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United We Stand – Bring In A Helping Hand

Starting our 99th Year

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MIKE HOAG Hello Brothers and Sisters. Well, here we are on the run until the Convention in June. The anniversary in Canajoharie was great with the meal and the entertainment that followed especially Joe Salisbury and his affection for John Palmer (Past State President and current State Membership Chairman); couldn't keep his hands off him. I was proud to unveil a Hall of Fame Plaque for the Canajoharie Aerie Secretary Frank Cervo who is in the hospital with a very serious illness and not doing so well. We made arrangements to present him the award in the hospital and PWP John Palmer did it last week. Addison's anniversary last Saturday was excellent with the meal from Iris and the decorations from Vicki and the Ladies Aux. It was very impressive to see the Aerie and Auxiliary come together and bring the problems of just a few months ago to actually see the light at the end of the tunnel. Doug, Joe, Nick, Don, the Ladies and all else that helped used their best endeavors to build up that beloved Aerie in this short time and my most sincere salutations go out to them. Best of luck to the future. Upon returning from Addison, a call from Lansingburgh 3773, I was presented a plaque honoring me as State President from Lansingburgh and was rapidly placed upon the wall in prominence near the front door; not to close to the door. It was first discussed to place it next to the dart boards, but with about 140 members, we knew that the temptation would be to great and they may not for about two months to come up with a decent picture to put on it. Hank has been a good Eagle brother over the years as him and I have had discussions, definitely had differences of opinion, but we have never had any dissensions; close a time or two. Well, remember Eagles, we aren't here for a long time, so let's have a good time. United We Stand.

Mick (Mike Hoag, New York State Aerie President)

A MESSAGE FROM PAST STATE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT JOAN FARRELL My dear Brothers and Sisters in Eagledom... Words could never express my heartfelt gratitude to each and everyone you for your outpouring of love and support in the recent death of my beloved husband, Herby. We had a Memorial Service at a local funeral home here in Florida with a Catholic Priest officiating and our son, Michael, making a speech about his father, adding all Herbys wonderful qualities as well as some humorous shortcomings. Herb was a very humble man in a lot of ways and never wanted the spotlight on himself, he always wanted someone else to shine and to be there to give them a helping hand. Even our mailman in our complex stopped by yesterday to deliver my mail personally and he had tears in his eyes, hugged me and told me how wonderful he thought Herby was. Your many calls, cards, mass cards, e-mail, care and concern from all over New York State was just overwhelming to me. Herb and I were members of the Eagles for over 30 years and so I have a lot of those memories of traveling together with the Eagles to hold in my heart. You are all so very special to me. I know that Herby is in a better place but I am so heartbroken but I know God will help me through this. Thank you again for your support...it helped a so much. God Bless each and everyone of you. Fraternally, with love, Joan C. Farrell, PSP

OLEAN AERIE 616 Honorary Past State President James R. Harris from Olean Aerie No. 616 passed away on January 21, 2006. Jim joined the Eagles on May 22, 1966 making this his 40th year as an Eagle. It's interesting that Jim's membership number is 201,099, one of the lowest in New York. Jim is well known for his hospitality, running the shuttles when the state conventions were held in Olean. Jim really knew how to make visitors feel welcome. Jim will be missed. Cards may be sent to his wife Carol at: 38 Meadow Brook Colony, Olean, New York 14760, 716.372.6939

UTICA AERIE 97 It won't be long before the Golf Course is open. If you have not played the Eagles Golf Course, you're missing a great day. You won't believe the view!