119

Grand Aerie Representatives, State Officers and Brother Delegates:

This is the final report of the 300 Club for 1998. This year, we sold 243 tickets, making \$4,860.00, from which we paid out \$3,000.00. The State received \$1,860.00.

As you know, this a far cry of making \$3,000.00 for the State which helps send your State Officers on their visitations. Let's all try harder next year and sell all 300 tickets. Please don't misplace or lose them. Here are the winners for 1998:

\$1,000.00	Melea Bartly
500.00	Rudy Levi
250.00	Margaret Hubbard
250.00	Margaret Hodge
100.00	Susan Papastrat
100.00	Betty Lance
100.00	Cathy Caruso
50.00	Marg Wheeler
50.00	Albert Denicola
50.00	Gary Carlson
50.00	Saratoga Aerie 2586

We had twenty \$25.00 winners.

Thanks to all who sold these tickets and special thanks to my wife who helps me get the names and numbers down on paper. Thank you Worthy President for allowing me to chair this Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Hubbard, Chr., 2119

Brother O'Neil moved for the approval of this report. Daniel Curcio, Rochester Aerie 52, seconded the motion. Approved.

REPORT OF THE HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE

Read by Daniel O'Neil, Binghamton Aerie 2119

Grand Aerie Representatives, State Officers and Brother Delegates:

The Hall of Fame Committee met in Rochester, NY on April 18, 1998 and reviewed three letters, one each from Depew, Lockport, and Glens Falls, NY, for consideration into the Hall of Fame. After due consideration, the Committee picket the names of Salvatore Ventura, 2692; Duane Bruning, 825; and Arthur Gonyea, 2486; along with five Past State Presidents: Robert Butts, 941; Richard Pottorff, 1253; John Palmer, 3846; Daniel O'Neil, 2119; and Harry Stewart, 2191.

Again, letters will be sent out in January, 1999 to all Aeries requesting names for the Hall of Fame. The Committee wishes to thank all of the Aeries who sent letters in for consideration.

Thank you Worthy President for the honor of chairing this Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Hubbard, Chr., 2119
Douglas McDermott, 3904
Robert Woodruff, 52

Brother O'Neil moved for the adoption of this report. The motion was seconded by Charles Straub, Glens Falls Aerie 2486, and approved.

Under the Good of the Order, Brother Straub advised that during a local Telethon, their NYS Aerie was on TV every hour on the hour for 5 hours with the Arthritis program. For the last hour on TV, Schenectady sat in the VIP station and the Eagles got front line coverage.

It was announced that Brother Rettinger would be the Master of Ceremonies for the Banquet Saturday night.

Brother Harris questioned whether the local Aeries can go through a web site to report to the Grand Aerie. As of this time, they do not have a web site. Brother Straub advised that starting next week, the NYS Aerie will be on the internet. Brother Osman reported that Depew-Lancaster currently has a web site.

There being no further business for the day, the meeting was recessed at 3:30 P.M. until Friday, June 18, 1998 at 10:00 A.M.

SECOND SESSION

The second session of the 92nd Annual State Convention was convened on Friday, June 19, 1998 at 10:00 A.M. by State President James Telban.

The Roll Call of State Officers was held with all being in attendance. The Obligation, admission of new members, and Oath of Allegiance were given by Brother Douglas McDermott, Addison Aerie 3904.

REPORT OF THE G.A. HOSPITALITY ROOM

Rear by James Russell, Rochester Aerie 52

Brothers:

The New York State Hospitality Room at the Grand Convention will be at the Cavanaugh Ridpath. The room will be open each day for the NYS people. On Wednesday night, it will be open to all Eagles.

Any contributions to the Hospitality Room will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

James Russell, Chr., 52
Robert Rostas, 825

It was moved by Brother Russell that this report be adopted as read. Daniel Curcio, Rochester Aerie 52, seconded the motion. All in favor.

REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

Read by Harold Grant, Chr., Watertown Aerie 782

Grand Aerie Representatives, State President Telban, Delegates and My Brothers:

We all know that the Memorial Foundation will take care of a deceased Policeman, Fireman, and Emergency Medical Technician's children as far as education and medical and dental bills until the age of 18, or 25 if still in school.

Brother Welch told us last year of an Officer in Ithaca who was killed while on duty. The sad part is that he wasn't a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

It is up to us, the members of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, to work at getting to these people who put their lives on the line to protect us and tell them of the Memorial Foundation and what it can mean to them and their families.

Let's all try harder to reach this goal.

In closing, I want to thank State President Telban for allowing me to chair this Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold Grant, Chr., 782
Robert Lancaster, 52

Brother Grant moved for approval of this report which was seconded by Bryan Welch, Ithaca Aerie 1253, and approved.

REPORT OF THE BLOOD DONORS COMMITTEE

Read by Charles Bolio, Chr., Watertown Aerie 782

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

A blood donor: Who is he? What makes him think? Why does he donate blood?

1) He's the person who cares about the welfare of others. 2) He's the person who is not afraid to give something of himself for someone else, regardless of who or what that individual is or believes. 3) He's the person always ready to help another person.

What is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles?

All of the above seem to fit. After all, isn't our motto, "People Helping People?"

I have served as Chairman of this Committee for ten years and throughout that time I have urged our Eagle Brothers and Sisters to give the gift of life and become a blood done. I have asked our Aeries to sponsor a blood bank or co-sponsor with another organization. I am sure they are doing this, but don't feel it necessary to let people know about what they are doing. Well, maybe things are changing as I am pleased to report that Saratoga held a blood bank last year. They were given a quota of 25 pints and 35 people showed up. Unfortunately, one major problem slapped them in the face. Because of strict regulations, only 18 people were allowed to give. The remainder were all denied for one reason or another. This only shows that it is important for anyone to give who can.

I was also told of a young girl who had been in an auto accident and needed several surgeries who came and wanted to give. Unfortunately, she was told no. But, she persisted, went to a higher source, and was cleared. To give back to someone what they had given to her. She then went to another blood bank and donated herself and got three family members to go with her. She also has given several times since. Three cheers for her perseverance!

At this time, I will do as I have the past few years and ask anyone who has donate blood this past year to stand up and be recognized. Keep up the good work and next time take a friend along. Do this and next year's report is sure to be even better.

Fraternally Submitted,

Charles Bolio, Chr., 782
Herbert Taylor, 2586

Brother Bolio moved for the adoption of this report. This motion was seconded by Harold Grant, Watertown Aerie 782, and approved.

FIRST REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Read by Robert Butts, Chr., Elmira Aerie 941

Grand Aerie Representatives, State Officers, Brothers:

The following are the proposed Resolutions received to date:

RESOLUTION #1

WHEREAS, Robert P. Wahls has made known that he desires to continue to serve the Fraternal Order of Eagles as Grand Worthy Secretary.

WHEREAS, Robert P. Wahls has demonstrated his knowledge and qualifications by serving as Grand

Worthy Secretary since 1995 and has personal commitments that support the continued growth and leadership of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

WHEREAS, Robert P. Wahls is a member in good standing of Aerie #1299 and a man of high principles, good moral character and excellent leadership capabilities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Aerie, in the City of Glens Falls, New York, in the State of New York, on this 19th day of June, 1998, hereby approve this resolution and submit and support Robert P. Wahls to the Grand Aerie Nominating Committee for the position of Grand Worthy Secretary.

RESOLUTION #2

WHEREAS, James Clarke has made known that he desires to serve the Fraternal Order of Eagles as a Grand Aerie Officer.

WHEREAS, James Clarke has demonstrated his knowledge and qualifications by serving as Secretary of New Kensington Aerie #533, and the Pennsylvania State Aerie as their Treasurer, and serving as State President for the term 1991-1992.

WHEREAS, James Clarke is a member in good standing of Aerie #533 and a man of high principles and good moral character and excellent leadership capabilities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the New York State Aerie, in the City of Glens Falls, New York, on this 19th day of June, 1998, hereby approve this resolution and submit and support James Clarke to the Grand Aerie Nominating Committee for a Grand Aerie Officer

RESOLUTION #3

WHEREAS, Ed Bollenbacker has made known that he desires to continue to serve the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

WHEREAS, Ed Bollenbacker has demonstrated his knowledge and qualifications by serving the Grand Aerie, and has personal commitments that support the continued growth and leadership of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the New York State Aerie, in the City of Glens Falls, New York, on this 19th day of June, 1998, support the advancement of Ed Bollenbacker to the Nominating Committee.

RESOLUTION #4

WHEREAS, Wayne Clark has made known that he desires to continue to serve the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

WHEREAS, Wayne Clark has demonstrated his knowledge and qualifications by serving the Grand Aerie, and has personal commitments that support the continued growth and leadership of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the New York State Aerie, in the City of Glens Falls, New York, on this 19th day of June, 1998, support the advancement of Wayne Clark to the Grand Aerie Nominating Committee.

RESOLUTION #5

WHEREAS, the Fraternal Order of Eagles established the Memorial Fund to offer benefits to the members of the military, and

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Memorial Fund and the Grand Aerie, in many sessions, have modified the eligibility of those to receive benefits,

WHEREAS, the Grand Aerie has elected that members of the military are exempt from dues or per capita, and

WHEREAS, the Grand Aerie recognizes that our police, fire and other public servants services are comparable to that of our military,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the local Aeries and Auxiliaries be permitted to offer the same benefits to our public servants that are eligible for benefits of the Memorial Foundation as that of our military. That is, no per capita nor dues collected while active in their irrespective service or employment.

Brother Butts advised that the purpose of this Resolution is to grow the membership of the Order as these new people will bring their friends and families into the Order. Secondly, with the reduction of the military forces, the recruitment of these servants will not add a strain on the Memorial Funds. This is a true offer of people helping people.

Brother Butts advised that the final reading of the above Resolutions will be held tomorrow and voted on at that time.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Butts, Chr., 941
Arthur Gonyea, 2586

Brother Butts moved for the adoption of this partial report. Richard Potoroff, Ithaca Aerie 1253, seconded the motion. Approved.

REPORT OF THE STATE BOWLING COMMITTEE

Read by Bill Bell, Chr. Watertown Aerie 782:

Grand Aerie Officers, State Officers, Brother Delegates:

The following is the Financial Report for 1998 for the N.Y.S. Bowling Tournament.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1998 NYS BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Balance as of June 1, 1997 \$2,152.54

RECEIPTS:

Tournament Advance 300.00
1997 Tournament Entry Fees 5,160.50
\$7,613.04

EXPENDITURES:

1997 October Meeting \$427.64
Bank Expenses (changing to new bank) 87.98
Priced Right Printing for Assn. & Tournament 80.90
PLA MOR LANES (1746 games @ \$1.50) 2,619.00
1998 Prize Money 1,651.50

Tournament Secretary (C. Bolio)	261.90
Score Keeping	174.60
Mailing Expenses	61.86
Assn. Sec'y Office Exp.	444.80
1998 June Meeting	444.80
	<u>\$5,827.54</u>

RECAPITULATION:

Balance as of June 1, 1997	\$2,152.54
Receipts	<u>5,460.50</u>
	\$7,613.04
Total Expenditures	<u>-5,827.54</u>
Balance as of June 1, 1998	<u>\$1,784.54</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Bell, Chr., 782
Lee Parks, 1253

Brother Bell made a motion that this report be approved as read. The motion was seconded by Robert Sharkey, Rochester Aerie 52, and approved.

