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ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
MINNESOTA STATE AERIE, FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

June 17, 2021

. . . The One Hundred Eighteenth Annual Convention of the Minnesota State Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles, was called to order by President Randy Beggs at 12:00 p.m. at the Willmar Conference Center in Willmar.

STATE PRESIDENT RANDY BEGGS: Please take your places. I'll call this opening session of the 118th Annual Minnesota State Aerie Convention to order. We'll have the Posting of the Colors by Willmar Legion Post #167.

(WHEREUPON, the Colors were posted by Willmar Legion Post #167.) (Applause.)

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: We'll now have Weasel Henry lead us in a patriotic song.

BROTHER WEASEL HENRY: Please sing with.

(WHEREUPON, Marion Henry sang America the Beautiful and all Delegates joined in song.)
(Applause.)

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: We'll now have the introduction of the Convention Chairman Richard Wog.

BROTHER RICHARD WOG: Thank you, Worthy President. Grand Aerie reps, Grand Aerie Officers, dignitaries, and Brother Eagles: My name is Richard Wog, and I am the Chairman of this wonderful Convention in Aerie #2334.

In your packet, or when you registered, you should have received an updated copy of this. As I told the State Officers yesterday, there has been a couple changes to it; it's additions, not changes. Of course, you already had the horserace last night, and I hope somebody here won. Did anybody here win?

BROTHER EAGLE: No.

BROTHER WOG: No? It must have been all the Auxiliary people winning then. I'm sure they'll share the money with your husbands later. But we do have entertainment tonight starting at 8:00, and we also have entertainment again tomorrow starting at 8:00.

I also want to iterate that we have parking. There is that gravel area, that's parking, and on the north side of the building where the food shelf is, we can use that for parking, and of course the parking around the Aerie. We shut our parking lot off so we could put the tents so that we can all have a good time tonight and again tomorrow night, and of course we had a fun time last night, and we thank you for that.

Also tonight, besides our regular menu that we're going to have, we're also having a steak, we're adding that to that tonight. It's a wonderful steak, it's a flatiron steak, and you won't be disappointed. I know we can only commit to so many banquet tickets, because you don't know how many you're going to sell and you have to really guess on what's going to happen; and if you order 200 steak tickets, or banquet tickets, and you sell 100, somebody is going to be stuck with the rest of the bill. So we took a guess, and I guessed too low. When I say we took a guess, that's me. And we are trying to get some more tickets, with the approval of the Best Western, just to make sure that we can feed everybody. And that dinner would be held down in the area where the Auxiliary is meeting today and tomorrow, and that's where the banquet will be.

We hope you have a wonderful time here in Willmar, we hope you will come and visit our Aerie home, and we're wishing you a very successful Convention.

I'd like to introduce to you now at this time our Honorable Mayor Marv Calvin. I suppose I should have said Marvin.

WILLMAR MAYOR MARV CALVIN: Marv's good, that's good.

Well, thank you all for being here. It is a joy for me to be able to come and welcome you to today's event. You guys have a tremendous location here, right in west central Minnesota. The Eagles are very well known throughout our area, and they do a lot of great things. You know, I remember, Roger, how you always entertained the fire department for the Harry and Norman dinner, and it's a dinner that we have every year over at the Eagles, and they serve us a great steak, a baked potato, the whole trimmings and everything, and they really serve this community very well. So thank you for the service that you do here within the City of Willmar.

On behalf of the Mayor's office, I want to welcome you here. As you travel through our community, particularly in the downtown area, you'll see that our downtown area is probably a little bit different than some of the other downtown areas you go. We have a lot of diversity here in Willmar. So our downtown area, there is a lot of Latino people that live there, and we're very happy to have them as our citizens, along with our East African neighbors, so we have a lot of Somali population there as well, and they're very friendly people. They don't do eye contact, so you know us Minnesota people, we like to look somebody in the eye. So if they look down, it's not disrespectful; it's just that that's not what their culture allows. And then also we have the Karen people who are new to our community. We have about 800 Karen people that are now within our community. About 55 percent of our population in the school system does not speak English at home as their first language. So we have a lot of integrating that we have to do here within the City of Willmar.

So we're very glad you're here. You're one of the first conventions that I've had the privilege to welcome. I welcomed the Auxiliary earlier today. They look like a pretty energetic group, and they looked like they wanted to just get right after it, so, you know, they escorted me out shortly after I did my introduction. So I'll follow suit here, and after my introduction here and welcome here, I will exit and leave myself as well.

