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United We Stand – Bring In A Helping Hand

Starting our 99th Year

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Hello Brothers and Sisters,

Well, this is my last newsletter and what a year it has been. The whirlwind that Bernie and I have been on was fantastic and not one to be soon forgotten. Since the previous letter, I threw out the first ball in Johnstown for the Men's Tournament; got three pins. I stayed just for the doubles because we had to attend Saratoga's Anniversary that night and a good time was had by all and that dinner was memorable. The next day was the Zone 2 Meeting in Ithaca with a fair turnout and a pleasant visit with good Eagles. I was hoping for a weekend off, but I was asked to help with an Initiation in Cortland where we sworn in 24 Members and it was my pleasure to do it; we made quite an impression. My promise to represent the State Aerie was kept when I was invited to Governor Pataki's Prayer Breakfast on Wednesday May 3 and was inspired by the services and speeches; hope to go back again.

May 6 put me in Johnson City for their Anniversary and we partied so hard that the neighbors called the cops; that Lenny is so loud. Tonawanda on May 13 for their 100th Anniversary was an event in itself as I know how much sacrifice I have put into 22 years in Lansingburgh, but the tenacity and struggle to survive 100 years is something to be proud of. May 28 was the Memorial Parade held in Rensselaer and I would greatly like to thank Jon Badi for that hat I wore; yeah right. June 3 in Lansingburgh for the 29th Anniversary/28th Auxiliary put Mary and I together for the last time and much partying was held and a good time was had, especially the lucky Bell Jar winners of Candy, Judy and Dan. The next day I arrived in Johnstown to

attend the Men's Bowling Meeting and photoed with the 300 Game winner for the Tournament, Merv Meher.

When you read this, we will be in Depew for the Convention, my last Official Meeting, and what a year it has been. We aren't here for a long time, so let's have a good time and that I have had. In parting I just want to say, I had a terrific time and will never forget it for the rest of my born days. The friendship and hospitality shown to me and Bernie make me proud to be an Eagle and I respect every one of you. I thank the Officers that helped me with my year and sat through those mundane speeches; I tried to change it a little bit along the way, fellas. All in all, not bad for this homely old country boy. Remember, we aren't here for a long time, so let's have a good time. Untied We Stand, never forget.

Mick

Please Note....

Information will be given out when each committee gives their final report at the State Aerie Convention. A complete recap of the convention will be in the September issue of the State Reporter (to be distributed on August 15, 2006).

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Celebrating our 99th Year

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