After the adoption of the report, Brother Bell read the proposed amendments to NYS Aerie Bowling By-Laws, as approved at the June, 1998 Meeting:

**Article 2
Membership**

Section 1. Any bowler 18 year of age or older and who is in good standing of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, shall be eligible to bowl in the annual New York State Eagles Bowling Tournament.

**Article 7
Duties of Officers**

The Board of Directors shall also:

Section 1. (1) Approve of all posters, entry blanks, rules and regulations appearing thereon and shall specifically see that such entry blanks include a notice that any check for prize money will become void after 90 days from date of issue. They shall further see that all official posters and entry blanks are mailed to all Aeries in the State jurisdiction not later than December 31 in the year preceding the Tournament.

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**Article 8
Tournament Secretary**

3. He shall receive all entry fees and bowling fees and deposit them promptly in a bank or banks designated by the Board of Directors of the Association in an account known as the "New York State Bowling Association, F.O.E." account and all withdrawals therefrom shall be only on the joint

signature of any two of the following Officers: State Secretary, Association Secretary, Tournament Secretary and State Treasurer of the State of New York Aerie, F.O.E. The entry fees to be approved by the Board of Directors.

Brother Bell then moved for adoption of the proposed changes in the NYS Aerie Bowling By-Laws, which was seconded by Brother Ray Howland, Watertown Aerie 782, and approved.

SECOND REPORT OF THE BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Read by Robert G.T. Yager, Canajoharie Aerie 3846, and Wayne H. Monroe, Elmira Aerie 941:

Brothers:

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Currently Reads: No person, other than a Past Worthy President or a 10 year Secretary of a local Aerie, shall be eligible for State Office, nor shall any person be eligible to hold State Office, unless he shall, at the time of his installation as a State 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.

Proposed Change: No person, other than a Past Worthy President or a 10 year Secretary of a New York State local Aerie, shall be eligible for State Office, nor shall any person be eligible to hold State Office, unless he shall, at the time of his initial installation as a State Officer, be of legal age as defined by the Laws of New York State, nor unless he shall be a member of good standing in a New York State local Aerie.

The changes are: 1) Canadian Civil Jurisdiction was deleted, and 2) A person has to be a Past Worthy President of a local Aerie in New York State. The above changes do not affect any State Officer now in office or anyone from Eastern Ontario from running for State Office who was President of his local Aerie when they were affiliated with New York State.

Section 2.1

Currently Reads: 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 and 10 year Secretaries of local Aeries,

d) Representatives elected by the local Aerie 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 and has paid all designated registration fees.

Proposed Change: The State Aerie shall be composed of delegates from the local Aeries of the New York State 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 and 10 year Secretaries of New York State 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 and has paid all designated registration fees.

The only change is that you must be a Past Worthy President or a 10 year Secretary of a New York State local Aerie. This change does not affect any State Officer now in office or anyone from Eastern Ontario who was President of his local Aerie when they were affiliated with New York State.

Brother Kenneth Morrissey, Glens Falls Aerie 2486, moved for the adoption of this partial report. This motion was seconded by Harold Grant, Watertown Aerie 782, and approved.

REPORT OF THE STATE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Read by Robert G.T. Yager, Chr., Canajoharie Aerie 3846

Brothers:

1998 State Convention Legislative Report:

This year, legislation was introduced that would benefit all Aerie's in New York State. Legislation that will lower our power bills and telephone bills by changing the status of our accounts from business to residential. For telephone service, that would lower each line charge by \$30 per month and eliminate the per call charge. We have 35 Aeries in New York. Total savings on just the basic charge would be over \$12,600.00 per year (based on one phone line per Aerie). Will this legislation get passed? Laws passed take an average of 7-8 years to get through the system. Unless our lobby is better than the telephone and power companies, it won't get passed. But, if every State Leader, Aerie, Auxiliary and member got behind this cause, it could happen.

The Committee this year assisted David Bamonte, the lawyer for the Ossining Aerie. Charlie Straub was asked by David to give proof of the not-for-profit status for the Eagles. The two letters were sent to the Grand Aerie on March 3, 1969 and August 27, 1991. One is as a 501(c)(8) and one as a 501(c)(10). It was explained that he could probably take his pick.

Your Legislative Committee also answered questions on Liquor Laws and ASCAP for an Aerie. They wanted to change from their public license to a club license. This Committee had the necessary paperwork sent to them. Many years ago, this Committee suggested that the Aerie's do not pay into ASCAP since we are not open to the public. An Aerie made some payments and wanted to know how they could stop.

The Committee set up various conferences across the State. The last Racing and Wagering Conference this administration has scheduled will be held at the Depew Aerie on Thursday, October 29th at 7 P.M. Plan on attending.

For the first time, one of our Aerie's was allowed to move their license for Vegas gaming to a mall. This can only be done if you have a completely clean record and the State Racing and Wagering Board OK's it (along with your local government).

Federal Income Tax Exemption:

Some Aerie's that are represented in this room have recently come under attack by the IRS. The IRS is questioning the tax-exempt status of some Eagles Aerie's. On March 20, 1969, the IRS wrote to the Grand Aerie acknowledging this exemption as a 501(c)(8) and a letter was sent to the Grand Aerie on August 27, 1991, also acknowledging an exemption as a 501(c)(10). Either way, we are exempt. But, the real problem with the IRS is unrelated income. Unrelated income could also be if you have income you do not disclose (illegal Bell Jar Sales, etc.) The IRS will declare this taxable. The reason that Bell Jar sales sold to the public today are not unrelated income is that this money is held by and used by us, but not actually ours. It's a State-controlled account. Remember the times that Bruce Samboy and others at Racing and Wagering have told us time and time again that this money is State controlled and not ours to spend as we wish. This is the reason in New York State that Bell Jar, Bingo and other accounts are not unrelated income. Some other States are having real problems with the IRS because the gaming accounts are not State-controlled funds. Thanks to Past State President Donald Cowan for providing everyone with a copy of this letter sent to the Grand Aerie by the IRS.

Some of the items this Committee has done in years past:

Organized and founded CONPOR (Conference of Private Organizations) in New York State. In 1980, then State Secretary Al Lane provided the seed money, through the State Executive Committee, to start CONPOR. The Elks and the Eagles formed what is known today as the legislative voice of the not-for-profits in New York State.

Helped to legalize the sale of Bell Jar tickets and made it legal to sell them from machines. Thanks to Mary Haggerty for asking for a grandfather clause for the stamp machines. Although it's questionable if they can be used, Racing and Wagering knows our position, that they should be grandfathered. The Committee also helped foster an attitude at Racing and Wagering that prosecutes the person doing illegal gaming and not the Aerie. Thanks to Robert Woodruff for the idea to make it legal to sell Bell Jar tickets during bingo. When the Bell Jar Legislation was being looked at, that was one of his major concerns.

Through and Executive Governor Order, authorized, designed and distributed F.O.E. license plates in New York State. Thanks to John Palmer and Don Rettinger for attending the first meetings with Senator Farley. If it weren't for the efforts of Senator Farley, the Governor, John and Don, the plates would have never been produced. Thanks also to Joe Newman, our new contact with the Department of Motor Vehicles for Eagles license plates.

Helped legalize raffles and continuing to update the laws to make raffles easier to sell.

Incorporated the State Aerie, State Auxiliary, and various Aeries and Auxiliaries across the State.

To Charlie Straub, Bob Rostas and Don Rettinger, best wished on the upcoming legislation.

It's been fun. It's been a pleasure to serve the State Aerie over the past 18 years on legislative matters. Just a couple of people to thank. Al Lane for the seed money to get CONPOR started, Charlie Straub for all the assistance in getting things started (the Harmony Club Visit, etc.), and his continued support, Wayne Monroe for his support over the years, Don Rettinger for making a solid impression on Senator Farley, John Palmer for putting up with me and assisting whenever he could, and for each and every one of you who gave the Legislative Committee encouragement to continue with their work.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert G.T. Yager, Chr., 3846
John Palmer, 3846

Brother Charles Straub moved for the adoption of Brother Yager's report. This motion was seconded by Bill Bell, Watertown Aerie 782, and approved.

Along with the above report, Brother Yager handed out a package of all legislation of interest, all current Bell Jar, Bingo and Vegas Laws, various articles from newspapers around the country, State Aerie Corporation papers, ruling from IRS listing us as 501(c)(8) and 501(c)(10) - a not-for-profit organization, and other various items of interest.

Brother Charles Straub then noted that Brother Yager has never once been asleep on any of the above issues. He assured everyone that Brother Yager has kept everyone apprised of all legislation and has served the Eagles proudly and admirably. There was then a standing ovation for Brother Yager for his work over the years on this Committee.

REPORT OF THE IN MEMORIAM COMMITTEE

Read by Joseph Newman, Chr., Saratoga Springs Aerie 2586

Brothers:

One hundred years ago, our Fraternity was founded and based on the principles of Liberty, Truth, Justice and Equality. Since that founding, each of us has been admitted into our home Aerie room during our Initiation Ceremony in the name of these four principles.

This Memoriam Committee now reminds us of our Equality - our equality of speech when expressing our opinions, our equality in balloting to make Aerie decisions, and our equality in sharing the benefits and privileges of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. These are the equalities of life. We are also taught of our equality at the grave that we also must some day share.

Brothers Harold Royer and Dick Mosher, will you please advance to the Alter and assist in this Memoriam Service. Brother Royer then read the death scene from the Initiation Ceremony.

Each of us has lost Eagle Brothers to death and it is fitting to stop during this busy Convention to remember those Brothers who have "struggled on manfully" and who are no longer among us. Let us have a moment of silence for all of the Brothers who have passed on during this late year--silence for our departed Brothers from Zone #3, from Zone #3, from Zone #1, and from all of Eagedom.

It is now requested that a record of this memorial service be entered into the minutes of this 1998 New York State Aerie Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Newman, Chr., 2586 & 4358
Richard Mosher, 1253

A motion was made by Brother Newman to approve this report. Brother Ray Haggerty, N. Tonawanda Aerie 1411, seconded the motion, which was approved by the delegation.

REPORT OF THE STATE ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

Read by Dan Curcio, Chr., Rochester Aerie 52

Report of the 1998 Bill Carrick Memorial Golf Tournament

Grand Aerie Representatives, State Officers & Brother Delegates:

On Wednesday, June 17, 1998, the Annual Bill Carrick Memorial Golf Tournament was held at the T-Bird North Golf Course. Hosted by Glens Falls Aerie 2486, a total of 28 golfers, consisting of 26 men and 2 women, teed off at 8:30 A.M. The "flock," led by their shepherd, Worthy President Jim

Telban, began on their journey over hill and dale to reach their pinnacle (the 19th hole).