So again, welcome to Willmar. We're glad you're here. We hope you enjoy the Foxhole Brewhouse downtown. You know, sorry, got to take a little plug here for our local businesses. And we're really glad you're here. We know you traveled from all over Minnesota to be here, and we're really pleased to see you here. So welcome to Willmar. Thank you. (Applause.)

BROTHER WOG: If you all notice, it took two people to help me up. I thought it was a short step. I found out it's not that short. And now I'd like to introduce to you our Kandiyohi County Sheriff Eric Holien.

KANDIYOHI COUNTY SHERIFF ERIC HOLIEN: Well, thanks for having me to do the introduction here today, and thank you all for coming.

First off, as a law enforcement officer, I have to thank our Willmar area Eagles as well, and I'm sure you all do this statewide. When you look at the response that you get from holding events for our first responders, whether it's law enforcement, EMS, etc., I just want to say we are greatly thankful for what you do for us as well. As you know, it's obviously a different climate right now for law enforcement in this world, so thank you, we appreciate it.

Another side that I'll say to this as well, they have me up here because, just to let you know, we do have room at the Hotel Holien, so if you mess up tonight, get ahold of me, I'll get you out, right?

But welcome. As you'll see, this is a great community, we love serving this community, and there is many things that you can do out here, and we just want to thank you for that as well.

And I will say, I know that you guys do a lot of charitable stuff, different organizations, things like that. One of the things recently, yes, I look healthy, etc., but I recently found out the hard way I have diabetes, and when you look at some of the research stuff that your group donates and has the Research Center and things like that, thank you. Someone who's new to this doesn't understand it. And then also all the work that your organization does for these other groups, we appreciate it. So you don't hear it enough as well, so thank you.

Enjoy your time while you're here. If you've got any questions, we're around to help you out. Okay. (Applause.)

BROTHER WOG: I just want to say one more thing. On our Convention book, you'll see the old steam engine, and the reason we picked that is because Willmar at one time was the hub of the Great Northern Railroad, and it was a very important part of the background of this, background of this city. So that's why we did pick that. It's still a very, very busy and you're going to hear that tonight when you're in the back, and every once in awhile, they're going to blow those horns to let you know that they're still working.

So again, Worthy President and all of Brother Eagles, have a wonderful Convention, and hope to see you down at our Aerie home. Thank you. (Applause.)

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: The Delegates will be in order. Brother Officers, take your places. State Inside Guard, the Minnesota State Aerie is about to open a business session. You'll please notify all accredited Delegates to sit with us.

INSIDE GUARD DOUG LIND: Worthy President, I've obeyed your orders.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: State Chaplain, lead us in prayer.

STATE CHAPLAIN DARRELL SPENCER: Let us pray. Our Father, we ask that our deliberations be marked by the earnestness that will exclude every selfish thought, and that as Delegates, we shall, at all times, do that which is the best for the Fraternity, so that the sum of our efforts will advance and be wholly acceptable unto Thee. Amen.

(WHEREUPON, the Opening Ceremony of the One Hundred Eighteenth Convention of the Minnesota State Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles, took place.)

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: I now declare the Minnesota State Aerie ready to consider such matters as should rightly come before it.

We'll do the Pledge of Allegiance.

(WHEREUPON, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all Delegates.)

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: We'll now do the Obligation of Delegates by Mike "Hanny" Hanson.

BROTHER MIKE HANSON, PSP: Place your right hand over your heart and repeat after me. As Delegates to our Minnesota State Aerie Convention, I promise to abide by the laws, rules and regulations of the Grand Aerie; that I will, to the best of my ability, attend all sessions of the State Convention and promote at all times its benign influence. Start over. To the best of my ability, I will attend all sessions of this State Convention and to promote at all times its benign influence, so help me God. (All Delegates responded by repeating this oath.) You can now lower your hands. (Repeated by Delegates.)

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: At this time, I'd like to introduce our dignitaries of the Grand Aerie. I have Ray Measel, Grand Aerie Inside Guard; Past Grand Worthy President Ron Malz; Grand Justice John

Tobie; Incoming North Central Regional President Paul Hagenbuch; current North Central Regional President John Batchelder; and Regional rep, Great Lakes Regional rep, yup, current Aerie Mike Strauss. We'll please stand and do the Grand Honor.

(WHEREUPON, the Grand Honor was given to the Dignitaries.)

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Well, it says here appointment. I've asked John Tobie to be the parliamentarian. Thank you, John, for accepting that position.

Roll Call of Officers by Secretary John Batchelder.

