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103rd Annual Sessions  
of the  
**FRATERNAL ORDER OF  
EAGLES**  
**NEW YORK STATE AERIE**



**2009**

HELD AT ITHACA #1253  
JUNE 18, 19, 20th

# **NEW YORK STATE - AERIE OFFICERS 2009-2010**

State President ..... Leonard Briggs  
Johnson City #2644

State Vice President..... Larry Robillard  
Rensselaer #4446

State Chaplain ..... David Cook  
Johnstown #1575

State Secretary. .... Don Yanchunis  
Saratoga Springs #2586

State Treasurer ..... Ray Haggerty  
Tonawanda # 1411

State Conductor ..... Charles K. Straub  
South Glens Falls #2486

State Inside Guard ..... Garrett Smith  
Addison #3904

State Outside Guard ..... Robert Yager  
Schenectady #514

## Trustees:

Al Porter ..... Ithaca #1253

Chuck Henderson ..... Tonawanda #1411

Jon Badi ..... Rensselaer #4446

Ed Gradwell ..... Saratoga Springs #2586

Jr. Past State President ..... Harold Vaughn  
Olean #616

Membership Chairman, Bob Sharkey  
Johnson City #2644

# Fraternal Order of Eagles, 2009 New York State Aerie Convention

## Ithaca, New York

### 1-Opening Exercises, Thursday, June 18, 2009

The Joint Opening Session was held at the Aerie Home at 1:00 P.M.

Introduced for welcoming speeches were the Aerie President Dave Hoffman, Auxiliary President Ellen O'Bryan, Ithaca Police Chief, Tompkins County Sheriff, Grand Aerie Representative PGWP Sonny Crawford and Grand Auxiliary Chaplain Rachel Heath. Also presented were the State Aerie President Harold Vaughn, State Auxiliary President Michelle Lanning, Groton Color Guard and the dancing girls performing as the Rockettes with New York, New York

### 2-Roll Call of Officers

Fraternal Order of Eagles, New York State Aerie Officers 2008-2009

Jr. Past President	Don Yanchunis	Present
President	Harold Vaughn	Present
Vice-President	Leonard Briggs	Present
Chaplain	Larry Robillard	Present
Secretary	Michael W. Hoag	Present
Treasurer	Ray Haggerty	Present
Conductor	David Cook	Present
Inside Guard	Charles Straub	Present
Outside Guard	Garrett Smith	Present
Trustees	Robert GT Yager	Present
	Chuck Henderson	Present
	Jon Badi	Present
	Edward Gradwell	Present
Membership	Lou Osmon	Present
Zone #1 Director	Ted Gorney	Present
Zone #2 Director	Allan Porter	Present
Zone #3 Director	Colleen Gradwell	Present

**3-Credentials/First Reading**

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Grand Aerie Representatives.....	1
Visitors.....	0
State Officers.....	12
Past State Presidents .....	10
Delegates .....	78
Alternate Delegates .....	0
Past Worthy Presidents .....	22
Total Votes .....	123
Total Credentials Issued .....	41

Partial Report read and motion to accept from Phil Iacuzza, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don Yanchunis, motion carried.

**4-Oath of Allegiance and Admission of New Members**

Respectfully performed by Past State President, James Telban.

My Brothers and Delegates, before giving you the State Aerie obligation, let me call to your attention how important it is for all of us to conduct ourselves during the State Aerie, both the meeting and outside the meeting, as to reflect credit upon the Order. The people of this fine City are our hosts--we should act as guests in and about the City—so that we can leave a lasting impression of the high caliber of our membership.

You now find yourselves within the State Aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, for the State of New York. You reach this destination and high estate by honorable and loyal service in your subordinate Aeries. You are the State Aerie. What this State Aerie does is your responsibility. You are accountable to your Aerie, to your conscience and to your God. An abundance of experience in our Order fits you well for your important mission. For the successful performance of your duties you will merit and receive the applause of our membership; for your failure you will merit and receive its just criticism. Before you may go further and become members of the State Aerie and be trusted with the duties of importance, you will rise and with your right hand raised, take this solemn and binding obligation, which I recite, and if you so desire, will affirm at its conclusion. The Officers and members of the State Aerie will join the new members in this obligation.

Before God and on my honor, I promise as a condition to my becoming a member of the State Aerie, that I will obey all the laws, rules and regulations of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. I reaffirm all my obligations by me here-to-for taken, as a member or officer of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. I recognize the Grand Aerie as the Supreme body of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and as shall cherish and uphold its good name. I fully realize that a chain is no stronger than its weakest link and that throughout the jurisdiction of Eagledom we are bound together in this great Fraternity by our subordinate Aeries, by our State Aerie and by our Grand Aerie. If I fail as a member of the State Aerie and my actions are destructive of unity and progress, I know that I tear down the fabric not only of the Grand Aerie and this State Aerie, but I weaken my own subordinate Aerie.

I understand that changes in the laws enacted must be constitutional and lawful methods and not by destructive criticism of the action of the majority, designed to undermine confidence and faith in the State and Grand Aeries and the Fraternal Order of Eagles

I believe in the patriotic and humanitarian purposes of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. I believe in my country and that I owe to it the zeal of a patriot. To me, Liberty, Truth, Justice and Equality are more than words. To me, they are the cornerstone of our Fraternity in whose welfare I am ardently

concerned. I take this obligation in the presence of Almighty God, who looks down upon us from above and should I violate this obligation, I recognize such conduct is just cause for expulsion from membership in the State Aerie.

My Brothers and Delegates, if any Brother does not accept this obligation, he will advance to the Alter and so indicate, then quietly leave the State Aerie. (Pause) But if you do accept it, repeat after me: "I do accept this obligation and will observe it, so help me God". You may now lower your hand.

## **5-Judiciary**

### **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 they are in good standing in their Aerie.

No person shall be admitted to the main floor unless he is a delegate, Past President or Ten Year Secretary. He must display his credentials and deposit the daily attendance slip with the proper State 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 Worthy 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 a nay or yea vote. Any thirty persons may demand a roll call vote on any question, 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 from 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, June 20, 2009. Only official ballots are 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 votes indicated on the credential is identical with that indicated on the ballot and that no erasures appear on them.

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 the Order shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order Revised.

Due to the Order of Business has been distributed to the Delegates, I will not read them, if there is no objection, I move for the adoption of this report.

Respectfully submitted by Past State President Dan Curcio, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Cook, motion carried.

## **By-Laws**

June 18, 2009

Grand Aerie Representatives, Worthy State President, State Aerie Officers, Past State Presidents, Delegates and my Brothers,

The Committee on Judiciary “reports” that it has read the proposed By-Law changes and finds them satisfactory and ready to come before this assembly for consideration and that no judiciary resolutions have been referred to the Committee from June 2008 till current. Lenny Briggs, Chairman.

Respectfully read and motion to accept from PSP Dan Curcio, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Leonard Briggs, motion carried.

### **6-Approval of the 2008 State Convention Proceedings**

Motion from James Telban that since a copy of the 2008 State Convention Proceedings have been distributed to the Delegates, that reading of said minutes be dispensed with, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ray Haggerty, motion carried.

Motion from Lenny Briggs to approve the 2008 State Convention Proceedings, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Gradwell, motion carried.

### **7-Correspondence**

Thank you letter from the Center for Hope for our grant donation of \$836.25, Grand Aerie Convention materials for Reno, Nevada, invitation letter from Grand Secretary Chuck Cunningham for the State Secretary Luncheon, this years Charity List, invitation to the St. Joseph’s Hospital Spirit Awards dinner, Grand Tribunal decision concerning Schenectady #514, change of State Officer list for the Grand Aerie, the winners list for the State Charity Raffle, the proposed law changes for the Grand Convention, invitation from the Grand Aerie to participate in a NASCAR party to benefit the Diabetes Center and the list of membership producers for the year.