After three holes, some had wondered if they had made the right decision due to the fact that no carts were allowed and their little hoofs were soaked to the bone. Still, they trekked on. By the time they reached the "halfway" house, a few strayed from the herd, the rest stopped for refreshments and carried on.

At the 18th hole, tired and weary, dragging their tails behind them, they finished their journey, returning to the Aerie later for a wonderful steak dinner. Prizes were awarded and fun was had by all.

1998 Bill Carrick Memorial State Golf Tournament June 17, 1998

Number of golfers - 28

WINNERS: MEN

1st Place LOW NET:	Jim Noon - Utica Aerie 97, Score - 73
2nd Place LOW NET:	Dan Curcio - Rochester Aerie 52, Score - 73
1st Place LOW GROSS:	Lou Zammiello - Utica Aerie 97, Score - 79
2nd Place LOW GROSS:	Patrick Gray - Depew Aerie 2692, Score - 87

WINNERS: WOMEN

1st Place LOW NET:	Rosemary Ferguson - Utica Auxiliary 97, Score 37
1st Place LOW GROSS:	Laurie Hayes - Utica Auxiliary 97, Score 43

Golf Committee:

Larry Robillard & Tom Hammond - South Glens Falls Aerie 2486

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Curcio, Chr., 52
Brian Trainor, 1253

Brother Curcio moved for the adoption of this report. Brother Patrick Gray, Depew-Lancaster Aerie 2692, seconded the motion. Approved.

Report of the Wayne "Homer" Monroe Fishing Derby

Read by Daniel Curcio, Chr., Rochester Aerie 52

On Wednesday, June 17, 1998, the first Annual Wayne "Homer" Monroe Fishing Derby took place at Lake Lonely in Saratoga. Twelve anxious anglers headed out in row boats to get the catch of the day. The Tournament was sponsored by Glens Falls Aerie 2486.

Finally, one little guppy was caught by Doug McDermott from Addison. he received a beautiful mug for his efforts and will be making it a traveling trophy.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Curcio, Chr., 52
Brian Trainor, 1253

Brother Curcio moved for the adoption of this report. The motion was seconded by Kenneth Morrissey, Glens Falls Aerie 2486, and approved.

Report of the Mr. & Mrs. Bowling Tournament

Read by Daniel Curcio, Chr., Rochester Aerie 52

The Mr. & Mrs. NYS Eagles Bowling Tournament Board of Directors and Annual Meeting was held in Cobleskill Aerie 2695 on November 16, 1997. The meeting was called to order by Dan Curcio of Rochester 52. Attending were Directors Dan Curcio, Bill Cutler, Charles Bolio, Marlene Cutler (NYS Secretary) and Phyllis Sharkey, along with many of the bowlers.

Minutes from the last annual meeting held in Ithaca Aerie 1253 on November 24, 1996 were read by Marlene Cutler and approved by the attendees.

The prize list from the Cobleskill Tournament (16 teams, 30 doubles and 59 all events) was read and approved.

Joe Newman, Saratoga Springs Aerie 2586, suggested that Bob Sharkey, the Zone Director from Rochester 52, receive the entry blanks and posters from future Tournaments and he would forward them to the District Directors personally. Hopefully, this will insure more participation in the Tournament and make sure that the information would be read on the floor during Aerie/Auxiliary Meetings.

It was suggested that the Annual Meeting, date and time be shown on the poster so that any interested persons could attend.

Charlie Bolio said that both the Aerie and Auxiliary State Tournament has an ad book for their Bowling Tournament and that would be a good place to advertise the Mr. & Mrs. Bowling Tournament. The Auxiliary needs to have the ad copy by 2/15/98. There was no discussion on payment of this ad.

Bob Sharkey, Rochester 52, suggested that we stress that all members of the bowling team do not have to belong to the Fraternal Order of Eagles to bowl in this Tournament.

Joe Newman, Saratoga Springs 2586 said it should also be noted on the poster that you do not have to have an average to bowl.

Ithaca Aerie 1253 was the only Aerie who submitted a bid for the 1998 Tournament and was awarded the Tournament.

Directors terms up: Bill Cutler - did not run. Joe Salisbury, Cobleskill 2695, was elected Director for 1998 - 2001.

Secretary term up: Charlie Bolio, Watertown 782, was elected 1998 - 2001.

Charlie Bolio, Watertown 782, resigned as a Director and made a motion to have Marlene Cutler finish out his term until November, 1998, seconded by Don Rettinger, NYS Aerie Secretary - all in favor. No decision was made at that time by Marlene Cutler.

Good of the Order: Please cash all bowling checks ASAP.

Meeting adjourned by Dan Curcio, Rochester 52. A meal was provided by the Cobleskill Aerie. Our thanks to all.

**Mr. & Mrs. NYS Eagles Bowling Tournament
Financial Statement
12/1/96 - 11/30/97**

Beginning Balance \$756.61
1997 Income

16 teams @ 40.00	640.00
30 doubles @ 20.00	600.00
59 combos @ 2.00	118.00

Total Income 1997 Tournament	1,358.00
Total Revenues	2,114.61
1997 Expenses:	
Cobleskill Bowling Center Lineage	
Teams 16x4 64x4.50=288.00	
Doubles 30x2 60x4.50=270.00	558.00

Prize Fund		
Teams 16x33.50=224.00		
Doubles 30x3.50=210.00		
Combo 59x2.00=118.00		552.00

Secretary Salary		
372 games @ .20		74.40

Printing Entry Blanks		
Phone Calls & Postage		30.75

Director's Mileage:		
Dan Curcio (4/5/97 Mtg.) 209 miles		41.80
Charles Bolio (4/5/97 Mtg.) 240 miles		48.00
Marlene Cutler (11/16/97 Mtg.) 340 miles		68.00
Bill Cutler (11/16/98 Mtg.) 340 miles		68.00
Dan Curcio (11/16/97 Mtg.) Gratuity Only		10.00
Charles Bolio (11/16/97 Mtg.) 320 miles		64.00
Don Rettinger, NYS Aerie Sec'y Mileage		68.00

Total Expenses	1,582.95
Ending Balance	531.66

Plaques provided by Cobleskill Aerie - Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene A. Cutler, NYS Secretary Mr. & Mrs. Bowling Tournament

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Curcio, Chr., 52
Brian Trainor, 1253

Brother Curcio moved for the adoption of this report. Harold Grant, Watertown Aerie 782, seconded the motion. Approved.

With regards to a Softball Tournament, Brother Curcio advised that he has learned that Johnstown may try to get a Tournament together. He noted that they may try to go through Gloversville who has their per capita tax paid.

Under Special Order of Business, President Telban introduced G.A. Outside Guard Jim Clark, Eastern Regional President Joe Schumacher, and G.A. Secretary Bob Wahls. Brother Clark advised the members of the membership awards which will be available when you sign up new members. They will be offering shirts, jackets, binoculars or golf putters. He encouraged everyone to sign up a new member. Brother Schumacher thanked everyone for inviting him to the Convention and for his

invitation to Connie's Roadhouse Restaurant where the theme there is really People Helping People, noting that they are members of the Eagles. Brother Wahls advised that he came here a day early to renew old acquaintances. He noted that Brother Telban had a good year in membership. He discussed the upcoming 100th Anniversary and of their goal to support the Cancer Fund. They will be selling items, i.e. two-tone belt buckles, key chains, necklaces, etc., which will be listed in flyers on the bulletin board. They will be promoting this until the National Convention to raise money and be part of the 100th celebration and to raise money to fight cancer. He advised that they are in the process of downloading their computer system to a new system. He stated that they will not be on a web site until the system is up and working properly. He stated that the per capita tax will be based on the roster as it is in the computer. He asked that Aeries make sure their roster is accurate or you will be charged for per capita for members you do not have. He thanked everyone for their hospitality.

SECOND REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Read by Lou Osmon, Depew-Lancaster Aerie 2692:

Brother Delegates:

The following is a partial report of the Credentials Committee:

Grand Aerie Representatives	3
State Officers	14
Past State Presidents	13
Delegates	68
Alternates	0
Past Worthy Presidents	56
TOTAL VOTES	137
Total Credentials Issued	72

Respectfully submitted,

Duane Bruning, Chr., 825
 Lou Osmon, 2692
 Mike Fahy, 616
 Donald Yanchunis, 2586

Brother Osmon moved for the adoption of this partial report. This was seconded by Jim Harris, Olean Aerie 616, and approved.

REPORT OF THE STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Given by Bob Sharkey, Rochester Aerie 52

Grand Aerie Representatives, State Officers, Past State Officers and Brother Delegates:

This is the final report of the 1997-1998 State Membership Department of the New York State Aerie. As State Membership Director, I would like to thank all my Zone Directors and District Directors for all their help and congratulate them on a fine job they did. On behalf of the New York State Membership Department, we would like to thank everyone who PUTT in a member for Jim. I know that Jim was very pleased with everyone's efforts, as was I.

I would like to read everyone's name who PUTT in a member for Jim, but that would take too long. However, I will mention that we had five (5) producers with 25 plus members and their name are: Lou Zammiello, Utica #97; Harold Royer, Saratoga Springs #2586; Willard Blair, Watertown #782; Terry Smith, Sr., Watertown #782; and Edwin Granbacka, Cobleskill #2695. The top producer is Edwin Granbacka with 46 new members. The Aerie with the most new members is Saratoga Springs with 199 new members. The Aerie with the most re-ups is Watertown with 41 members.

Once again, I thank you for all of your support and hope you will stay with me another year and bring in members for Ken. A special thank you to Don Rettinger for all the help he gave me.

Brother Sharkey then advised of the 1998-1999 Promotion Awards as follows:

**1998-1999 PROMOTION AWARDS
 INDIVIDUAL PRODUCER AWARDS**

- 1 Member - Pen
- 3 Members - Cash prize drawn at Convention - 1-\$50.00; 1-\$25.00; 8-\$10.00
- 5 Members - Pocket Knife
- 7 Members - Coffee Mug
- 25 Members combine new & re-up - \$25.00 & State Plaque
- Top producer of new members only - \$50.00 & State Plaque
- New Aerie Organizers - Eagle Watch

OTHER AWARDS

June-Ken Decker Campaign

Plaque for the greatest number of Members reported

July-Shorty Weber Campaign

Plaque for the greatest number of Members reported

August-Honor a Past State President-living

Plaque for the greatest number of Members reported

Plaque for first quarter best percentage gain

September-State Secretary's Campaign

Don Rettinger Award

Plaque for the greatest number of Members reported

October-Past State Presidents Campaign

Plaque for the greatest number of Members reported

Plaque for 2nd quarter best percentage gain

December-Wes Barnes Home & Family Campaign

Plaque for the greatest number of Members reported

January-State Presidents Campaign-Ken Morrissey

Plaque for the greatest number of Members reported

February-NASCAR Challenge Month for each Zone

Plaque for 3rd quarter best percentage gain

March-State Membership Chair Campaign-Bob Sharkey

Plaque for the greatest number of Members reported

April-Harry Woodruff-Al Lane Old Timers Campaign

Plaque for the greatest number of Members reported

May-State Officers Campaign

Plaque for the greatest number of Members reported

Plaque for 4th quarter percentage gain

Membership Chairmen obtaining their Aerie's Grand Aerie quota will receive a coffee mug.