STATE SECRETARY JOHN BATCHELDER: Roll Call of Officers for this State session of 2021.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

. . .The Roll Call of State Officers was read by State Secretary John Batchelder, as follows:

Larry Silverthorn, #351, Junior Past State President
 Randy Beggs, #873, Worthy State President
 Roger Hyatt, #287, Worthy State Vice President
 Darrell Spencer, #269, Worthy State Chaplain
 John Batchelder, #2469, State Secretary
 Jake Fee, #873, Assistant State Secretary
 Bruce Meyer, #873, State Treasurer
 Mike Melby, #350, Worthy State Conductor
 Doug Lind, #2258, State Inside Guard
 John Vogt, #287, State Outside Guard
 Mike Hadel, #34, State Trustee
 Jim Giesen, #1460, State Trustee
 Terry Lubitz, #2368, State Trustee
 Jake Fee, #873, Membership Dept. Secretary-Treasurer

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: That concludes Roll Call of Officers, Worthy President.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Thank you. Roll Call of Aeries by Secretary John Batchelder.

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: Here it is. Okay. As I call your Aerie, and you are present and you stand, I would like to hear the number of Delegates first, Past Worthy Presidents, and then any Past State Presidents and/or State Officers, and then finally the number of visitors. Here we go.

REPORT OF ROLL CALL OF AERIES

<u>AERIE</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>DELEGATES</u>	<u>P.W.P.</u>	<u>P.S.P. STATE OFF.</u>	<u>VISITORS</u>
33	St. Paul		1		1
34	Minneapolis	2	2	1	
94	Stillwater				
269	Mankato	3	3	1	
287	Brainerd	4	4	1-2	
350	East Grand Forks	0	2	1	
351	Bemidji	4	4	2-1	
620	Morris				
622	St. Cloud	2	2	1	
703	Austin				
873	Crookston	3	5	1-3	
1163	Cloquet	2		1	2
1243	Winona	1	1	1	
1460	Faribault	1	2	1-1	
1791	Owatonna	5	3	4	
2212	Hastings				
2228	Rochester				
2242	Northfield				
2258	Albert Lea	6	5	5-1	2
2334	Willmar	5	5		
2339	Fergus Falls				
2342	Detroit Lakes	2	5	1	
2368	Thief River Falls	2	2	1-1	
2469	Grand Rapids	3	3	2-1	
2617	Hallock	1	1		
3063	Alexandria	3	3	1	
3208	Bloomington				
3264	Elk River				
3282	Worthington	1	1		
3394	Fairmont	1	1	1	
3403	Luverne				
3405	Marshall				
3420	St. James	1	1	1	
3424	Litchfield	2	1		1
3486	Karlstad				
3718	New Brighton	4	4	1	3

3882	Roseau	1	1
3918	Tracy		
4031	Farmington		
4120	Shakopee		
4195	Warroad		
4456	Hibbing		
4472	Blaine		
4486	Blue Earth		

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: That concludes Roll Call of Aeries, Worthy President.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Thank you. Next we'll have the reading of the minutes of the 2019 State Convention.

STATE CONDUCTOR MIKE MELBY: Worthy President, Mike Melby Dakota Aerie #350. I make a motion that they are available and that we'd dispense with a reading of the minutes.

. . .Motion seconded by Brother Cory Cabana, #3063; motion carried. . .

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Committee appointments, I made the Committee appointments. That list is on the back of the table.

MINNESOTA STATE AERIE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS, 2020-2021

*Denotes committee appointments that are paid by the State Aerie

JUDICIARY*

John Batchelder, Co-Ch., #2469
 Bruce Meyer, Co-Ch., #873
 Terry Lubitz, #2368
 Mike Hanson, #3718

BY-LAWS*

Mike Hadel, Ch., #34
 Gaylen Dvorsak, #3063
 Mike Melby, #350

ATHLETIC

Gary S. Miller, Ch., #3063
 Tim Schmitz, Sec-Tres, #3718
 Dist #1 Jonathan Wills, #351
 Dist #2 Terry Lubitz, #2368
 Dist #3 Keith Rende, #2334
 Dist #4 Jeff Allen, #3718
 Dist #5 Dale Johnston, #2258
 Dist #6 Ed Connell, #3420

JIMMY DURANTE FUND

Joe Thiner, Ch., #3282
 Adam Sinks, #873
 Richard Wog, #2334
 Larry Silverthorn, #351