Motion from Dave Cook to accept the correspondence as read, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chuck Henderson, motion carried.

### **8-State President Report**

June 16, 2009

Grand Aerie Representative Sonny Crawford, State Officers and my Brothers all,

Since I became your State President, I have visited many Aeries. I started with a visit to Addison Aerie, where I helped to judge a car show. Of course, I had to pick the Mustang convertible! Our celebration of Anniversaries and visitations throughout the year brought together many great people and friends. I’d like to thank the following Aeries for the wonderful hospitality in my year as NYS President: Cobleskill #2695, Watertown #782, Schenectady #514, Auburn #96, Ithaca #1253,

Cortland #2191, Canajoharie #3846, Rochester #52, Glens Falls #2486, Rotterdam #3610, Saratoga #2586,, Olean #616, Johnson City #2644 and Addison #3904. Every single visitation has special memories to go with the time spent with the Brothers and Sisters of each Aerie. You will always hold a special place in my heart.

I was able to attend the Fall Conference in Utica and the Spring Conference in Johnstown. I'm very proud of the State Officers and all the work that was put into these meetings to make them so productive. I attended 3 Zone Meetings this year, which proved to be very informative. Thanks again to the members of Utica, Ithaca and Olean for the gracious hospitality. In addition to all the scheduled visitations, I was able to drop in on a few of our Brothers in Horseheads and Jamestown. However, I was unable to attend our Eastern Regional Conference due to illness. Special thanks to NYS VP Lenny Briggs for covering for me!

Amazingly enough, I did get to be home long enough to do a couple of important events in my own Aerie. I'm always proud of our Olean Aerie and Auxiliary for keeping our Home and Family Program going. Students in our local schools write a report or draw a picture of "What MY Home and Family Means to Me". We have a group of volunteers select winners and then we hold a luncheon for all the winners and their families. We also give awards to area fireman, police officers, teachers, Hometown Builders, etc. Our extra special presentation was to our grandson, Christian Gayton, who our Aerie and Auxiliary gifted with \$500.00 to assist with his trip to go to the Presidential Inauguration in Washington, DC in January. We're very proud of his accomplishments. Home and Family is always a great time. Also in Olean, the Grand Aerie President Jim Roberts and his lovely wife Pat visited us. We were able to take them out to dinner and then bring them back to the Aerie home to socialize with our Aerie and Auxiliary members.

I wish to thank everyone from the bottom of my heart for such a great year! The people, friendship and love make me proud to be part of an organization like the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Last but certainly not least, I'd like to thank all the members of our State Aerie for all the donations to our State Charity, Neurofibromatosis. Shelly and I cannot thank you enough for all that you've done to make the difference in the lives of others. Remember; Giving is our job, helping others is our reward.

Respectfully submitted by Harold "Pete" Vaughn, NYS President.

Motion to accept the report from Michael W. Hoag, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lenny Briggs, motion carried.

**9-State Treasurer Report**

	<b>Balance as of 6/6/09</b>	<b>\$19743.98</b>
Arthritis -----	200.00	
Mr. & Mrs. Bowling -----	0.00	
Men's Bowling -----	6491.49	
300 Club -----	0.00	
Zone #1 -----	586.79	
Zone #3 -----	516.00	
Hospitality Room -----	1600.87	
N.Y.S. Racing Team -----	70.94	
Balance -----	9466.09	
State Aerie Balance -----	10277.89	
Savings Account (CD) -----	5463.55	
State Aerie Bank Balance -----	15741.44	

Motion to accept report as read from Ray Haggerty, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charlie Straub, motion carried.

## **10-State Secretary Report**

June 18, 2009

Grand Aerie Rep, Worthy President Pete, State Officers and my Eagle Brothers all,

This is my final report to the New York State Aerie as your State Secretary. It has been a full and enjoyable two years, but with retirement shortly coming up, I want my life to go in another direction. Tennessee is calling my name and Past Sate President John Palmer says that he wants to start another Aerie in Crossville. Sounds like a plan to me, but I will never the New York State Aerie and the eleven years I devoted to it.

The accomplishments that we have made over the years, such as the donations to Charity, State Aerie activities like the Mini Grand Prix, the enlargement of the Grand Hospitality Room and one of our own going for Grand Aerie office shows commitment from our members. There is a part of me that wants to stay, but there is a larger part that wishes for new horizons and to see what is on the other side of the mountain, in my case of being on the plateau, I can almost see both. Don't worry, I'll be back to see you all, if nothing else, just to check up on Larry. I love you all, may God bless you all and remember, We aren't here for a long time, so let's have a good time. How's that Larry?

Respectfully and Fraternally submitted by Michael W. Hoag, State Secretary

Motion to accept report as read from Ray Haggerty, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charlie Straub, motion carried.

## **11-Special Order of Business**

Motion from Ray Haggerty to conduct the Spring and Fall Conferences on a Saturday schedule of Aerie and Auxiliary Meetings at 9:30 A.M. and the Joint session at 1:00 P.M., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Yager, motion carried.

Motion from Bob Yager to send a get well card to Past State President Wayne Monroe, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charlie Staub, motion carried.

## **12-Grand Aerie Representative**

Past Grand Worthy President Sonny Crawford spoke few words of Fraternalism to the State Aerie.

## **13-By-Laws/First Reading**

Proposed change from Johnson City Aerie #2644 on April 16, 2009 and read by Chairman Dave Cook.

### **Change One**

From: Section 5.1 All serving officers attending sessions of the State Aerie shall receive, when the budget so provides, or when the Executive Committee deems it possible, \$15.00 per day, actual railroad, Pullman or plane fare or .20 cents per mile if traveling by automobile.

To: Section 5.1 All serving officers attending sessions of the State Aerie, Eastern Regional Conference and the Mason Dixon Conference, including the NYS representative to the Mason Dixon Conference, shall receive, when the budget so provides or when the Executive Committee deems it possible, \$75.00 per day.

Explanation: This change will be better for accounting and budgeting and allow the NYS Aerie to participate in the Eastern Regional Conference and Mason Dixon Conference where as representation has been lowly for the past two years.

### **Change Two**

From: Section 4.1 The State Aerie shall fix the amount of the per capita tax in annual convention for the coming year, following the recommendations of the Budget and Finance Committee for each member whose name appears on the membership roll of the local Aerie on the date which the per capita is due, the same to be paid semi-annually on or before January 1<sup>st</sup> and on or before July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, not in excess of \$1.50 per annum. Any contemplated increase in the State Per Capita Tax by the State By-Laws Committee must be made a matter of public record to every local Aerie in the State jurisdiction prior to being voted on.

To: Section 4.1 The State Aerie shall fix the amount of the per capita tax in annual convention for the coming year, following the recommendations of the Budget and Finance Committee for each member whose name appears on the membership roll of the local Aerie on the date which the per capita tax is due, the same to be paid semi-annually on or before January 1<sup>st</sup> and on or before July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, not in excess of \$2.00 per annum. Any contemplated increase in the State Per Capita Tax by the State By-Laws Committee must be made a matter of public record to every local Aerie in the State jurisdiction prior to being voted on.

Explanation: The increase in per capita tax is necessary to compensate for the increased cost of living and traveling expenses.

### **14-Banquet Report**

Chairman Al Porter stated that the dinner would as written in the Convention Program.