Aerie with the most new members reported will receive the Al Thornton Campaign plaque for 1998-1999.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Sharkey, 52
 State Membership Chairman

Brother Sharkey moved for the adoption of this report. Raymond Howland, Watertown Aerie 782, seconded the motion. Approved.

REPORT OF THE STATE ARTHRITIS FUND COMMITTEE

Read by Jim Russell, Chr., Rochester Aerie 52

Brother Delegates:

As of this writing, we have not received any financial reports on Arthritis from any Aerie. However, we all know that this is still a major crippler, whether it is children or adults, making it necessary for the Eagles to continue to support the efforts to combat this disease.

This is no known cure, but they have come up with ways to help relieve the pain. Also, they are working on ways to prevent it. We will conclude this report after the Parade of Checks.

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AT THE CONVENTION

Addison Aerie 3904	\$300.00
Saratoga Springs Aerie 2586	200.00
Middletown Aerie 544	400.00
Rochester Aerie 52	<u>750.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,650.00

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Russell, Chr., 52
Harold Royer, 2586
Art Carey, 782

It was moved by Brother Russell that this report be adopted as read. The motion was seconded by Douglas McDermott, Addison Aerie 3904, and approved.

REPORT OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY COMMITTEE

Read by William Mulhollen, Addison Aerie 3904

Grand Aerie Officers, State Officers, My Brothers:

As we all know, Social Security was set up to help retired people live a better and more independent life. The Fraternal Order of Eagles had a lot to do with getting the Social Security System signed into law some sixty years ago by Eagle Brother President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Since then, these funds have been used for many projects and now the Social Security System is in financial trouble. Many changes are being made to try to save this important system. If you have any questions, contact the Social Security Office near you.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry Stewart, Chr., 2191
William Mulhollen, 3904

Brother Mulhollen moved for the approval of this report. The motion was seconded by Charles Straub, Glens Falls Aerie 2486, and approved.

REPORT OF THE UNDER 35 CLUB

Read by Joe Salisbury, Chr., Cobleskill Aerie 2695

Grand Aerie Representatives, State Officers, Delegates, Visitors & Guests:

The purpose of the Under 35 Club is to get the younger generation involved in the Fraternal Order of Eagles because if we don't get them involved, how are we going to keep this great organization going.

To date, I know of no Aerie who has an Under 35 Club in existence.

Gentlemen, please go back to your Aerie and see if you can get 2 or 3 younger members together and explain to them about the Under 35 Club and try to get one started. If you need help with this, write to the Grand Aerie and they will send you information.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Salisbury, Chr., 2695
Mike Ketchner, 616

A motion was made by Brother Salisbury to approve this report. The motion was seconded by Robert G.T. Yager, Canajoharie Aerie 3846, and approved.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Read by Daniel O'Neil, Chr., Binghamton Aerie 2119

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

The members of the Committee present the following for State Office during 1998-1999:

Junior Past President	James Telban, Rochester Aerie 52
State President	Kenneth Morrissey, Glens Falls Aerie 2486
Vice President	Robert Rostas, Lockport Aerie 825
State Secretary	Donald Rettinger, Tonawanda Aerie 1411
State Treasurer	Raymond Haggerty, Tonawanda Aerie 1411
State Chaplain	Harold Grant, Watertown Aerie 782
State Conductor	Ellis Spencer, Addison Aerie 3904
State Inside Guard	Pat Gray, Depew-Lancaster Aerie 2692
State Outside Guard	Bryan Welch, Ithaca Aerie 1253
State Trustee	Daniel Curcio, Rochester Aerie 52
State Trustee	Joe Newman, Saratoga Springs Aerie 2586
State Trustee	Jim Harris, Olean Aerie 616
State Trustee	Joe Piano, Niagara Falls Aerie 88

Worthy President, this Committee wishes to thank you for allowing us to serve.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel J. O'Neil, Chr., 2119
Robert E. Butts, 941
Richard Pottoroff, 1253
Donald Cowan, 782
Douglas McDermott, 3904

Brother O'Neil moved for the approval of this report. The motion was seconded by William Schwakenbauer, Olean Aerie 616, and approved.

Following the adoption of this report, State President Harry Stewart called for nominations from the floor, which there were none. Brother Robert Sharkey, Rochester Aerie 52, then moved that the Secretary cast one ballot to close the nominations. Raymond Howland, Watertown Aerie 782, seconded the motion. Approved. Brother Rettinger then cast the ballot to close the nominations.

Under the Good of the Order, Brother Sharkey then distributed the awards for the State Membership Committee. The top producers were mentioned in his report and he announced that those who signed on 3 members were put into a hat, at which time he drew their names, most of whom donated the money back to the Arthritis or Diabetes Fund.

It was noted that the Memorial Service will be held at 7:00 P.M. at the Best Western.

After a number of announcements with regard to the Memorial Service, hospitality rooms, etc., State President James Telban recessed the second session of the Convention at 11:42 A.M. until Saturday, June 20, 1998, at 9:30 A.M.

THIRD SESSION

The third session of the 92nd Annual State Convention was convened on Saturday, June 20, 1998 at 9:31 A.M. by State President James Telban.

The Roll Call of State Officers was held with all being in attendance. The Obligation, admission of new members, and Oath of Allegiance were given by Brother Douglas McDermott, Addison Aerie 3904.

REPORT OF THE YOUTH GUIDANCE COMMITTEE

Read by Bryan Welch, Chr., Ithaca Aerie 1253

Grand Aerie Representatives, Worthy President, State Officers, Delegates and Brothers:

Youth Guidance is an interesting concept. We as Eagles support, financially, youth organizations and youth sports teams. Is this really youth guidance or are we programs like D.A.R.E., mentoring and tutoring youth guidance? Well, the answer is all of the above. Youth programs and sports help to build strong minds and bodies. Mentoring, D.A.R.E. and tutoring build character. If we truly want to guide our youth, we need to support all of these programs and conduct ourselves as we want our youth to act; for in the end, kids learn what they see.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan Welch, Chr., 1253
Harold Vaughan, 616

It was moved by Brother Welch and seconded by Kenneth Morrissey, Glens Falls Aerie 2486, that this report be adopted. Approved.

REPORT OF THE CANCER RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Read by Charles Bolio, Chr., Watertown Aerie 782

Grand Aerie Representatives, State Officers, Brother Delegates and Brothers:

I am making this report as a fill-in. A fill-in for a dear Brother and friend, Ron Maneeley, who was taken from us way before his time by the disease this fund is named for.

I'm sorry, but it's cancer. These are the words none of us ever want to hear our doctor say. Unfortunately, way too often, it is still the report that must be given. The good thing is it is no longer the absolute death sentence it once was.

Through research, many strides have been made in finding a cure and the monies raised by all of you has played a big role. However, there is still a long way to go. That is why it is so important for us to continue to raise funds and hopefully, one day at an Eagles Convention, the Chairman will be able to say, "We did it, the cure has been found." Sound impossible, yes, but we must all remember that at one time the same thing was said about polio, tuberculosis and many other diseases that were, in nearly all cases, devastating or deadly.

When President Telban asked me to take over the Chairmanship of this Committee, I was surprised to find out that in addition to the Cancer and Kidney Funds, there is also a Muscular Dystrophy Fund included. Unfortunately, I feel that I was not alone in my ignorance of this fact. As of the last report I received from the Grand Aerie, dated June 8th, New York has failed to make a single donation to MD. Hopefully, this will change in future years.

Enough preaching. Let's get on to the important information; how we did last year. As of the last report at the Grand level, total donations were Cancer - \$410,831.12, an increase of nearly \$51,000

from last year; Kidney - \$155,194.35, down \$6,000.00 from last year; and MD - \$10,284.51, down nearly \$20,000.00 from last year.

The Aeries and Auxiliaries of New York, through both individual and joint donations, have donated \$5,792.50 to Cancer and \$2,175.00 to Kidney, for a total of \$7,967.50.

At this time, with the help of the Committee, we will accept the parade of checks. I would also like to start with a check from Watertown Aerie and Auxiliary 782 for \$500.00 in memory of Ron Maneeley.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR CANCER/KIDNEY/MD
9/1/97 - 6/8/98

NO.	LOCATION	CANCER	KIDNEY	MD
3818	Horseheads Aerie	\$500.00	\$	\$
2145	Chautauqua Aerie & Aux.	75.00	25.00	
2291	Crown City Aerie	1,000.00	100.00	
2467	Hoosick Falls Aerie	15.00	15.00	
2586	Saratoga Springs Aerie	425.00	50.00	
2692	Depew-Lancaster Aerie & Aux.	300.00	50.00	
3610	Schenectady Aerie & Aux.	245.00	25.00	
3904	Addison Auxiliary	100.00	100.00	
544	Empire Aerie & Aux.	650.50	525.00	
1411	Tonawanda Aerie & Auxiliary	155.00	100.00	
88	Rainbow Auxiliary	25.00	25.00	
1253	Ithaca Auxiliary	50.00	50.00	
1042	Tarrytown Auxiliary	50.00	50.00	
941	Elmira Auxiliary	250.00	150.00	
825	Lockport Aerie & Aux.	1,000.00	200.00	
782	Watertown Auxiliary	50.00	50.00	
52	Rochester Aerie & Aux.	665.00	500.00	
616	Olean Auxiliary	150.00	100.00	
482	Gloversville Auxiliary	10.00	10.00	
97	Utica Auxiliary	50.00	50.00	
TOTALS		\$5,792.50	\$2,175.00	

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AT THE CONVENTION

NO.	LOCATION	CANCER	KIDNEY	MD
3773	Troy Aerie & Auxiliary	\$617.40	\$500.00	\$
2644	Johnson City Aerie	1,000.00	250.00	250.00
2692	Depew-Lancaster Aerie	500.00		
2586	Saratoga Springs Aerie	200.00	200.00	
1253	Ithaca Aerie	500.00		
782	Watertown Aerie & Aux.	500.00	400.00	400.00
3904	Addison Aerie	300.00	150.00	
3128	Elmont Aerie	200.00	200.00	
TOTALS		\$3,817.00	\$1,850.00	\$650.00

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Bolio, Chr., 782
James Sanders, 2586
Gerald Corbett, 782

It was moved by Brother Bolio that this partial report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Harold Grant, Watertown Aerie 782, and approved.