EAGLE VILLAGE

Bruce Meyer, Ch., #873
 John Tobie, #2469
 Tim Schmitz, #3718

CAMPING CLUB

Keith Rende, Ch., #2334
 Dale Neu, #3424
 Milton Smail, #351
 Neil Rothbarth, #1243
 Kenny Klutz, #3420

FINANCE AND BUDGET

John Batchelder, Co-Ch., #2469
 Bruce Meyer, Co-Ch., #873
 All Trustees

CANCER FUND

Jim Backus, Ch., #2228
 John Barrus, #873
 Jeff Henry, #269
 John Cedergren, #269

RESOLUTIONS*

Weasel Henry, Ch., #873

AUDIT*

Keith Rende, Ch., #2334
 Gaylen Dvorsak, #3063
 Jeff Allen, #3718

MAX BAER HEART FUND

Bob Nogosek, Ch., #2228
 Richard Boyles, #3718
 Charles (Jr) Watje, #3282

WEBMASTER

John Batchelder, Ch., #2469

OUR LADY OF PEACE

John Cedergren, Ch., #269
 John Vogt, #287
 Mike Hadel, #34

EAGLE RIDERS

Jim Giesen, Ch., #1460
 Mike (Hanny) Hanson, #3718
 Brian Vickery, #3718
 Ed Connell, #3420

NEW AERIE

Bob Lee, Co-Ch., #2342
 Ed Connell, Co-Ch., #3420
 Calvin Anderson, #873

ALZHEIMER'S

Bob Lee, Ch., #2342
 Mike Melby, #350
 Duane Comstock, #4195
 Bruce Meyer, #873

BOY SCOUTS

Wally Manderud, Ch., #2339
 Doug Lind, #2258
 Mike Melby, #350
 Tim Sund, #2368
 Richard Boyles, #3718

HOME ON THE RANGE

Steve Lowman, Ch., #2258
 Darrell Spencer, #269
 Gaylen Dvorsak, #3063
 Bob Lee, #2362

RITUALISTIC*

Bob Lee, Ch., #2342
 Leon Potratz, #287
 Emil Vanyo, #2368
 Mike Hanson, #3718

CHARITY INVESTIGATIONS

John Tobie, Ch., #2469
 Doug Lind, #2228
 Mike Melby, #350
 Leon Potratz, #3264

LEW REED SPINAL CORD INJURY

Keith Rende, Ch., #2334
 Dale Neu, #3424
 Nate Hoffman, #873
 Mike Hadel, #34

CONFIDENCE LEARNING CENTER

Don Wintersteen, Co-Ch., #351
 John Tobie, Co-Ch., #2469
 Jeff Henry, #269
 Jeff Olson, #351

SPECIAL AWARDS ADVISORS

John Batchelder, Ch., #2469
 John Tobie, #2469
 John Barrus, #873

"NO GOOSE EGG"

Bruce Meyer, #873
 Roger Hyatt, #287

RE-ENROLLMENT

Bruce Meyer, Advisor, #873
 All District Directors

EAGLE OF THE YEAR

Mike Hanson, Ch., #3178
 Harley Rosenberg, #3394
 All Past Recipients

SPECIAL AWARDS

John Batchelder, Ch., #2469
 All Past State Presidents

YOUTH & LOCAL DONATIONS

Bruce Meyer, Ch., #873
 Larry Silverthorn, #351

ELECTION BOARD

Ken Kunkel, Ch., #622
 Emil Vanyo, #2368
 Marv Karau, #3420
 Don Wintersteen, #351
 Paul Dahlheimer, #3264
 Bob Parkin, #3063
 Earl Sletten, #1791
 Bob Nogosek, #2228
 Dale Neu, #3424

Mike Hadel, #34
Jeff Henry, #269

EAGLES LIVER FUND
Gaylen Dvorsak, Ch., #3063
Donnie Nisbit, #2228
Dale Hanson, #2617

MAKE-A-WISH
Doug Lind, Ch., #2258
Jake Fee, #873
Donnie Nisbit, #2228
Paul Wiese, #351

GOLDEN EAGLE FUND
Leon Potratz, Ch., #287
Ervin Scherer, #622
Keith Rende, #2334
Carl Melby, #873

KIDNEY FOUNDATION
Fred Schrader, Ch., #351
Todd Scharfenkamp, #4195
Cory Cabana, #3063

MEMORIAL FOUNDATION
Jeff Henry, Ch., #269
John Batchelder, #2469
Larry Silverthorn, #351