Motion from Mike Hoag to accept the report as stated, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don Yanchunis, motion carried.

### **15-Men's Bowling**

June 2009 Meeting

Call to Order: On Sunday, May 31, 2009 at 12:15 P.M. by Ted Gorney, Chairman at Addison Aerie 3904

Roll Call-Directors and Representatives of Aeries: Pete Vaughn, State President, Mike Hoag, State Secretary, Ted Gorney, Chairman, Jack Pacelli, Association Secretary, Jim Hill, Director, Tony Gorney, Director, Oakley Hayes Jr., Tournament Secretary and George Stewart, Assistant Tournament Secretary.

Reading of Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Motion from Oakley Hayes Jr. to accept as read, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tony Gorney with correction to John Fitch's name, motion carried.

Report of Officers: Oakley Hayes Jr. reported on the vote to change the team event to 4 from 5 member. The vote was 13 team captains yeah, 8 captains nay.

Reading of Bills and Communications: Letters submitted by Tony Gorney and Jack Pacelli for them to be representatives from their Aerie. The prize list was reviewed and some changes were made and approved. The bill from Crystal Lanes was approved and the Bowling Association expenses.

Report of Committees: None

Unfinished Business: The vote on changing to 4 member teams was discussed. We will give it a try at next year's Tournament.

New Business:

In order to help determine a fair bowling average for bowlers in the tournament, a motion is made to go back 4 years of USBC sanctioned averages and /or tournament averages, if no sanctioned average is given for last year or this year.

Motion to accept from Jim Hill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Oakley Hayes Jr., motion carried.

Motion from Ted Gorney to do away with the scorekeepers allowance of ten cents per line as today's lanes have automatic scorekeeping and raise the Tournament Secretary's allowance from 15 to 20 cents per line, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Hill, motion carried.

Motion from Ted Gorney that as there were only 21 teams in the tournament this year and that there is no longer a Ladies Bowling league or the Mr. & Mrs. Bowling league, that the Association allow the Ladies Aerie and Auxiliary members to increase tournament participation, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tony Gorney, motion carried.

Selection of Next Tournament: As no Aerie submitted a request for sponsorship, the next Tournament was awarded to Johnstown Aerie #1575. Pete Vaughn hopes that Olean will soon have a Bowling center to host future Tournaments.

Election of Officers: Pete Vaughn elected as a new Director and Ted Gorney to fill Wiegand's remaining 2 year term.

Good of the Order: The Directors thanked Oakley Hayes Jr. and George Stewart for the excellent job with tournament.

Adjournment: At 1:00 P.M. with motion from Tony Gorney, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Hill, motion carried.

Submitted by Jack Pacelli, Association Secretary and Ted Gorney, Chairman.

### Financial Report

#### Receipts:

Tournament advance/Addison 3904 -----	\$	200.00
Entry fees-----		<u>4728.00</u>
Total-----	\$	4928.00

#### Expenditures:

October meeting-----	\$	0.00
Crystal Lanes/924 games @ \$2.75-----		2541.00
Prize money -----		1505.00
Tournament Secretary/Scorekeeping-----		231.00

June meeting -----	439.00
Association Secretary salary/Expenses -----	50.00
Total-----	\$ 4766.00

**Recapitulation:**

Total Receipts -----	\$ 4928.00
Total Expenses -----	4766.00
Profit/Loss -----	\$ 162.00

Motion to accept report as read from Ted Gorney, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don Yanchunis, motion carried.

**14-Child Advocacy**

Past Grand Worthy President Sonny Crawford, NYS President Pete Vaughn, NYS Past Presidents, NYS Officers past and present, Special Guests and my Brothers all;

First of all, I would like to thank Pete for giving me the opportunity to give you, the New York Delegation, an Interim Report regarding the Grand Aerie, Youth and Child Advocacy Program and specifically the events surrounding our yearly “Child Advocacy Day”. This is the sixth year of existence for the Youth and Child Advocacy Committee and we want to thank all Aeries and Auxiliaries that have participated in the “Child Advocacy Day” program. The Child Advocacy Day is now part of the Grand Aerie Programs Department and is open to all Aeries and Auxiliaries. We want to recognize the Aerie or Auxiliary winner of the “Child Advocacy Day” with a plaque supplied at the Grand Aerie Convention (this year in Reno, Nevada), a grant from the Jimmy Durante Children’s Fund for \$3000.00 dollars and participation certificates for all those that submitted their program for consideration. We continue to receive some very creative and imaginative Child Advocacy Day submissions. The Grand Aerie wants to recognize the contributions made by these dedicated Eagles in supporting their local community and it also assists the Fraternal Order of Eagles in finding potential future leaders. In 2009 we received 19 submissions for consideration, making the selection as the First Place Winner, very difficult. We would like to salute all those Aeries and Auxiliaries that have made a submission to the Grand Aerie toward the “2009 Child Advocacy Day”.

Previous “Child Advocacy Day” Winners:

Year	FOE No.	Location	Aerie	Auxiliary
2004-----	4379-----	St. Mary’s, Georgia -----	X-----	X
2005-----	3701-----	Newberry, Michigan -----	X	
2006-----	3522-----	Bonnors Ferry, Idaho -----		X
2007-----	632-----	Aberdeen, South Dakota-----		X
2008-----	3429-----	Tri-Cities, Tennessee -----	X-----	X

Last year in Louisville, Kentucky at the 110<sup>th</sup> Grand Aerie Convention, Tri-Cities Aerie and Auxiliary #3429 was selected as the “2008 Child Advocacy Day” winner. They had a great program and presentation of the day’s activities in the promotion of the health and safety of our children. The winner of the 2009 Child Advocacy Day will be identified at the Grand Aerie Convention in Reno, Nevada in July 2009. We hope to see many NYS members at the 111<sup>th</sup> Grand Aerie Convention in Reno. To maintain our growth as the Fraternal Order of Eagles, we must get our children involved and participating in local Aerie activities. They will become the Eagles Leaders of the future. We need to protect them (keeping them safe from harm), support their dreams (motivate

and encourage) and instill the belief that the Fraternal Order of Eagles is an organization that is making a difference in our local communities. With the success we have had with this program, we hope it will continue and as Jimmy Durante would tell us all, "Let's Do It For Da Kids".

Submitted and read by Patrick W. Gray, International Chairman, Youth and Child Advocacy Program.

Motion from Pat Gray to accept the report as read, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ray Haggerty, motion carried.

## **17-Fundraising**

Charlie Straub spoke on the subject and apologized for not doing more to raise funds this past year and offered to raffle off a silver coin at the State Convention this weekend.

Motion to accept the verbal report from Charlie Straub, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Yager, motion carried.

## **18-Government Relations**

Bob Yager made a statement concerning the Texas Hold 'em with NYS Racing & Wagering and that they were letting it be overseen by the County DA's whether it would be allowed until future legislation is adopted.

Motion from Dave Cook to accept the verbal report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don Yanchunis, motion carried

Motion from Bob Yager to stay with Compor concerning the legislation information that they generate for the yearly dues of \$500.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Sharkey, motion carried.

## **19-Grand Aerie Hospitality Room**

Grand Aerie Representative Sonny Crawford, State Officers and my Brothers all,  
This is a partial report on the New York State Hospitality Room at Reno. We are raffling off a 32" LCD HDTV Sylvania TV with money. 1<sup>st</sup> place TV, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$100.00 and 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> place \$50.00 each. This is to help with the New York State Room with food and drinks. Please buy a ticket to help. Tickets are \$5.00 each and thank you in advance.

Respectfully submitted by Pete Vaughn, Chairman.