The total from the parade of checks was given by Brother Bolio who moved for the adoption of this final report. Harold Grant, Watertown Aerie 782, seconded the motion. Approved.

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

Read by Jim Harris, Chr., Olean Aerie 616

Worthy President Jim:

I have not received any reports on R.E.A.C. as of today, but, without reports, these Committees and Chairmen cannot help the Eagles by knowing what they are doing. Please, these reports help all of us. If there are any checks for R.E.A.C., this Committee would be glad to accept them.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Harris, Chr., 616
Ronald Cate, 3128

Brother Jim Tambash, Olean Aerie 616 moved for the adoption of this report. Brother Harry Stewart, Cortland Aerie 2191, seconded the motion. Approved.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

Read by Robert Rostas, Chr., Lockport Aerie 8256

Grand Aerie Representatives, State Officers, Brother Delegates:

We have spent a considerable amount of time and effort examining the books and records of both the State Secretary and the State Treasurer. After many hours trying to figure out the State Secretary's books, and finally, with a donation of a case of beer to the Committee from the State Secretary, we find the books of both the State Secretary and the State Treasurer in proper financial order. The balance in our account as of May 31, 1998 was \$22,888.94

We commend Brothers Rettinger and Haggerty for the fine manner in which they are handling the financial affairs of the State Aerie.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Rostas, Chr., 825
Pat Gray, 2692
John Palmer, 3846

Brother Rostas moved for the adoption of this report which was seconded by Pat Gray, Depew Aerie 2692, and approved.

REPORT OF THE BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Read by John A. Palmer, Chr., Canajoharie Aerie 3846

Grand Aerie Representatives, State Officers, Delegates and Brothers:

The following is the proposed budget for the New York State Aerie for 1998-1999:

Balance as of June 1, 1998 \$22,888.94
(\$12,748.08 earmarked for State Arthritis Fund)

INCOME:

Bank Interest	425.00
State Per Capita Tax	15,000.00
State Membership from Grand Aerie	4,000.00
State Convention Advance	1,000.00
State Fund Raising	500.00
State Convention Credentials	1,500.00
.....	\$45,313.94

ESTIMATED EXPENSES:

State Secretary's Allowance	\$ 1,500.00
Membership Meetings	2,200.00
Membership Awards	2,500.00
Membership Office Expenses	200.00
State Convention	5,000.00
State President's Assignments	2,000.00
Various State Officer Assignments	1,700.00
State Spring/Fall Conference	3,800.00
Eastern Regional Conference	1,000.00
State Secretary's Office Operation (phone, printing, postage)	3,000.00
Grand Aerie Convention Hospitality Room	3,000.00
Grand Aerie Supplies	300.00
State Auxiliary Advance	500.00
State Convention Expenses	3,500.00
Grand Aerie Convention Delegates & Registration	900.00
State/Grand Aerie Ads	500.00
State Treasurer's Allowance	250.00
State Office Bond	50.00
Contingency Fund	13,413.94
(\$12,748.08 earmarked for State Arthritis Fund)	
.....	\$45,313.94

Respectfully submitted,

John A. Palmer, Chr., 3846
Pat Gray, 2692
Bob Rostas, 825

Brother Palmer moved for the adoption of this report. This motion was seconded by Robert Rostas, Lockport Aerie 825, and approved.

REPORT OF THE JIMMY DURANTE FUND

Read by Bernard Carpenter, Ithaca Aerie 1253

Worthy State President, Grand Aerie Representatives and Brother Delegates:

The report of the Jimmy Durante Fund, as of June 15, 1998, is as follows:

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE CONVENTION

NO.	LOCATION	JIMMY FUND	CHILD ABUSE
544	Empire Aerie	\$500.00	\$
2191	Crown City Aerie	100.00	
2145	Chautauqua Aerie	550.00	
2692	Depew-Lancaster Aerie	100.00	
3610	Rotterdam Aerie	400.00	

52	Rochester Aerie & Aux.	665.00	335.00
2467	Hoosick Falls Aerie	2,000.00	
825	Lockport Aerie	150.00	150.00
TOTALS		\$4,365.00	\$585.00

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AT THE CONVENTION

NO.	LOCATION	JIMMY FUND	CHILD ABUSE
782	Watertown Aerie & Aux.	\$400.00	
2692	Depew-Lancaster Aerie	500.00	
2586	Saratoga Aerie	200.00	
3773	Troy Aerie	617.40	
3904	Addison Aerie	300.00	
3128	Elmont Aerie	800.00	
1253	Ithaca Aerie	500.00	
2644	Johnson City Aerie	1,000.00	
TOTALS		\$4,317.40	
Previous Contributions		\$4,365.00	\$585.00
Convention Contributions		4,317.40	
GRAND TOTALS		\$8,682.40	\$585.00

Respectfully submitted,

Harold Fields, Chr., 52
Bernard Carpenter, 1253
Robert Thompson, 941

Brother Carpenter moved for the adoption of the partial report. Brother Douglas McDermott, Addison Aerie 3904, seconded the motion. Approved.

After the conclusion of the parade of checks, the final total was announced by Brother Carpenter who then moved for the adoption of this final report. Harold Grant, Watertown Aerie 782, seconded the motion. All in favor.

FINAL REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Read by Robert Butts, Chr., Elmira Aerie 941

Grand Aerie Representatives, State Officers, Brothers:

The following are the proposed resolutions received to date:

RESOLUTION #1

WHEREAS, Robert P. Wahls has made known that he desires to continue to serve the Fraternal Order of Eagles as Grand Worthy Secretary.

WHEREAS, Robert P. Wahls has demonstrated his knowledge and qualifications by serving as Grand Worthy Secretary since 1995 and has personal commitments that support the continued growth and leadership of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

WHEREAS, Robert P. Wahls is a member in good standing of Aerie #1299 and a man of high principles, good moral character and excellent leadership capabilities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Aerie, in the City of Glens Falls New York, in the State of New York, on this 19th day of June, 1998, hereby approve this resolution and submit

and support Robert P. Wahls to the Grand Aerie Nominating Committee for the position of Grand Worthy Secretary.

RESOLUTION #2

WHEREAS, James Clarke has made known that he desires to serve the Fraternal Order of Eagles as a Grand Aerie Officer.

WHEREAS, James Clarke has demonstrated his knowledge and qualifications by serving as Secretary of New Kensington Aerie #533, and the Pennsylvania State Aerie as their Treasurer, and serving as State President for the term 1991-1992.

WHEREAS, James Clarke is a member in good standing of Aerie #533 and a man of high principles and good moral character and excellent leadership capabilities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the New York State Aerie, in the City of Glens Falls, New York, on this 19th day of June, 1998, hereby approve this resolution and submit and support James Clarke to the Grand Aerie Nominating Committee for a Grand Aerie Officer.

RESOLUTION #3

WHEREAS, Ed Bollenbacker has made known that he desires to continue to serve the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

WHEREAS, Ed Bollenbacker has demonstrated his knowledge and qualifications by serving the Grand Aerie, and has personal commitments that support the continued growth and leadership of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the New York State Aerie, in the City of Glens Falls, New York, on this 19th day of June, 1998, support the advancement of Ed Bollenbacker to the Nominating Committee.

RESOLUTION #4

WHEREAS, Wayne Clark has made known that he desires to continue to serve the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

WHEREAS, Wayne Clark has demonstrated his knowledge and qualifications by serving the Grand Aerie, and has personal commitments that support the continued growth and leadership of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the New York State Aerie, in the City of Glens Falls, New York, on this 19th day of June, 1998, support the advancement of Wayne Clark to the Grand Aerie Nominating Committee.

RESOLUTION #5

WHEREAS, the Fraternal Order of Eagles established the Memorial Fund to offer benefits to the members of the military, and

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Memorial Fund and the Grand Aerie, in many sessions, have modified the eligibility of those to receive benefits,

WHEREAS, the Grand Aerie has elected that members of the military are exempt from dues or per capita, and

WHEREAS, the Grand Aerie recognizes that our police, fire and other public servants services are comparable to that of our military,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the local Aeries and Auxiliaries be permitted to offer the same benefits to our public servants that are eligible for benefits of the Memorial Foundation as that of our military. That is, no per capita nor dues collected while active in their irrespsective service or employment.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Butts, Chr., 941
Arthur Gonyea, 2586

It was moved by Brother Butts and seconded by Richard Pottorff, Ithaca Aerie 1253, to approve the above resolutions as presented. Approved.

FINAL REPORT OF THE BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Read by Ray Haggerty, Chr., Tonawanda Aerie 1411

Brothers:

The following are the proposed changes to the NYS By-Laws:

Section 1.2

Delete - ...and the Membership Director of the New York State Aerie. It was recommended that they revert back to deleting the Membership Director as part of the Executive Board of the NYS Aerie.

Considerable discussion ensued as to why this is necessary. It was noted that this is an appointment by the President and that the Membership Director should not have any more rights as a Trustee or a Chair of a Committee. It was also noted that there are 13 members on the Executive Board and with the Membership Chairman there would be 14, which could cause for tie votes.

Following discussion, a vote was taken with 14 in favor and the remainder of the group opposing the proposed change. Motion defeated.

Section 5.9

Add - Whenever a State function is held in the Aerie Home of a State Officer or appointed Chairperson, the said State Officer or appointed Chairman will not receive any compensation from the State Aerie, except for registration fee at the State Convention.

It was felt that the State Officer or Chairperson is doing the same as everyone else at these functions and, as such, should be compensated. After discussion, a vote was taken with 8 in favor and the remainder of the group opposing the proposed change. Motion defeated.

Delete - Eastern Ontario, Province of Ontario of the Dominion of Canada, in all appearances in the Fraternal Order of Eagles New York State Aerie By-Laws. It was noted that this is already in the process. Approved.

Section 3.5

Currently Reads: No person, other than a Past Worthy President or a 10 year Secretary of a local Aerie, shall be eligible for State Office, nor shall any person be eligible to hold State Office, unless he shall, at the time of his installation as a State Officer, be of legal age as defined by the Laws of the State of Canadian Civil Jurisdiction, nor unless he shall be a member of good standing in his own local Aerie.

Proposed Change: No person, other than a Past Worthy President or a 10 year Secretary of a New York State local Aerie, shall be eligible for State Office, nor shall any person be eligible to hold State Office, unless he shall, at the time of his initial installation as a State Officer, be of legal age as defined by the Laws of New York State, nor unless he shall be a member of good standing in a New York local Aerie.

The changes are: 1) Canadian Civil Jurisdiction was deleted, and 2) A person has to be a Past Worthy President of a local Aerie in New York State. The above changes do not affect any State Officer now in office or anyone from Eastern Ontario from running for State Office who was President of his local Aerie when they were affiliated with New York State.