OBITUARY
Mike Hanson, Ch., #3718
Weasel Henry, #873
All District Directors

AUTISM
Bob Lee, Ch., #2342
Brent Rau, #873
Jerry Rahmann, #248

MEMBERSHIP
Marion Henry, Ch., #873
Jake Fee, Sec-Tres, #873
Gaylen Dvorsak (N), #3063
Ed Connell (S), #3420
All District Directors

EAGLE WATCH
Jim Giesen, Ch., #1460
Richard Wog, #2334
Marv Karau, #3420

DIABETES FUND
Leon Potratz, Ch., #287
Jim Giesen, #1460
Jerry Altendorf, #2368
Brent Rau, #873

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Report of the Judiciary Committee and Adoption of the Rules of the Convention, Bruce Meyer.

STATE TREASURER BRUCE MEYER, PSP: Good afternoon, my Brothers. Grand Aerie reps, State Officers: Brothers, I have a copy of the Judiciary Report here. I hope everyone has a copy. If not, there is some available in the back, and to be honest with you guys, I do not want to read this, so somebody would hopefully entertain a motion for the adoption of this report, it would be greatly appreciated.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE REPORT

Willmar, Minnesota

118th Annual Convention

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE MINNESOTA STATE AERIE, FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES:

The Judiciary Committee makes the following report and recommends the adoption of the following rules of Order and the Order of Business for the One-Hundred Eighteenth Annual Convention of the Minnesota State Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles, at Willmar, Minnesota, June 17th, 18th, and 19th, 2021.

RULES FOR THE CONVENTION

- (1) Credentials for Admission: Delegates and Past Worthy Presidents shall obtain their credentials from the proper committee upon presentation of their official receipt showing they are in good standing in their local Aerie.
- (2) No person shall be admitted to the main floor unless he is a Delegate, or a Past Worthy President, and he must present the credentials to the proper State Aerie Officer. All per capita taxes of the Delegates or PWP Aerie from the previous Fraternal year must be paid by May 31st of the convention year or handed to the State Secretary at the time of registration.
- (3) Other members of the Order may be admitted to the gallery upon showing their membership receipt fully paid up.
- (4) A Delegate desiring to be heard on any matter which is properly brought before the State Aerie, shall rise, give the salutation sign, and address the State President, giving his name and number of his Aerie. When recognized by the State President, he may present his question.
- (5) A question indefinitely postponed may not again be considered except by the action by two-thirds vote of those present and voting again to take up such question.
- (6) All resolutions, without exception, shall be reduced to writing and filed with the State Secretary before the conclusion of the first convention session, for referral by the Secretary to the proper convention committee. No resolution shall be debatable until the same has been considered by the proper committee, reported by the committee to the convention with the committee recommendations, and a motion has been made and seconded for its adoption or rejection. The committee referred to will, at proper times, report to the convention all resolutions considered by it.
- (7) Nomination of the State Officers and Convention City shall be held on Friday. Nomination speeches shall be limited to five minutes, and seconding speeches to two minutes. Seconding motions and motions to close nominations are not necessary.
- (8) Presentations for Convention City shall be limited to five minutes, and no videos or films will be used.
- (9) Election of State Officers and selection of the 2023 Convention City shall be held on Saturday, June 19th, 2021, from 8:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. and the start of the meeting. Location for the voting will be announced Friday after nominations. Delegates must check their credentials to see that they have the correct number of votes. If they are not correct, they must go to registration for correction. Delegates then present their credentials to a member of the Election Committee.

(10) The Election Committee shall convene at 7:00 A.M. The counting of the official ballots shall begin promptly at 9:00 A.M., and continue until the completion thereof.

(11) Any point of issue not covered by the rules of the convention or the law of the Order, shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order revised.

(12) The President may interject into the Regular Order of Business a Special Order of Business at his convenience.

OPENING SESSION

ORDER OF BUSINESS

THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 2021

12:00 NOON

Call to Order by Worthy State President Randy Beggs, Crookston Aerie #873.