Motion to accept the report as read from Lenny Briggs, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jon Badi, motion carried.

**20-Junior Eagles**

I Called Schenectady Aerie several times, I left phone numbers and received no returned call. I called Ithaca Aerie also several times, I left my phone number and received no call backs. Rensselaer Aerie is at a standstill. The Auxiliary and Aerie are trying to bring more activity, but it's not working and we keep trying. I will keep trying my best to keep in contact with all Aeries that have Junior Eagles.

Respectfully submitted by Jon Badi.

Motion from Jon Badi to accept the report as read, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Gradwell, motion carried.

**21-Museum**

**Financial**

Beginning Balance -----	\$ 1892.49
Filing fee and Lawyers Guttman & Wallace -----	\$ <u>390.22</u>
Ending Balance -----	\$ 1502.27

The museum applied to the State for Incorporation and we received an answer, but have not been able to go over the paperwork.

Respectfully submitted by Allan Porter.

Motion to accept the report as read from AI Porter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jon Badi, motion carried.

**22-New Aeries**

Charlie Straub spoke on the subject and reported that he knew of no new Aeries presently in the works.

Motion to accept the verbal report from Charlie Straub, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don Yanchunis, motion carried.

**23-Good of the Order**

Past State President James Telban thanked State Secretary Mike Hoag for providing written copies of last years Convention minutes. You are so welcome James.

**24-Adjournment**

Motion from Bob Sharkey to adjourn until 9:30 A.M., June 19 2009, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lenny Briggs, motion carried.

**25-Welcome, Friday, June 19, 2009**

New York State President Pete Vaughn welcomed everyone to the second session at 9:30 A.M. promptly.

**26-Roll Call of Officers**

All Officers were present.

**27-Credentials/Second Reading**

June 19, 2009

Grand Aerie Representatives -----	1
Visitors -----	0
State Officers -----	13
Past State Presidents -----	10
Delegates-----	89
Alternate Delegates-----	0
Past Worthy Presidents-----	28
Total Votes-----	144
Total Credentials Issued-----	66

Motion to accept the report as read from Phil Iacuzza, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don Yanchunis, motion carried.

**28-Oath of Allegiance and Admission of New Members**

The Oath of Allegiance was read by Past State President James Telban.

**29-By-Laws/Second Reading**

The second reading of the By-Laws changes was read by Chairman Dave Cook.

**30-Special Order of Business**

Nothing discussed.

**31-Convention Vote**

Motion from Bob Yager to award the 2011 State Convention to Johnstown #1575, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ray Haggerty, motion carried

### 32-Membership

Grand Worthy Representative, Past State Presidents, State President, State Officers, Aerie members, Brothers and Sisters all,

It was my pleasure this past year to serve as the Membership Chairman for Pete. Our Grand Aerie goal was met and past by one hundred and thirty seven per cent. A grand total of one thousand one hundred and fifty one members reported. Twenty one Aeries made their quota for the year and I thank you all. I hope next year will be as good for incoming President Lenny and his Membership Chairman Bob Sharkey.

The top producer this year was Tim Mullen for the prize of a check for fifty dollars and the second place winner was Jon Badi with a check for twenty five dollars. I would also like to say thank you to Mark Dickson from Auburn for twenty one members, Coressa Wagner from Horseheads for twenty members and Don Yanchunis for fifteen members from Saratoga Springs.

I again want to thank Pete and all the Aeries across NYS for signing up a member for Pete's sake and also my Zone Directors, Colleen Gradwell, Al Porter and my good friend from Depew, Ted Gorney, for the job they did running each of the three zones across NYS.

Respectfully submitted by Lou Osmon, Membership Director.

Motion to accept the report as read from Lou Osmon, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jon Badi, motion carried.

### 33-Nightcappers

June 19, 2009

Brothers, several years ago when Don Rettinger was around, he got together with Ray Haggerty and they decided to expand the Nite-Cappers because there were only three members left. At that time they picked nine new Brothers to add to the group. After a couple of years they added three and a year later they added three more. So far the activity has been very minimal. This year we are planning to add a few more to our roster so that we can have a decent turnout at the three general meetings a year. Below is a list of all the Nite-Cappers alive and deceased.

Don Rettinger* -----	Ray Schnell*
Ray Haggerty -----	Harry Stewart
Skip Grant* -----	Barney Spencer
Bob Butts -----	Gordie Brenenstuhl
Bob Sharkey -----	John Palmer
Dick Pottoroff -----	Bob Yager
Mike Fahy -----	Jim Russell
Jim Telban -----	Larry Robillard
Dave Cook -----	Jeff Poole
Joe Piano* -----	Brian Welch
Lenny Briggs -----	Pete Vaughn
Charlie Straub -----	Mike Hoag

As of tonight, June 19, 2009, we have picked up three more Brothers to add to our rolls. At our Convention get together, there were fifteen Brothers plus our GA Rep. Sonny Crawford. In all, it was quite a success.

Respectfully submitted by Bob Sharkey, Nite-Capper.

Motion to accept the report as read from Bob Sharkey, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Cook, motion carried.

### **34-Publicity**

No report given.

### **35-R.E.A.C.**

Grand Aerie representative, New York State Worthy President, New York State Officers, Brother and Sister Aerie Members,

We have only two R.E.A.C.'s in New York State. Rochester and Saratoga Springs. As a member of Saratoga R.E.A.C. for the past 15 years, I can say we always have been an active R.E.A.C. Throughout the years we have always been self sufficient without asking our Aerie for monies. The Aerie provides us the room to hold our meetings. We hold functions for Alzheimer's, cancer and other charity donations. We have seven of our Aerie Officers who are members of R.E.A.C. I found on our Aerie website that more than 5000 Americans, every day will celebrate their 65<sup>th</sup> birthday and more than 30 million have passed that milestone. Older people do not lose their zest just because they are getting older. It is more necessary that ever that we create a place where they can meet with their friends and peer group and participate in programs of their choice. The first R.E.A.C. was formed under the sponsorship of Coeur D Alene Aerie #486 in Idaho in October of 1973. That was 36 years ago and New York State has only two R.E.A.C.'s.

I tried to find out how many R.E.A.C.'s we had totally in the Grand, but the Grand told me that they do not keep track of R.E.A.C. The Grand Convention has a R.E.A.C Luncheon and Entertainment. I have attended these and I know that we have a lot of R.E.A.C. members, so other states must be working to promote R.E.A.C. for their Aerie. I would ask New York State Officers to promote R.E.A.C. in other Aeries. Our Seniors deserve to enjoy the Eagles with peers of their age, to help their Aerie they joined many years ago. Let's keep all Eagles active to their ability. R.E.A.C. can become a great team of knowledge. Remember R.E.A.C. are seasoned Aerie and Auxiliary members, so they are not some outside club.

The Aerie is the core of the Eagles, the Aerie was started in 1898, so without the core no other club can be around them. So with R.E.A.C. we have to support our Aerie at all times so that we don't lose them. New York State only has two R.E.A.C.'s as I stated, R.E.A.C. must work for other Aeries as they have many members from other states to be able to put together a R.E.A.C. function at the Grand Convention. Again, promote R.E.A.C. in New York State and remember.....R.E.A.C. and Aerie can become a great team.

Respectfully submitted by Sandie Taylor, Aerie #2586.

Motion to accept the report as read from Sandie Taylor, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jon Badi, motion carried.