Considerable discussion ensued. It was noted that any delegate who comes to this Convention should be a Past Worthy President of his local Aerie in New York State. Also, it was questioned if someone should come here from another State or Country and have a vote. They should not have a vote if not from NYS. It was noted that once you have attended in this jurisdiction or any other, you should not be deprived of this privilege if the individual is a member here. Where he attained his Past Presidency should not have anything to do with it. If he comes here from another State, he has to belong to a NYS Aerie. A motion was made by Brother Rettinger and seconded by Brother Straub that this motion be accepted by the Committee. Motion defeated. It was approved that Canadian Civil Jurisdiction be deleted, however, this is already in process.

Section 2.1

Currently Reads: 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 and 10 year Secretaries 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 and has paid all designated registration fees.

Proposed Change: The State Aerie shall be composed of delegates from the local Aeries of the New York State 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 and 10 year Secretaries of New York State 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 and has paid all designated registration fees.

The only change is that you must be a Past Worthy President or a 10 year Secretary of a New York State local Aerie. This change does not affect any State Officer now in office or anyone from Eastern Ontario who was President of his local Aerie when they were affiliated with New York State. This motion was also defeated with the same reasons given under Section 3.5.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Haggerty, Chr., 1411
Wayne Monroe, 941
Don Cowan, 782

Under Special Order of Business, Brother Charles Straub discussed the Memorial Foundation. The following is his report:

Great News!

At the Grand Aerie Convention, I met with the Trustees of the Memorial Foundation. The language of the Memorial brochure has been changed. The eligibility for coverage of the foundation has been changed. The language is more in line with that of insurance and retirement policies from all across America.

KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY THE OLD WW II PHRASE CHANGED TO "DIED FROM SERVICE RELATED CAUSES."

The following are examples and for confidentiality reasons, I am going to use initials. At a presentation, I am authorized to present more details.

- Case Number MO 3350 - H.D. Christianson, Fireman, died at age 43 of cancer.
- Case MN 350 - Fireman, died of massive heart attack.
- Case MN 3394 - R.L. Ash, Policeman, died in auto accident while in pursuit.
- Case MN 2469 - M.R. Stuart, Highway Patrolman, stress related heart attack.
- Case OH 449 - W.M. Strafford Police Office, stress related heart attack.
- Case OH 1391 - V.U. Hoelscher, accident enroute to Department Meeting!

As we read, we are shown that cause of death was service related. NOT KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY!

I am excited about the changes! They give us the opportunity to offer our neighbors the assured protection of their children. The Eagles way of saying thank you for protecting us. All that is asked is that these people be members of our Fraternity.

I have much more to offer at a presentation, so, I ask you to contact your Firemen, Police, Rescue Squads, Sheriffs and Prison Guards and seek the opportunity to make a presentation. We should be able to organize Easton in sixty days if enough presentations are made. You make an appointment, we will do the presentation. LET'S DO IT!

Charles Straub, Organizer

REPORT OF THE STATE BANQUET

Given by Larry Robillard, Glens Falls Aerie 2486

Brothers:

Brother Robillard advised that the Banquet will be held at the Civic Center starting with cocktails at 5:30 P.M. and dinner at 6:30 P.M. The shuttle will be available.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Morrissey, Chr., 2486
Don Rettinger, 1411

Brother Robillard moved for the adoption of this report. Brother Jeff Snyder, Johnson City Aerie 2644, seconded the motion. Approved.

REPORT OF THE DIABETES COMMITTEE

Read by Bryan Welch, Chr., Ithaca Aerie 1253

Grand Aerie Representatives, Worthy State President, State Officers, Delegates and Brothers:

When I was asked by Jim to be Chairman of the Diabetes Fund, I said, "Sure, no problem." The

Diabetes Fund gets contributions with little effort on the Chairman's part, just stand up, give a brief report and wait for the checks to come in. I am ashamed to say that's the way I thought, until I looked at the past reports. Last year, checks presented at the Conventions were down by two thirds from the year before and all I have done to change this is send out a letter asking for contributions. I'm afraid it was to little to late. We will find out when we call for the parade of checks.

I happened to see a PBS documentary on Diabetes just a few weeks ago and was shocked by how much I did not know about diabetes. It is not as I thought. The body making to much sugar, but, rather the body not making sufficient amounts of insulin. I did not know that insulin is what allows the body to convert sugar to energy. I did not know that without treatment, diabetics starve to death no matter how much they eat. I did not know when an insidious disease diabetes is until I watched its effects on my father-in-law, slowly stealing his sight and watching a close friend lose a leg. Diabetes must be stopped and that takes money. Please hold fund raisers, sponsor events and contribute to this cause.

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AT THE CONVENTION

NO.	LOCATION	DIABETES
782	Watertown Aerie	\$400.00
88	Niagara Falls Aerie	25.00
2644	Addison Aerie	300.00
1253	Ithaca Aerie	500.00
2644	Johnson City Aerie	250.00
	New York State	20.00
	TOTALS	\$1,495.00

Bryan Welch, Chr., 1253
 Vincent Janiak, 544
 Michael Hoag, 3773

Brother Welch moved for the adoption of the partial report. Brother Richard Pottorff, Ithaca Aerie 1253, seconded the motion. Approved.

After the conclusion of the parade of checks, the final total was announced by Brother Welch who then moved for the adoption of this final report. Ray Howland, Watertown Aerie 782, seconded the motion. All in favor.

REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP SECURITY (NET GAIN) COMMITTEE

Read by Gary Pechey, Watertown Aerie 782

Grand Aerie Officers, State Officers, Brother Delegates, Visitors:

The produce from year to year, a strong flow of members and keeping them active is the sign of a net gain Aerie. Keeping these members active is a good way to keep them in your Aerie. Working together will ensure each Aerie a net gain from year to year. All Officers and Aerie Membership Chairmen, knowing what their office entails, will show old and new members that they are committed in keeping their Aerie on the road to a banner year. Good luck to each Aerie for a great year in New York State.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Sharkey, Chr., 52
 Dave Pechey, 782

Brother Pechey moved for the adoption of this report. The motion was seconded by Bob Sharkey, Rochester Aerie 52, and approved.

REPORT OF THE KIDNEY FUND

Read by Ken Morrissey, Chr., Glens Falls Aerie 2486

Brothers:

Report from the April 18, 1998 Meeting:

As we read the Grand Aerie reports as of January 31, 1998, one finds that the funds are doing better than last year. At this time, the Kidney Fund is \$7,166.77 ahead of last year. This is on a nationwide basis. However, New York State Aerie, as of my last report, shows ONLY \$100.00 FROM THE LADIES AUXILIARY. NOT ONE DIME FROM THE AERIES.

There is no one in this room who does not know someone who is afflicted by a kidney disorder. Yes, Cancer, Heart and Muscular Dystrophy are all important projects. All need our support. My sisters and brothers, this kidney thing is being licked. The protocol for kidney disorder has the highest cure rate than any of the other programs. The major and sad thing is that not enough organ donors are out there. I am confident that at Convention time, the final report will be as good, if not better, than last year's report.

And, to assure you of our Aeries concern, I present this check in the amount of \$500.00. If anyone has a check for this fund, I will accept it and add the amount to my report.

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AT THE CONVENTION

NO.	LOCATION	KIDNEY FUND
782	Watertown Aerie & Aux.	\$400.00
3904	Addison Aerie	150.00
2586	Saratoga Aerie	200.00
3773	Troy Aerie	500.00
3904	Addison Aerie	150.00
2644	Johnson City Aerie	250.00
3128	Elmont Aerie	200.00
	TOTALS	\$1,850.00

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Morrissey, Chr., 2486

It was moved by Brother Morrissey that this partial report be adopted as read. This was seconded by Robert Sharkey, Rochester Aerie 52, and approved.

The total from the parade of checks was given by Brother Morrissey who moved for the adoption of this final report. Charles Bolio, Watertown Aerie 782, seconded the motion. Approved.

REPORT OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE FUND

Read by Jim Harris, Chr., Olean Aerie 616

Grand Aerie Officers, State Officers, My Brothers:

We welcome you to this Convention and thank you for your support for the Gold Eagle Fund. I have only had this one report from the Grand Aerie of the amounts turned in from New York:

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GOLDEN EAGLE & ALZHEIMER FUNDS
9/1/97 - 5/1/98

No.	Location	Golden Eagle	Alzheimer
2145	Chautauqua (Jamestown)	\$50.00	\$
544	Empire Aerie	500.00	
3904	Addison Aerie	100.00	
3610	Schenectady Aerie	200.00	
2692	Depew-Lancaster Aerie	150.00	
2644	Johnson City	50.00	
941	Elmira Aerie & Auxiliary	300.00	
52	Rochester Aerie & Auxiliary	1,000.00	
TOTALS		\$2,350.00	

We wish to thank you, Jim Telban, for allowing us to serve on this Committee. If there are any checks to be submitted at this time, we will gladly accept them.

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AT THE CONVENTION

No.	Location	Golden Eagle	Alzheimer
782	Watertown Aerie & Auxiliary	\$400.00	\$
3773	Troy Aerie	500.00	
2644	Johnson City Aerie	250.00	
3904	Addison Aerie	150.00	150.00
1253	Ithaca Aerie	500.00	
2586	Saratoga Springs Aerie		200.00
TOTALS		\$1,800.00	\$350.00
Previous Contributions		\$2,350.00	\$
Convention Contributions		1,800.00	350.00
TOTALS		\$4,150.00	\$350.00

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Harris, Chr., 616
Richard Travis, 3904

Brother Harris moved for the adoption of the partial report. Harold Grant, Watertown Aerie 782, seconded the motion. Approved.

After the parade of checks, Brother Harris moved for the adoption of the final report which was seconded by William Mulhollen, Addison Aerie 3904, and approved.

REPORT OF THE PROGRAM & ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Read by Lou Osmon, Chr., Depew-Lancaster Aerie 2692

Grand Aerie Officers, NYS Officers, Past State Presidents, Brother Delegates:

The Program and Activities are the life of our Aeries. Many of us do not know the vast information that is provided by the Grand Aerie. By just calling or writing, information is given to us for our asking.

When you plan a program and create activities for your Aeries, you're going to find that your hard work is not in vane. Fraternalism, new friends, new Brothers. We must always look forward to new ideas, programs and activities.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis Osmon, Chr., 2692
John Ferguson, 2586

It was moved by Brother Osmon that this report be approved as presented. Brother Herb Farrell, Schenectady Aerie 514, seconded the motion. Approved.

REPORT OF THE MAX BAER HEART FUND COMMITTEE

Read by Joe Piano, Chr., Niagara Falls Aerie 88

Grand Aerie Officers, New York State Officers, Past State Presidents, Delegates:

I want to thank our State President for the opportunity of chairing this fundraiser. I also want to thank all Aerie homes who helped me sell tickets for the wishing well to help fund this charity. I was unable, at times, to get my wishing well to aeries who wanted to help.

A very special thank you to Saratoga Springs. So far, we have raised, state-wide, a total of \$1,250.00. We will now have the parade of checks.