1. Posting of Colors by the Willmar Legion Post #167.
2. Patriotic Song, Weasel Henry, Crookston Aerie #873.
3. Introduction of Convention Chairman by State President Randy Beggs, #873.
4. Introduction of Willmar City and County Officials and Other Dignitaries by Convention Chairman Richard Wog, Willmar Aerie #2334.
5. Opening Ceremony, State Officers.
6. Obligation of Delegates by Mike "Hanny" Hanson, Aerie #3718.
7. Introduction of Dignitaries and Grand Aerie Representatives, Worthy State President Randy Beggs, Crookston Aerie #873.
8. Appointment of John Tobie for Parliamentarian, State President Randy Beggs, #873.
9. Roll Call of State Officers by State Secretary John Batchelder, Rapids Aerie #2469.
10. Roll Call of Aeries by State Secretary John Batchelder, Rapids Aerie #2469.
11. Reading of Minutes of 2019 State Convention, State Secretary John Batchelder, #2469.
12. Committee Appointments, Worthy State President Randy Beggs, Crookston Aerie #873, (documents are on the table).
13. Report of Judiciary Committee and Adoption of Rules of the Convention, Bruce Meyer, Aerie #873, Co-Chairman.
14. Reading of Communications, State Secretary John Batchelder, Rapids Aerie #2469.
15. Report of Finance and Budget, State Secretary John Batchelder, Rapids Aerie #2469.
16. Report of Memorial Foundation, Jeff Henry, Mankato Aerie #269.
17. Report of State Trustees, Mike Hadel, Mpls Aerie #34.
18. (Special Order of Business) Message from Grand Aerie Inside Guard Ray Measel.
19. Report of Home on the Range for Boys and Girl, Steve Lowman, Albert Lea Aerie #2258, Chairman.
20. Report of New Aerie Committee, Bob Lee, Detroit Lakes Aerie #2342, Chairman.
21. Report of Confidence Learning Center, Don Wintersteen, Bemidji Aerie #351, Co-Chairman.
22. Report of "No Goose Egg" Committee, ????????, Chairman.
23. Report of Membership Committee, Weasel Henry, Crookston Aerie #873, Membership Chairman, and Jake Fee, Crookston Aerie #873, Secretary/Treasurer of the Membership.
24. Report of Re-Enrollment Committee, Bruce Meyer, Crookston Aerie #873.
25. Report of State Treasurer, Bruce Meyer, Crookston Aerie #873.
26. Report of Auditing Committee, Keith Rende, Willmar Aerie #2334, Chairman.
27. (Special Order of Business) Introduction of Dakota State President Wayne Shatz.
28. Report of the Autism Fund, Bob Lee, Detroit Lakes Aerie #2342, Chairman.
29. First Reading of Proposed Changes to the By-Laws, Mike Hadel, Mpls Aerie #34, Chairman.
30. Report of Resolutions Committee, Weasel Henry, Crookston Aerie #873, Chairman.
31. Report of Banquet Committee, Mike Brown, Willmar Aerie #2334.
32. Partial Report of Credentials Committee, Roger Stephens, Willmar Aerie #2334.
33. Announcements.
34. Worthy State Chaplain Darrell Spencer, Mankato Aerie #269, closes the Bible.
35. Recess to 9:00 A.M. tomorrow.

SECOND SESSION

ORDER OF BUSINESS

FRIDAY, JUNE 18, 2021

9:00 A.M.

Call to Order by Worthy State President Randy Beggs, Crookston Aerie #873.

1. Patriotic Song, State Trustee Jim Giesen, Faribault Aerie #1460.
2. Invocation by State Chaplain Darrell Spencer, Mankato Aerie #269.
3. Obligation of Delegates by State Treasurer Bruce Meyer, Crookston Aerie #873.
4. Roll Call of State Officers and Aeries by State Secretary John Batchelder, Rapids Aerie #2469.
5. Report of "Make-A-Wish" Committee, Doug Lind, Albert Lea Aerie #2258, Chairman.
6. Report of Kidney Fund, Fred Schrader, Paul Bunyan Aerie #351, Chairman.
7. Report of Special Awards Committee, John Batchelder, Rapids Aerie #2469, Chairman.
8. Report of Eagle of the Year Committee, Mike Hanson, New Brighton Aerie #2469, Chairman.
9. (Special Order of Business) Introduction and a few words from the North Central Regional President John Batchelder.
10. Report of Eagle Village, Bruce Meyer, Crookston Aerie #873, Chairman.
11. Report of Liver Fund Committee, Gaylen Dvorsak, Rhunestone Aerie #3063, Chairman.
12. Report of Diabetes Committee, Leon Potratz, Elk River Aerie #3264, Chairman.
13. Report of Resolutions Committee, Weasel Henry, Crookston Aerie #873, Chairman.
14. Report of the Obituary Committee, Mike Hanson, New Brighton Aerie #3718, Chairman.
15. Report of Camping Club, Keith Rende, Willmar Aerie #2334, Chairman.
16. Report of Youth and Local Donations, Bruce Meyer, Crookston Aerie #873, Chairman.
17. Report of Alzheimer's Foundation, Bob Lee, Detroit Lakes Aerie #2342, Chairman.