### **36-Programs and Activities**

Past Grand Worthy President Sonny, President Pete, Officers and Members all,

Each Aerie should actively plan and pursue several activities each year. These activities should be planned so that no matter how much work it involves, everybody has fun doing it. Besides doing things just for fun, some of these activities should involve helping our community. This year Saratoga Springs Aerie #2586 is working with the service and fraternal organizations in the city on a project to establish a Female Veteran Transition House. The house will aid female veterans in need by providing temporary housing, daily help in recovering from problems such as alcohol or drug abuse, PTSD, etc. It will also provide counseling, help in working through the red tape with the VA, State and Federal Agencies, ensuring they get all the help and benefits they are entitled to. This will be only the second house in New York State. This is truly "People Helping People".

Respectfully submitted by Ed Gradwell.

Motion to accept the report as read from Ed Gradwell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jon Badi, motion carried.

### **37-Ritual**

Charlie Straub made a verbal report concerning a possible start of the shotgun start for Ritual at the State Convention to generate more involvement.

Motion to accept the report from Charlie Straub, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Cook, motion carried.

### **38-State of the Order**

My brothers,

The New York State Aerie is working hard and is strong as you can see, by the attendance of our State Officers. They are active and assist us and our Aeries in many different ways. State Officers, remember, to keep your Aeries active, keep an open mind, target youth and make net gain your goal. Brothers, I ask each and every one of us to give them our total support, thank you. Respectfully submitted by Dan O'Neil, Chairman, PSP.

Motion to accept the report as read from Mike Hoag, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Gradwell, motion carried.

### **39-State Reporter**

Grand Aerie Rep, Worthy President Pete, State Officers, Past State Presidents and my Brothers all,

Due to the general consensus from the Delegates last year to allow me to decide how to send and save money towards the State Newsletter expense, I was able to reduce many mailings to just ninety three per month by sending a copy to the webmaster, Eric Williams, to post it on the State Aerie website. Anyone with access to the internet can view and copy the Newsletter on the computer, I could have e-mailed it and saved the postage on that also.

The State Newsletter is very important and is time consuming to prepare and thank God I had my publisher Bernie to help or it might have been late a few times. To the next Editor of the Newsletter,

Bob Sharkey, good luck and I know what it takes to put it out. I want to thank all for your support the last couple of years and I know that Bob will do his best, as always.

Fraternally submitted by Michael W. Hoag, Editor.

Motion to accept the report as read from Mike Hoag, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don Yanchunis, motion carried.

**40-Speakers for the State Aerie**

Grand Aerie Rep, Worthy President Pete, State Officers and my Brothers all,

I would like to remind all Aeries, that in order to have a State speaker at your Anniversary or other function, you must send a request to the State Secretary by either mail or e-mail. In this request, please indicate that you like to have the State President or whichever State Officer you would like and where the motel room reservation will be made. Please remember also, that it is customary for the Aerie to pay for the motel room and it would be important to have some type of program for the event and share that information with the speaker.

Respectfully submitted by Michael W. Hoag, State Secretary.

Motion from Mike Hoag to accept the report as read, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Cook, motion carried.

**41- Trial**

No report given.

**42-State Aerie Website**

Charlie Straub gave a verbal report concerning the importance of all Aeries getting important information to the webmaster for posting on the State site.

Motion from Charlie Straub to accept the verbal report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Hoag, motion carried.

**43-300 Club**

June 19, 2009

Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to "Thank" all who helped to make the 300 Club drawing for the year 2008-2009 a complete success. To all who helped by buying and selling tickets, you are greatly appreciated by the New York State Aerie and Auxiliary. Following are the winners:

\$1000.00/Connie Pechey -----	\$500.00/Ruth Fitch
250.00/Pearl Telban -----	250.00/Ed Gradwell
100.00/Susan Ball-----	100.00/Anita Dieckmann
100.00/Jim Telban -----	50.00/Kathy Kovacs
50.00/Amy Lilis-----	50.00/Linda Richardson

50.00/Jeff Chaffee-----	25.00/Lenny Briggs/Butch Barrows
25.00/Jerry Beach-----	25.00/Pat Gray
25.00/Betty Carrick-----	25.00/Hilda Sampson
25.00/Karen Loftus-----	25.00/Bernie Hoag
25.00/Cortland Aerie-----	25.00/Ernie Panetta
25.00/Charlie Straub-----	25.00/Don Robillard
25.00/Orpha Stile-----	25.00/Keith Miller
25.00/Flo Boast-----	25.00/Bob Butts
25.00/Joanne Mulhollen-----	25.00/Cindra Steves
25.00/Bob Yager-----	25.00/Randy Ruiz
25.00/Brenda Scott	

A special “Thank You to Mary Qwitt-Stoldt for her help in getting the tickets back on a timely basis.

Respectfully submitted by Bob Sharkey, Chairman.

Motion to accept the report as read from Bob Sharkey, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Cook, motion accepted.

**44-Nominations**

Worthy President Pete, Grand Aerie Representative, State Officers, Brother Delegates,

The Nominating Committee met and interviewed 13 Brothers. The following is the recommendation for State Office:

Jr. Past State President-----	Harold “Pete Vaughn
State President-----	Lenny Briggs
Vice-President-----	Larry Robillard
State Chaplain-----	Dave Cook
State Secretary-----	Don Yanchunis
State Treasurer-----	Ray Haggerty
State Conductor-----	Charlie Straub
State Inside Guard-----	Garrett Smith
State Outside Guard-----	Bob Yager
State Trustee-----	Jon Badi
State Trustee-----	Ed Gradwell
State Trustee-----	Al Porter
State Trustee-----	Chuck Henderson

Respectfully submitted by James Telban, Harry Stewart, Dan O’Neil, Pat Gray, Ellis Spencer.

Motion from Jim Telban to accept the report as read, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don Yanchunis, motion carried.

Motion to allow the Secretary to cast one ballot for all unopposed candidates after no nominations from the floor, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jon Badi, motion carried. So cast.

**45-Good of the Order**

Charlie Straub spoke on the health of Past State Presidents Ken Morrissey and Art Gonyea. Fall Conference sheets were handed out with information concerning the Conference at Saratoga on September 19 and 20, 2009.

Nightcappers to meet at 9:00 P.M. in Room #110 at the Super 8.  
Tonowanda and Depew Aerie Hospitality Room at the Ithaca Aerie Home.  
Saratoga Aerie Hospitality Room at the Super 8 in Room #108.  
Johnson City Aerie Hospitality Room at the Clarion in Room #108.

**46-Adjournment**

Motion from Jim Telban to adjourn until Saturday, June 20, 2009 at 9:30 A.M., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Cook, motion carried.

**47-Welcome, Saturday, June 20, 2009**

State President Pete Vaughn welcomed every one to the final session of the Convention at 9:30 A.M.

**48-Roll Call of Officers**

All Officers present.

**49-Credentials/Final Report**

Grand Aerie Representatives -----	1
Visitors -----	0
State Officers -----	13
Past State Presidents -----	10
Delegates-----	98
Alternate Delegates-----	0
Pats Worthy Presidents-----	31
Total Votes-----	157
Total Credentials Issued-----	73

Motion to accept the report as read from Phil Iacuzza, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jon Badi, motion carried.

**50-Oath of Allegiance and Admission of New Members**

Oath of Allegiance given by Past State President James Telban.

## **51-By-Laws/Final Reading and Vote**

The proposed change to By-Laws Section 5.1 was made from Dave Cook, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lenny Briggs, motion carried.

The proposed change to By-Laws Section 4.1 was made from Dave Cook, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lenny Briggs, motion defeated.

Motion from Lenny Briggs to reintroduce the first motion due to it is no longer needed if the second one was defeated, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Hoag, motion carried.