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AT THE CONVENTION

No.	Location	Heart
3904	Addison Aerie	\$300.00
3128	Elmont Aerie	200.00
2644	Johnson City Aerie	1,000.00
2692	Depew-Lancaster Aerie	500.00
2586	Saratoga Springs Aerie	200.00
2406	S. Glens Falls Aerie	500.00
782	Watertown Aerie	400.00
1253	Ithaca Aerie	500.00
88	Niagara Falls Aerie	25.00
3773	Troy Aerie	754.00
TOTAL		\$5,083.00

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Piano, Chr., 88
John Ferguson, 2586
Thomas Henry, 3904

It was moved by Brother Piano to approve the partial report as presented. This motion was seconded by Brother Harold Grant, Watertown Aerie 782, and approved.

After the parade of checks, Brother Piano moved for the adoption of this final report. Brother Harold Grant, Watertown Aerie 782, seconded the motion. Approved.

FINAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Read by Duane Bruning, Chr., Lockport Aerie 825

Brother Delegates:

The following is the final report of the Credentials Committee:

Grand Aerie Representatives.....	3
State Officers.....	14
Past State Presidents.....	13
Delegates.....	72
Alternates.....	0
Past Worthy Presidents.....	57
TOTAL VOTES.....	142
Total Credentials Issued.....	80

REGISTERED DELEGATES AT THE CONVENTION

Aerie No.	Name	Aerie No.	Name
52	James Telban	2586	Herbert Taylor
2486	Kenneth Morrissey	2586	Harold Royer
825	Robert Rostas	2586	John Ferguson
1411	Ray Haggerty	782	Earl Sweet
1411	Don Rettinger	2586	James Sanders
3904	Ellis Spencer	2692	Tony Gorney
782	Harold Grant	2692	Lou Osmon
2692	Pat Gray	2692	Bob Rzoska
2191	Harry Stewart	616	Jim Tambash
1252	Bryan Welsh	616	Jack Kincaid
52	Daniel Curcio	616	Harold Vaughan
616	Jim Harris	616	Mike Fehy
4358	Joe Newman	616	William Schwabenauer
52	Robert Sharkey	616	Gary Carlson
88	Joe Piano	52	Joseph Vella
782	Tom Hodge	544	Rudy Levey
2119	Daniel O'Neil	544	Vincent Janiak
2119	Al Hubbard	941	Wayne Monroe
3904	Doug McDermott	782	Arthur Carey
3904	William Mulhollen	782	Raymond Howland
3904	Richard Travis	782	William Blair
3904	Thomas Henry	782	Don Cowan
52	Jim Russell	782	Gary Pechey
3128	Ronald Cate	825	Duane Bruning
3773	Michael Hoag	52	Bob Lancaster
3846	Robert Yager	782	Bill Bell
941	Robert Butts	2486	Charles Straub
1253	Bernard Carpenter	2586	Herb Farrell
1253	William Diamond	1253	Rick Nelson
1253	Lee Parks	2461	Gordon Brenenstuhl
1253	Richard Mosher	3846	John Palmer
1253	Brian Trainor	482	David Cook
2486	Larry Robillard	2695	Joe Salisbury
2586	Donald Yanchunis	1253	Richard Pottorff
2586	Arthur Gonyea	482	Jerry Orme
4358	Bell Duval	2644	Dennis Dude
4358	Ann St. Louis	2644	Jeff Snyder
4358	Don Duval	482	Richard O'Brien
4358	David Duval	3773	William Wemsly
3128	Robert Townsend	782	Gerald Corbett
2486	Thomas Hammond	782	Charlie Bolio

Respectfully submitted,

Duane Bruning, Chr., 825

Lou Osmon, 2692
Mike Fahy, 616
Donald Yanchunis, 2586

Brother Bruning moved for the adoption of this final report. This was seconded by Harold Grant, Watertown Aerie 782, and approved.

REPORT OF THE PAST STATE PRESIDENTS

Read by Dan O'Neil, Binghamton Aerie 2119

Grand Aerie Representatives, State Officers, and Brother Delegates:

14 Past Presidents were present at the Past State President's Meeting, plus a hopeful Jim Telban and the Grand Aerie Reps, Joe Schumacher, Eastern Regional President, and James Clark, Grand Outside Guard.

The buffet luncheon was excellent and all those present found that out because Ray Haggerty, the opponent of buffets, said that it was good.

PSP Dan O'Neil opened the meeting by thanking the Grand Reps for joining us for lunch and stated that Harry Stewart would be taking the helm next year. Jim Telban was requested to leave so he could be balloted on. Joe Schumacher said a few words. Jim Clark also spoke and said he was glad to be back.

The vote was called for and it was a tie with 6 for, 6 against, and 1 abstaining. The Grand Reps were given a vote and it was still a tie. The waitresses were allowed a vote, with still a tie vote. The owner had to be called and because she said she never heard of Jim Telban she would vote for him. The meeting was then closed.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel O'Neil, Chr., 2119
Bob Butts, 941

Brother O'Neil moved for the adoption of this report. Brother Douglas McDermott, Addison Aerie 3904, seconded the motion. Approved.

Under Special Order of Business, Brother Telban introduced Joe Schumacher and James Clark. Brother Schumacher stated that words cannot express his sincere gratitude for the kindness, respect and friendship over the past 5 days. He congratulated Brother Telban on a great year. He encouraged everyone to continue to support the local, State and National organization so that they can grow strong and proud. Brother Clark also thanked everyone for their hospitality and noted the outstanding job done by the State Aerie. On behalf of Ken Morrissey and Bob Sharkey, the Grand Aerie Officers were each presented with a coffee mug.

Brother Rettinger then noted that it was his honor to present Brother James Telban with his Past State President's Pin, Certificate, Plaque and a small token from the NYS Aerie. Brother Telban thanked everyone and said that he owes a lot of people a lot of things. He thanked Brother Robert Woodruff and Brother Donald Rettinger for their help and support as he was going through the chairs. He said that there were a lot of Past State Presidents who stood behind him. He thanked everyone for making it one of the best years of his life.

REPORT OF THE GRIEVANCE & APPEALS COMMITTEE

Read by Harold Grant, Chr., Watertown Aerie 782

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

This Committee has received no grievances or complaints at this session. I want to thank President Telban for allowing me to chair this Committee and thank also my co-chairpeople.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold Grant, Chr., 782
Gary Carlson, 616

It was moved by Brother Grant to approve this report as presented. Brother Rudy Levey, Middletown Aerie 544, seconded the motion. Approved.

Under Good of the Order, Brother Telban noted that it was encouraging to see new faces at the Convention. He asked all to welcome the new members who were in attendance.

It was noted that on July 19th, Ticonderoga will be instituted as a new Aerie. All were encouraged to attend.

Brother Ray Howland felt that the group take into consideration that it be mandatory that Aeries show up at these conventions or have the State representatives talk them into coming when they visit the Aeries.

Brother Straub stated that as we put the year behind us, we should stand up and thank Brother Telban for the 15 years he has committed to the New York State Aerie.

Brother Morrissey was wished the best of luck in his upcoming year as State President.

The proceedings then concluded at 11:00 A.M. and Brother Telban adjourned the meeting advising that the installation of Officers would be held at 1:00 P.M.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Saturday, June 20, 1998, the New York State Officers received their Oath of Office at South Glens Falls Aerie 2486.

The newly elected State Officers for 1998-1999 are as follows:

Junior Past President	James Telban, Rochester Aerie 52
State President	Kenneth Morrissey, Glens Falls Aerie 2486
Vice President	Robert Rostas, Lockport Aerie 825
State Secretary	Donald Rettinger, Tonawanda Aerie 1411
State Treasurer	Ray Haggerty, Tonawanda Aerie 1411
State Chaplain	Harold Grant, Watertown Aerie 782
State Conductor	Ellis Spencer, Addison Aerie 3904
State Inside Guard	Pat Gray, Depew-Lancaster Aerie 2692
State Outside Guard	Bryan Welch, Ithaca Aerie 1253
State Trustee	Daniel Curcio, Rochester Aerie 52
State Trustee	Joe Newman, Saratoga Springs Aerie 2586
State Trustee	Jim Harris, Olean Aerie 616
State Trustee	Joe Piano, Niagara Falls Aerie 88

After the completion of the ceremonies, newly appointed State President Kenneth Morrissey and newly appointed Auxiliary State President Cathy Caruso both spoke stating that they were looking forward to the upcoming year and in serving the Fraternal Order of Eagles to their fullest. They asked for the support of all in their membership drive and in meeting their goal. They thanked everyone for their encouragement and asked for continuing support from the Aeries and Auxiliaries.

STATE CONVENTION BANQUET

Don Rettinger acted as emcee. The dignitaries were escorted to the head table by the Glens Falls and Middletown escort teams, who then escorted the Aerie and Auxiliary State Presidents.

A prayer was given by State Chaplain Harold Grant.

The guests not participating in the events of the evening were introduced as follows: PSP Dan O'Neil, Joan Finney, Betty Lance, and Pearl Telban.

Larry Robillard was introduced to represent Glens Falls Aerie and gave a check in the amount of \$500.00 to the people doing the catering for the benefit of children's music training.

The Auxiliary Madam President, Cathy Caruso, was introduced for some remarks and announced that she had named her sister as Auxiliary Mother for the year.

His Honor, Mayor Robert Finney, was then introduced for a farewell speech.

State Auxiliary Secretary was then called on to introduce the State Auxiliary Officers and Past State Presidents, following which Don Rettinger, State Secretary, introduced the State Officers and Past State Presidents.

Doug McDermott announced the new inductees into the Hall of Fame as follows: Danny O'Neil, PSP; John Palmer, PSP; Harry Stewart, PSP; Duane Bruning, PP; Robert Butts, PSP; Dick Pottorff, PSP; Art Gonyea, PSP; and Gordon Brenenstuhel, PSP.

Bill Bell, Ritualistic Chairman, was then called onto report on his Committee and gave the following report.

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

Well, thank you to Saratoga for having a Ritual Team. It seems good for this Committee to have something to do. We still believe in the Ritual so let's go back to our Aeries, get a Ritual Team started, and next year lets have three or four teams.

Thank you, Jim, for the chance to serve on this Committee. The Saratoga Ritual Team had a score of 97.3% and were presented with their award.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Bell, Chr., 782
Danny O'Neil, 2119
Jack Kincaid, 616
Harold Grant, 782

Jim Telban, Jr. Past President, thanked all the members for their support over the year, especially for all the donations to Strong Memorial Hospital received by Ellen and himself. Jim was then presented with a check from Apple Country Aerie for Strong in the amount of \$5,000.00 for cancer treatment and also another check in the amount of \$1,000.00 was presented to Ellen and Jim.

Jr. Past Auxiliary President gave a few remarks and was presented with her Past Madam State President's pin.

Madam State President Anita Diekmann spoke and introduced her family.