18. (Special Order of Business) Introduction of Past Grand Worthy President Ron Malz, Faribault Aerie #1460.
19. (Special Order of Business) Grand Aerie Justice John Tobie, Rapids Aerie #2469.
20. Second Reading of Proposed Changes to the By-Laws, Gaylen Dvorsak, Rhunestone Aerie #3063, Chairman.
21. Report of Golden Eagle Fund Committee, Leon Potratz, Elk River Aerie #3264, Chairman.
22. Report of Youth Guidance Committee (Boy Scouts), Wally Manderud, Fergus Falls Aerie #2339, Chairman.
23. Nominations of Officers and Receiving Bids for 2020 State Convention City, Randy Beggs, Crookston Aerie #873.
(All Nominations shall be called three times)
Introduction of the Incoming Worthy State President
Nominations for Worthy Vice President/President-Elect
Nominations for Worthy Chaplain
Nominations for Brother Secretary: 3 Year Term
Nominations for Brother Treasurer: 3 Year Term (Not up)
Nominations for Worthy Conductor
Nominations for Worthy Inside Guard
Nominations for Worthy Outside Guard
Nominations for State Trustees (3)
Nominations for State Membership Secretary/Treasurer: 1 year term remaining after 2020 special appointment
Bid for Convention City 2023, 2024
24. Report of Election Committee, Ken Kunkel, St. Cloud Aerie #622, Chairman.
25. Partial Report of Credentials Committee, Roger Stephens, Willmar Aerie #2334.
26. (Special Order of Business if any other.)
27. Announcements.
28. Worthy State Chaplain Darrell Spencer, Mankato, Aerie #269, closes the Bible.
29. Recess to 9:00 A.M. tomorrow.

THIRD AND FINAL SESSION
SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 2021

ORDER OF BUSINESS

9:00 A.M.

- Call to Order by Worthy State President Randy Beggs, Crookston Aerie #873.
1. Patriotic Song, Mike Hadel, Mpls Aerie #34.
 2. Invocation by Worthy State Chaplain Darrell Spencer, Mankato Aerie #269.
 3. Obligation of Delegates by PSP Terry Lubitz, Thief River Falls Aerie #2368.
 4. Roll Call of State Officers and Aeries by State Secretary John Batchelder, Rapids Aerie #2469.
 5. Final Report of Resolutions Committee, Weasel Henry, Crookston Aerie #873, Chairman.
 6. (Special Order of Business) Dignitary closing comments.
 7. Final Report of Proposed Changes to the By-Laws, Mike Melby, East Grand Forks Aerie #350, Chairman.
 8. Report of Our Lady of Peace, John Cedergren, Mankato Aerie #269, Chairman.
 9. Final Report of Credentials Committee, Roger Stephens, Willmar Aerie #2334.
 10. Report of Cancer Fund, Jim Baccus, Rochester Aerie #2228, Chairman.
 11. Report of Athletic Committee, ??????????????
 12. Report of Eagle Watch Committee, Jim Giesen, Faribault Aerie #1460, Chairman
 13. Report of Lew Reed Spinal Cord Injury Committee, Keith Rende, Willmar Aerie #2334, Chairman.
 14. Report of Jimmy Durante Children's Fund Committee, Ed Connell, St. James Aerie #3420, Chairman, filling in for Joe Thiner, Worthington Aerie #3282, Chairman.
 15. Report of Ritualistic Committee, Bob Lee, Detroit Lakes Aerie #2342, Chairman.
 16. Reading of Communications, State Secretary John Batchelder, Rapids Aerie #2469.
 17. Report of the Worthy State President Randy Beggs, Crookston Aerie #873.
 18. Address of Worthy State President-Elect Roger Hyatt, Brainerd Aerie #287.
 19. Report of Eagle Riders Club, Jim Giesen, Faribault Aerie #1460, Chairman.
 20. Report of Election Committee, Ken Kunkel, St. Cloud Aerie #622, Chairman.
 21. Unfinished Business.
 22. Good of the Order.
- Closing Ceremony.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Batchelder, Co-Ch, #2469
Bruce Meyer, Co-Ch, #873
Terry Lubitz, #2368
Mike Hanson, #3718

BROTHER GINA CARLSON: Worthy President, Gina Carlson, #1791. I make a motion that we adopt the report.

. . .Motion seconded by Brother Brad Carlson, #1791; motion carried. . .