Motion from Dave Cook to accept the By-Laws change of Section 5.1, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Hoag, motion defeated.

## **52-Special Order of Business**

State President Pete Vaughn was presented his Past President Certificate and ring from State Secretary Mike Hoag.

## **53-Grand Aerie Representative**

Past Grand Worthy President Sonny Crawford spoke on the upcoming Grand Aerie Membership Awards .

## **54-Past President Report**

Worthy President Pete, Grand Aerie Rep Sonny, Past Presidents, State Officers, Delegates and Visitors,

The New York State Past Presidents luncheon was held at Icabods at 1:00 o'clock. There were 12 Past Presidents present plus the Grand Aerie Rep. Sonny Crawford and NYS President Pete Vaughn. After a delicious luncheon, a short business session was held at that time. Pete was asked to leave the room so we could vote on admitting him into the Past Presidents.

We took a vote and the first vote was 6 yes and 6 no, a second vote produced another 6 yes and 6 no. We asked the waitress Colleen and she had no opinion, so we asked Sonny and he said yes as he didn't have to be here with him. The Past Presidents accepted Pete in to the Past State Presidents Club.

Respectfully submitted by Don Yanchunis, Past State President.

Motion to accept the report from Don Yanchunis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ray Haggerty, motion carried.

## **55-Audit**

Grand Aerie Representative, State Officers, Brother Delegates and Guests,

The Audit Committee have gone over the books of the State Secretary and State Treasurer very carefully, as hard as we tried we could not find any mistakes, The books of the State and the State Treasurer are in excellent order.

We thank Brothers Hoag and Haggerty for a great job and for making our job a lot easier.

Respectfully submitted by Bob Butts, Chairman, Past State President

Motion to accept the report as read from Bob Butts, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Cook, motion carried.

## **56-Finance and Budget**

### **Income:**

1.00	Per Capita Tax	\$10000.00
2.00	Grand Aerie Rebates	3855.00
3.00	Convention Credentials	1050.00
4.00	Convention Fee	500.00
5.00	Fundraising	2500.00
6.00	Bank Interest	25.00
7.00	CD Interest	<u>70.00</u>
Total Income		\$18000.00

### **Expenses:**

10.00	Convention/Auxiliary	\$ 500.00
11.00	Convention/Aerie	5100.00
12.00	Fall Conference	1400.00
13.00	Spring Conference	1400.00
14.00	President Assignments	1400.00
15.00	Other Assignments	0.00
16.00	Conpor	500.00
17.00	Membership Meetings	54.00
18.00	Membership Awards	900.00
19.00	State Bulletin	900.00
20.00	State Secretary Fee	1200.00
21.00	State Secretary Allowance	1300.00
22.00	Hospitality Room	800.00
23.00	Grand Aerie Supplies	0.00
24.00	Grand Aerie Ad	0.00
25.00	Treasurer Fee	400.00
26.00	Treasurer Allowance	50.00
27.00	Insurance	1200.00
28.00	Taxes	200.00
29.00	Contingency Fund	200.00
30.00	NY State Aerie Website	<u>496.00</u>
Total Expenses		\$18000.00

Earmarked Accounts/No Impact on Budget

Arthritis Fund, Zone #1, Zone #3, 300 Club, Men's Bowling, Hospitality Room, State Raceteam, Grand Aerie Ad, Eagle Museum and Donations to Charity.

Submitted by Bob Yager, Chairman, State Trustee.

Motion from Bob Yager to accept the report as read, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Gradwell, motion carried.

### **57-Grievances and Appeals**

Grand Aerie Representative, State President and Brother Delegates,

Again this year, we are pleased to report that there have been no grievances or appeals submitted to this Committee.

Submitted by Harold Fields, Chairman.

Motion to accept the report as read from Harold Fields, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Sharkey, motion carried.

### **58-Resolutions**

My Brothers,

With the change in the State Aerie By-Laws allowing the New York State Aerie Executive Board to pass resolutions, at the 2008 Fall Conference, it was passed to support the existing Grand Aerie Officers into the next elevated position, plus our own Pat Gray. No action is required on resolutions for Grand Aerie office at this convention and since I have no other resolutions, this concludes the resolutions report.

Respectfully submitted by Doug McDermott, Chairman and Past State President and read by Bob Yager.

Motion to accept the report as read from Bob Yager, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Robillard, motion carried.

### **59-Hall of Fame**

My Brothers,

This year the New York State Hall of Fame Committee have selected , for induction, into the New York State Fraternal Order of Eagles Hall of Fame, two new Brothers, Eric Williams and State President Pete Vaughn. I wish to thank Ithaca Aerie and Johnson City Aerie for their help in keeping the Hall of Fame up to date and present

Submitted by Dan O'Neil, Chairman, Past State President. Johnson City Aerie presented a \$250.00 check.

Motion to accept the report as read from Dan O'Neil, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charlie Straub, motion carried.

## **60-In Memoriam**

Grand Aerie Representative Sonny Crawford, Worthy President Pete Vaughn, Past Presidents, State Brothers and my Brothers one and all,

This is my final report for the In Memoriam. Another year has gone by and as a group we take these few moments to remember our deceased Brothers. They were officers, brothers and volunteers who helped this great Order what it is today. "People Helping People", it's not just today that we think of them, but always and forever. It might have been moments in a meeting, getting advice on something, or having a friendly laugh in the social quarters, whatever the moment, they will always be with us in spirit and on our minds. Please have a moment of silence for our dear departed Brothers. This concludes the report of the In Memoriam and I would like to thank our State President Pete Vaughn for allowing me to chair this Memoriam.

Fraternally yours, Larry Robillard, Chairman, State Chaplain.

Motion to accept the report as read from Larry Robillard, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charlie Straub, motion carried.

## **61-Cancer Fund**

No report, but the parade of checks raised \$2123.00.

Motion to accept the report as read from Tom Hodge, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jon Badi, motion carried.

## **62-Diabetes Fund**

Grand Aerie Rep, State Officers, Brother and Sister Eagles,

Diabetes is a disease that can effect anyone at any time. It is non-discriminating. Type 1 diabetes is the bodies inability to produce insulin. This type was formerly referred to as juvenile diabetes. Type 2 diabetes means your body is insulin resistant. What many people don't know is that insulin is a hormone. There are 23.6 million children and adults in the U.S. alone which represents 7.8 of the population. Of this number, 17.9 million have been diagnosed, while 5.7 million are unaware they even have the disease. Additionally, 57 million people are considered "pre-diabetic", which means their sugar numbers are above the safe range, but just below the diabetic range. You may be at risk. There are hereditary and health factors such as weight diet , family history, etc., but you can also develop the disease without any of the usual risks.

It is important to always have your blood sugar monitored with your annual physical. For comprehensive information, visit the American Diabetes Association on the web. So far, this year, \$6170.09 has been donated to the State Diabetes Fund. At this time, please present any additional checks. The parade of checks raised an additional \$1850.00.

Respectfully submitted by Colleen Gradwell, Chairman

Motion to accept the report from Colleen Gradwell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Cook, motion carried.

### **63-Don Rettinger Arthritis Fund**

Grand Aerie Representative, Worthy President Pete Vaughn, all Past NYS Presidents and Brother and Sisters of the Eagles,

What is arthritis? Arthritis literally means joint inflammation, but the term is often used to refer to any of the more than 100 diseases that effect the joints where two or more bones meet to allow movement. Currently there are 46 million people diagnosed with arthritis in the United States. We also need grants to do research on this disease. The parade of checks raised another \$1750.00.

Respectfully submitted by Charles Henderson.

Motion to accept the report as read from Chuck Henderson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Gradwell, motion carried.