Worthy President Ken Morrissey was then introduced and spoke on his goals for the year, including his charity project, the Kidney Unit in the Glens Falls Hospital, which was followed with the presentation of checks from: Glens Falls Aerie and Auxiliary in the amount of \$1,000.00; from the

Binghamton Aerie and Auxiliary \$500.00; Jim & Anne Russell for \$50.00; Lou Osman for \$15.00; and another donation from Glens Falls Aerie for another \$500.00.

Ken then proceeded to award plaques to Betty Lance for her help and kindness; to Bill and Marie Rohole; to Larry Robillard; to Kevin and Linda Dutea; to Mr. & Mrs. Steady; and finally a check in the amount of \$100.00 to Charlie Straub which Charlie donated back to Ken's charity.

This concluded all business and the event was closed.

Fraternally,

Donald Rettinger
State Secretary

LISTING OF NEW YORK STATE AERIES AND NUMBERS

52	.....	Rochester
88	.....	Niagara Falls
96	.....	Auburn
97	.....	Utica
482	.....	Golversville
514	.....	Middletown
616	.....	Olean
782	.....	Watertown
825	.....	Lockport
941	.....	Elmira
1042	.....	North Tarrytown
1253	.....	Ithaca
1411	.....	North Tonawanda
1545	.....	Ossining
1575	.....	Johnstown
1815	.....	northport
2119	.....	Binghamton
2145	.....	Chatauqua
2191	.....	Cortland
2269	.....	Endicott
2299	.....	Corning
2467	.....	Hoosick Falls
2486	.....	South Glens Falls
2586	.....	Saratoga Springs
2692	.....	Johnson City
2692	.....	Depew
2695	.....	Cobleskill
3128	.....	Elmont
3510	.....	Rotterdam
3773	.....	Troy
3818	.....	Horseheads
3846	.....	Conajoharie

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

47.*	LOUISK ASIFAN, Watertown 782	1953-54
48.*	HAROLD CRAWFORD, Fort Hamilton 2621	1954-55
49.3*	KEENEM M. BROWN, Ithaca 1253	1955-56
50.*	FRANK H. LEWIS, Empire 544	1956-57
51.*	CHARLES P. EDWARDS, Schenectady 514	1957-58
52.*	ROBERT MANGNAN, Montreal 2130	1958-59
53.*	GEORGE SATTLER, Elmira 941	1959-60
54.*	GAZO SAMOK, Depew-Lancaster 2692	1960-61
55.*	THOMAS PHILIPOTT, Maple Leaf 2311	1961-62
56.*	ROBERT WATTS, Lockport 825	1962-63
57.*	HERBERT OLD, Nassau 3128	1963-64
58.	THEODORE HURWITZ, Oneonta 1260	1964-65
59.*	ROBERT HOOD, Elmira 941	1965-66
60.*	LOUIS DION, Montreal 2130	1966-67
61.*	FRED RICHIE, Fort Hamilton 2621	1967-68
62.*	ROBERT SCHICK, Rochester 52	1968-69
63.	RAYMOND WOMBLE, Ithaca 1253	1969-70
64.*	LAVERN WEBER, Lockport 825	1970-71
65.*	FRANK STOKES, Maple Leaf 2311	1971-72
66.*	EDGAR IRELAND, Gloversville 482	1972-73
67.*	A. RAYMOND LANCE, Glens falls 2486	1973-74
68.*	WILLIAM CARRICK, Empire 544	1974-75
69.	LARRY ROY, Montreal 2130	1975-76
70.*	OWEN McNALLY, Fort Hamilton 2621	1976-77
71.*	DONALD GREGORY, Utica 97	1977-78
72.*	ARTHUR CICHON, Depew-Lancaster 2692	1978-79
73.*	RALPH PAULY, Olean 616	1979-80
74.	ROBERT WOODRUFF, Rochester 52	1980-81
75.	WAYNE MONROE, Elmira 941	1981-82
76.	LAVERNE GRAHAM, Lockport 825	1982-83
77.	ARTHUR GONYEA, Glens Falls 2486	1983-84
78.	DONALD RETTINGER, Maple Leaf 2311	1984-85
79.	RAY HAGGERTY, Tonawanda 1411	1985-86
80.	AL HUBBARD, Binghamton 2119	1986-87
81.	GORDON BRENNENSTUHL, Hoosick Falls 2467	1987-88
82.	JAMES RUSSELL, Rochester 52	1988-89
83.	DOUGLAS McDERMOTT, Addison 3904	1989-90
84.	DONALD COWAN, Watertown 782	1990-91
85.	ROBERT BUTTS, Elmira 941	1991-92
86.	RICHARD POTTORFF, Ithaca 1253	1992-93
87.	IAN CARRY, Toronto 2311	1993-94
88.	JOHN PALMER, Canajoharie 3846	1994-95
89.	DANIEL O'NEIL, Binghamton 2119	1995-96
90.	HARRY STEWART, Cortland 2191	1996-97
91.	JAMES TELBAN, Rochester 54	1998-98

* Deceased

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NEW YORK STATE AERIE, F.O.E.**

1.*	JOHN J. HARRINGTON, Brooklyn 393	1907-08
2.*	JOHN J. HARRINGTON, Brooklyn 393	1908-09
3.*	FREDERICK HUGHES, Yonkers 473	1909-10
4.*	FREDERICK HUGHES, Yonkers 473	1910-11
5.*	JAMES CONLAN, Buffalo 46	1911-12
6.*	JAMES CONLAN, Buffalo 46	1912-13
7.*	GEORGE BEDRORD, Syracuse 53	1913-14
8.*	GEORGE BEDFORD, Syracuse 53	1914-15
9.*	JOHN F. MALONEY, Watertown 782	1915-16
10.*	JOHN F. COLE, Binghamton 1118	1916-17
11.*	GEORGE E. MORGAN, Buffalo 46	1917-18
12.*	WILLIAM KENEALY, Rochester 52	1918-19
13.*	JOSEPH M. SCHERER, Long Island City 1509	1919-20
14.*	THOMAS G. WELSH, Elmira 941	1920-21
15.*	FRANK X. BERNHARDT, Buffalo 46	1921-22
16.*	THOMAS J. HICKEY, Syracuse 53	1922-23
17.*	JOSEPH STREICHER, Buffalo 46	1923-24
18.*	JOHN F. McGRATH, New York 40	1924-25
19.*	MICHAEL H. SWEENEY, Binghamton 1118	1925-26
20.*	WILLIAM B. HUTCHINSON, Buffalo 46	1926-27
21.*	MICHAEL H. SWEENEY, Binghamton	1927-28
22.*	WILLIAM DODSON, Olean 616	1928-29
23.*	WILLIAM MENTZINGER, Rockaway Beach 1544	1929-30
24.*	CHARLES J. MENGLER, Elmira 941	1930-31
25.*	WILLIAM ALF, Bufflao 46	1931-32
26.*	WALTER E. McGRATH, New York 40	1932-33
27.*	ALBERT LEONARD, Geneva 95	1933-34
28.*	ERNEST J. MAHONEY, Rochester 52	1934-35
29.*	JOHN P. SAXER, Buffalo 46	1935-36
30.*	JOHN T. SHORTELL, Olean 616	1936-37
31.*	CHARELS G. MARALDO, Staten Island 543	1937-38
32.*	RAYMOND R. BARBER, Ithaca 1253	1938-39
33.*	WILLIAM H. MOSTYN, Rochester 52	1939-40
34.*	WILLIAM H. MOSTYN, Rochester 52	1940-41
35.*	R. LESLIE McDERMOTT, Lockport 825	1941-42
36.*	CHARLES J. DOLZEN, Schenectady 514	1942-43
37.*	KENNETH DECKER, Ithaca 1253	1943-44
38.*	HENRY KOHAUT, Yonkers 473	1944-45
39.*	JOHN R. TAGGERT, Buffalo 46	1945-46
40.*	GEORGE GREEN, Gloversville 482	1946-47
41.*	FRANCIS H. BRECHUE, Auburn 96	1947-48
42.*	EDWARD M. KAMAS, Elmira 941	1948-49
43.*	PAUL M. AYERS, Lockport 825	1949-50
44.*	DONALD MANZER, Utica 97	1950-51
45.*	CHARLES R. BOYLE, Buffalo 46	1951-52
46.*	JOSEPH L. WURZER, Rochester 52	1952-53

NEW YORK STATE AERIE CONVENTIONS YEAR and CITY

1907	-----	Rochester (Institution)	1953	-----	Schenectady
1908	-----	Saratoga Springs	1954	-----	Oneonta
1909	-----	Little Falls	1955	-----	Elmira
1910	-----	Rockaway Beach	1956	-----	Montreal
1911	-----	Rochester	1957	-----	Saratoga Springs
1912	-----	Cohoes	1958	-----	Buffalo
1913	-----	Carthage	1959	-----	Elmira
1914	-----	Olean	1960	-----	Rochester
1915	-----	Auburn	1961	-----	Toronto
1916	-----	Rochester	1962	-----	Utica
1917	-----	Buffalo	1963	-----	Oneonta
1918	-----	Geneva	1964	-----	Watertown
1919	-----	Syracuse	1965	-----	Rochester
1920	-----	Niagara Falls	1966	-----	Syracuse
1921	-----	Saratoga Springs	1967	-----	Glens Falls
1922	-----	Binghamton	1968	-----	Olean
1923	-----	Mount Vernon	1969	-----	Rochester
1924	-----	Rockaway Beach	1970	-----	Montreal
1925	-----	Niagara Falls	1971	-----	Oneonta
1926	-----	Watertown	1972	-----	Utica
1927	-----	Binghamton	1973	-----	Glens Falls
1928	-----	Syracuse	1974	-----	Olean
1929	-----	Schenectady	1975	-----	Rochester
1930	-----	Elmira	1976	-----	Elmira
1931	-----	Oswego	1977	-----	St. Jermono
1932	-----	Rochester	1978	-----	Schenectady
1933	-----	Lockport	1979	-----	Binghamton
1934	-----	Johnstown	1980	-----	Rochester
1935	-----	Ithaca	1981	-----	Glens Falls
1936	-----	Olean	1982	-----	Elmira
1937	-----	Auburn	1983	-----	Olean
1938	-----	Watertown	1984	-----	Utica
1939	-----	Gloversville	1985	-----	Rochester
1940	-----	Lockport	1986	-----	Binghamton
1941	-----	Rochester	1987	-----	Watertown
1942	-----	New York City	1988	-----	Olean
1943	-----	Auburn	1989	-----	Rochester
1944	-----	Batavia	1990	-----	Glens Falls
1945	-----	Rochester	1991	-----	Lockport
1946	-----	Middletown	1992	-----	Watertown
1947	-----	Utica	1993	-----	Utica
1948	-----	Saratoga Springs	1994	-----	Olean
1949	-----	Saratoga Springs	1995	-----	Binghamton
1950	-----	Rochester	1996	-----	Lockport
1951	-----	Rochester	1997	-----	Watertown
1952	-----	Binghamton	1998	-----	S. Glen Falls