### **64-Golden Eagle Fund**

Grand Aerie Representative, Worthy President Pete, Past NYS Worthy Presidents, State Officers and Brother Eagles,

I would like to thank State President Pete Vaughn for the honor of serving as this year's Chairman of the Golden Eagle Fund. Our senior citizens programs need the support of this fund, especially the nutritional program that gives them a meal and a visit from someone delivering. Some of our seniors only see this person and look forward to that visit. Your local libraries also benefit from this fund, so please apply for grants. The parade of checks raised \$1050.00.

Respectfully submitted by Garrett Smith, Chairman, State Outside Guard.

Motion to accept the report as read from Garrett Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jon Badi, motion carried.

### **65-Alzheimer Fund**

Grand Aerie Representative, Worthy President Pete, Past NYS Worthy Presidents, State Officers and Brother Eagles,

The Alzheimer's Fund also has grants available for research to help find a cure for this disease, if no one applies for grants, no research, no cure is found. The Parade of checks raised \$800.00.

Respectfully submitted by Garrett Smith, Chairman, State Outside Guard.

### **66-Jimmy Durante Fund**

Past Grand Worthy President Sonny Crawford, NYS President Pete Vaughn, NYS Officers past and present, Special Guests and my Brothers all,

Grand Worthy President Jim Roberts has honored me by asking me to continue as the International Chairman of the Jimmy Durante Children's Funds. During my 33 year career as an Eagle member, my first charity involvement was with the Jimmy Durante Children's Fund and here I am today, very proud, giving my NYS Brothers a look into the 2008-2009 International Report.

We don't need to remind you of the difficult economy period we are in and how our charities are being impacted. The Fraternal Order of Eagles continues to support our charities and we congratulate you on your dedication in a time of great need for both our countries. The work you perform, in raising monies for our children is in critical need to our local communities. The Jimmy Durante Children's Fund is made up of three linked charities and we are going to read off the Donation Totals for each and give you a comparison versus to your 2008 donations:

Durante Funds	2008 Donations	2009 Donations	% +/-
Children's Fund -----	576064.28 -----	\$568538.13 -----	-1.3%
Child Abuse Fund -----	\$128155.31 -----	\$103784.85 -----	-19.48%
Aids & Awareness-----	\$5035.97 -----	\$8409.12 -----	+66.9%
Grand Totals-----	\$700255.56 -----	\$680732.21 -----	-2.79%

We would like to recognize the Top Five States or Provinces donations, including the Top Five Aeries and Auxiliary donations. Last year there was no "Parade of Checks" at the Grand Aerie, but we did accept checks at our Grand Aerie Charity Booth located in the registration room and donation amounts were posted on charity display boards. We hope to see you all in Reno, Nevada and please bring your checkbook.

### 2008 Jimmy Durante Children's Fund Results

Children's Fund	Top States	Amount	Top Aeries	Amount
#5-----	Florida -----	\$47180.62 -----	#629/Flint, MI/Ae -----	\$10000.00
#4-----	New Mexico-----	\$47714.42 -----	#3189/Hobbs, NM/Ae -----	\$10692.45
#3-----	California -----	\$49182.97 -----	#3245/Clovis, NM/Ae -----	\$11000.00
#2-----	Wisconsin-----	\$54155.90 -----	#4299/Lake Havasu, AZ/Au-----	\$11806.55
#1-----	Texas-----	\$69219.86 -----	#8/San Jose, CA/Ae-----	\$17104.00

#### Child Abuse

#5-----	Virginia-----	\$5159.50 -----	#680/Staunton VA/Ae-----	\$2000.00
#4-----	Georgia -----	\$5391.00 -----	#714/Atlanta , GA/Ae -----	\$2000.00
#3-----	California -----	\$5550.52 -----	#3752/Zephyrhills, FL/Au -----	\$2140.00
#2-----	Iowa-----	\$17300.17 -----	#4273/Okahumpka, FL/Au-----	\$3100.00
#1-----	Florida -----	\$23759.40 -----	#4181/Hesperia, CA/Au-----	\$4082.77

#### Aids & Awareness

#5-----	California -----	\$322.55 -----	#1971/Valdez, AK/Au -----	\$400.00
#4-----	Alaska-----	\$400.00 -----	#4356/Lakeland, FL/Ae-----	\$500.00
#3-----	Maryland-----	\$790.00 -----	#3509/Gaithersburg, MD/Au-----	\$605.00
#2-----	Florida -----	\$2420.00 -----	#4372/Weeki Wachee, FL/Ae-----	\$1200.00
#1-----	Wyoming-----	\$3898.50 -----	#3493/Laramie, WY/Au-----	\$1862.50

Notes: Ae denotes Aerie and Au denotes Auxiliary.

The Jimmy Durante Children's Fund Charity is one of our key charities and with your continued support, we will support and give back to our local communities, the much needed financial support and as I complete this presentation and if Jimmy Durante was here today, he would remind us all, "Let's Do It For Da Kids". The parade of checks raised \$3226.00.

Submitted by Patrick W. Gray, International Chairman, Past State President.

Motion to accept the report as read from Pat Gray, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Fahy, motion carried.

### **67-Kidney Fund**

Grand Aerie Past Worthy President Sonny Crawford, Worthy President Pete, Past NYS Worthy Presidents, State Officers and Brother Eagles,

I would like to thank State President Pete Vaughn for the honor of serving as this year's Chairman of the D. D. Dunlap Kidney Fund. This disease affects many of our own Eagle Brothers and Sisters. We need to apply for grants for help with research to possibly find a cure. Please apply for grants to help this fund. The parade of checks raised \$1450.00.

Respectfully submitted by Charles Henderson, Chairman, State Trustee.

Motion to accept the report as read from Chuck Henderson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Gradwell, motion carried.

### **68-Lew Reed Spinal Cord Injury Fund**

Past Grand Worthy President Sonny Crawford, Worthy President Pete Vaughn, State Officers past and present, Delegates and my Brother all,

This is the Lew Reed Spinal Cord Injury Fund Report for the period June 1, 2008 through February 28, 2009. The Lew Reed Spinal Cord Injury Fund was established in August 2001 and was named after FOE Past Grand Worthy President, Lew Reed. He joined the Burlington, Iowa Aerie in 1947 and served his local and state Aerie until he became International President in 1974. At the FOE 103<sup>rd</sup> International Convention, delegates honored Reed's hard work and dedication by creating this charity fund. It is dedicated to improving the quality of life for hundreds of thousands of Americans living with the results of spinal cord injury and disease (SCI/D) and their families. The greatest cause of spinal cord injuries are automobile accidents.

This fund has partnered with the National Spinal Cord Injury Association to provide funds for research, to develop and evaluate new ways of assisting middle-aged and older persons living with long term effects of SCI/D. For the time period indicated above, the Aeries of New York State have contributed \$1150.00, the Auxiliaries of New York State have contributed \$663.00 and there have been no joint contributions. The total contributed thus far is \$1813.00. I wish to thank Worthy President Pete Vaughn for allowing me the opportunity to chair this committee. The parade of checks raised \$1200.00.

Respectfully submitted by Robert E. McClure Jr., Chairman.

Motion to accept the report as read from Bob McClure, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Cook, motion carried.

## **69-Max Baer Heart Fund**

No report given. The parade of checks raised \$2800.00.

Motion to accept the report as read from Mike Hoag, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lenny Briggs, motion carried.

## **70-Muscular Dystrophy**

No report given. The parade of checks raised \$500.00.

Motion to accept the report as read from Ed Lanning, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jon Badi, motion carried.

## **71-Memorial Fund**

Grand Aerie Officer Sony Crawford, State Officers and Brothers all,

The Memorial Fund, as most of us know, was started in 1944 to help Eagle members of Service men and women, who lost their life in the line of duty. The Memorial Fund now helps all surviving children of Eagle members in good standing who have lost their lives in job related accidents or diseases. The Grand Aerie has given us a tool to help membership grow in allowing the fire and police agencies to join our Aeries for a year without paying the first year's dues. The results of this drive won't be known for a year. We must remember, this is not an insurance policy. This is a fund to help surviving children with medical, eyeglasses, dental and college education. This also includes legally adopted children. The parade of checks raised \$200.00.

Respectfully submitted by Larry Robillard, Chairman, State Chaplain.

Motion to accept the report as read from Larry Robillard, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jon Badi, motion carried.

## **72-State Aerie Charity**

My Brothers,

This year, State Aerie President Pete, appointed me to help with this year's charity, N.F.R.A.C.E.R.S. We tried a few new ways to raise money including an on line charity auction. Thanks to everyone who participated in the auction, to everyone to help raise money and to all who have donated to this worth while cause. Again, Pete, thanks for letting me help with your project and to complete this report, I give you your New York State President, Pete Vaughn. Ithaca Aerie donated \$200.00

Respectfully submitted by Bob Yager.

Motion to accept the report from Mike Hoag, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don Yanchunis, motion carried.

## **73-Elections**

No elections were held as all candidates were unopposed.

## **74-Good of the Order**

Bob Yager thanked Mike Hoag for his two years of dedicated service as State Secretary. Pete thanked everyone for their support this past year.

## **75-Adjournment**

Motion from Lenny Briggs to adjourn until 1:00 P.M. for the Joint Installation of Officers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Hoag, motion carried.

## **Installation of Officers**

The New York State Officers were again Ritually Installed under the expert auspices of Past State President James Telban, Conductor of Ceremonies.

# LIST OF THE PAST STATE PRESIDENTS NEW YORK STATE AERIE, F.O.E.

1.	* JOHN HARRINGTON, Brooklyn 393.....	1907-08
2.	* JOHN HARRINGTON, Brooklyn 393.....	1908-09
3.	* FEDERICH HUGHES, Yonkers 473 .....	1909-10
4.	* FEDERICH HUGHES, Yonkers 473 .....	1910-11
5.	* JAMES CONLAN, Buffalo 46 .....	1911-12
6.	* JAMES CONLAN, Buffalo 46 .....	1912-13
7.	* GEORGE BEDFORD, Syracuse 53 .....	1913-14
8.	* GEORGE BEDFORD, Syracuse 53 .....	1914-15
9.	* JOHN 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 SCHERER, Long Island City 1509 .....	1919-20
14.	* THOMAS WELSH, Elmira 941 .....	1920-21
15.	* FRANK BERNHARDT, Buffalo 46 .....	1921-22
16.	* THOMAS J. HICKEY, Syracuse 53 .....	1922-23
17.	* JOSEPH STRETCHER, Buffalo 46 .....	1923-24
18.	* JOHN F. McGRATH, New York 40 .....	1924-25
19.	* MICHAEL SWEENEY, Binghamton 1118.....	1925-26
20.	* WILLIAM HUTCHINSON, Buffalo 46.....	1926-27
21.	* MICHAEL SWEENEY, Binghamton 1118.....	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, Buffalo 46 .....	1931-32
26.	* WALTER McGRATH, New York 40 .....	1932-33
27.	* ALBERT LEONARD, Geneva 95 .....	1933-34
28.	* ERNEST J. MAONEY, Rochester 52 .....	1934-35
29.	* JOHN P. SAXTON, Buffalo 46 .....	1935-36
30.	* JOHN T. SHORTELL, Olean 616 .....	1936-37
31.	* CHARLES 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 82 .....	1941-42
36.	* CHARLES DOLZEN, Schenectady 514 .....	1942-43
37.	* KENNETH DECKER, Ithaca 1253 .....	1943-44
38.	* HENRY KOHAUT, Yonkers 473 .....	1944-45
39.	* JOHN TAGGERT, Buffalo 9 46 .....	1945-46
40.	* GEORGE GREEN, Gloversville 482 .....	1946-47
41.	* FRANCES. 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 .....	1950-51
45.	* CHARLES R. BOYLE, Buffalo .....	1951-52
46.	* JOSEPH L. WURZER, Rochester 52.....	1952-53
47.	* LOUIS ASIFAN, Watertown 782 .....	1953-54
48.	* HOWARD CRAWFORD, Fort Hamilton 2621 .....	1954-55
49.	* 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 .....	1958-59
53.	* GEORGE SATTLER, Elmira 941.....	1959-60
54.	* GAZO SAMOK, Depew Lancaster 2692 .....	1960-61
55.	* THOMAS PHILIPOT, Maple Leaf 2311 .....	1961-62

56.	*	ROBERT WATTS, Lockport 825 .....	1962-63
57.	*	HERBERT OLD, Nassau 31 .....	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.	*	LEVERN WEBBER, Lockport 825 .....	1970-71
65.	*	FRANK STOKES, Maple Leaf 2311 .....	1971-72
66.	*	EDGER 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, Ithaca 1253.....	1995-96
90.	*	HARRY STEWART, Cortland 2191 .....	1996-97
91.	*	JAMES TELBAN, Rochester 54 .....	1997-98
92.	*	KENNETH MORRISEY, Glens Falls 2486 .....	1998-99
93.	*	ROBERT ROSTAS, Lockport 825 .....	1999-00
94.	*	HAROLD "SKIP" GRANT, Watertown Aerie 782.....	2000-01
95.	*	ELLIS (BARNEY) SPENCER, Addison 3904 .....	2001-02
96.	*	JIM HARRIS, .....	2002-03
97.	*	PAT GRAY, Depew-Lancaster 2692 .....	2002-03
98.	*	BRYAN WELCH, Cortland 2191 .....	2003-04
99.	*	DAN CURCIO, Rochester 52 .....	2004-05
100.	*	MICHAEL HOAG, Troy 3773.....	2005-06
101.	*	JOE PIANO, Depew 2692.....	2006-07
102.	*	DON YANCHUNIS, Saratoga Springs 2586 .....	2007-08
103.	*	HAROLD "PETE" VAUGHN, Olean 616.....	2008-09

\* Deceased

# LISTINGS OF NEW YORK STATE AERIES AND NUMBERS

52 .....	ROCHESTER
96 .....	AUBURN
97 .....	UTICA
514 .....	SCHENECTADY
544 .....	MIDDLETOWN
616 .....	OLEAN
782 .....	WATERTOWN
825 .....	LOCKPORT
1042 .....	SLEEPY HOLLOW
1253 .....	ITHACA
1411 .....	NORTH TONAWANDA
1545 .....	OSSINING
1575 .....	JOHNSTOWN
1815 .....	NORTHPORT
2119 .....	BINGHAMTON
2145 .....	JAMESTOWN
2191 .....	CORTLAND
2467 .....	HOOSICK FALLS
2486 .....	SOUTH GLENS FALLS
2586 .....	SARATOGA SPRINGS
2644 .....	JOHNSON CITY
2692 .....	DEPEW
2695 .....	COBLESKILL
3128 .....	ELMONT
3610 .....	ROTTERDAM
3773 .....	LANSINGBURG
3818 .....	HORSEHEADS
3846 .....	CANAJOHARIE
3904 .....	ADDISON
4410 .....	ADIRONDACK
4446 .....	RENSSELAER