STATE TREASURER MEYER, PSP: Thank you, my Brothers.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Reading of the communications by Secretary John Batchelder.

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: Worthy President, at this time I have no communications.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Okay, and we'll just have you go right into Finance and Budget, Secretary John Batchelder.

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: Finance and Budget. Everything's on the back table there, printed off some extra reports. We have a proposed budget, we have a financial statement too, actually, we have a profit and loss, and then we also have a full check balancing accounting; and as a report will be given shortly, you'll see the results of an audit.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE & BUDGET

MINNESOTA STATE AERIE PROFIT & LOSS

June 2020 through May 2021

June 1, '20-May 28,'21

Income		
40000 Income		
Interest	9.42	
National Conv. M/M Banquet	1,250.00	
Per Capita	<u>24,529.30</u>	
Total 40000 Income		25,788.72
Total Income		25,788.72
Gross Profit		25,788.72
Expense		
60300 - Convention Expense		
National Convention Expense		
Banquet Tickets	450.00	
Hospitality Room	1,570.00	
Registration	<u>45.00</u>	
Total National Convention Expense		2,065.00
Spring Planning Meeting	1,172.73	
State Convention	2,329.80	
Zone Conference	<u>3,030.00</u>	
Total 60300 Convention Expense		8,597.53
60350 Insurance Expense		609.00
60400 Membership Promotion Pins	1,000.00	
Total 60400 Membership Promotion		1,000.00
60420 Mileage		
State President's Mileage Allowance	1,267.60	
State Officer Meetings	625.20	
Total 60420 Mileage		1,892.80
60500 Office Expense		
Office Supplies	523.99	
Postage	120.60	
Rent	<u>600.00</u>	
Total 60500 Office Expense		1,244.59
60700 Per Diem		
State Officers Per Diem	105.00	
State Presidents Per Diem	<u>105.00</u>	
Total 60700 Per Diem		210.00
60750 Professional Fees		3,800.00
60850 Miscellaneous		1,092.00
60860 Troubled Aeries		406.00
Total Expense		<u>18,851.92</u>
Net Income		6,936.80

Respectfully submitted,

John Batchelder, #2469, Chairman

Budget June 1, 2021 to May 31, 2022

Budget: General Account Balance Carryover \$ 12,813.50

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS:

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Estimated income from per capita tax, 13,800 at \$1.70 per year	\$23,582.40	\$ 0.00	(\$23,582.40)
Estimated interest from General Fund Checking	3.50	0.00	(3.50)
Estimated fees from Registration (60 @ \$15.00)	900.00	0.00	(900.00)
Sale of 40 Banquet Tickets Grand Aerie Convention \$50 each	2,000.00	0.00	(2,000.00)
Reimbursement from Promotion Acct. for Grand Aerie Convention	1,650.00	0.00	(1,650.00)
Other/Misc.		0.00	0.00
Estimated	\$28,135.90	\$ 0.00	(\$28,135.90)

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES:

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>EXPENSE</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
State Secretary's Salary	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,200.00
Assistant State Secretary's Salary	300.00	0.00	300.00
Bookkeeper's Salary	0.00	0.00	0.00
IRS/Social Security/Unemployment Tax, Tax Prep	0.00	0.00	0.00
State Treasurer's Salary	300.00	0.00	300.00
Officer's Bond & Insurance	609.00	0.00	609.00
Office Supplies, Telephone, Postage & Printing	575.00	0.00	575.00
Office Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00
Office Ren	600.00	0.00	600.00
Depository Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00
Donations & Promotions (Pins)	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE	\$ 8,750.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 150.18

ORGANIZATION EXPENSES:

State Officers Visits (Mileage)	2,500.00	\$ 0.00	2,500.00
State Officers Meetings (Per Diem)	1,775.00	0.00	1,775.00
State President Visits (Mileage)	1,750.00	0.00	1,750.00
State President Visits (Per Diem)	750.00	0.00	750.00
Delegates to Grand Aerie Convention	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00
Tickets Banquet Grand Aerie Convention	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
Grand Aerie Hospitality Room Reimbursements	250.00	0.00	250.00
President Membership Pin & Jr. Past President Pin	528.00	0.00	528.00
North Central Regional Conference	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
State Newsletter	0.00	0.00	0.00
Misc., Membership Dept & State Chairmen Visits	0.00	0.00	0.00
Misc., IRS Penalty/Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00
Misc., Non-profit Income Taxes, IRS & State	0.00	0.00	0.00
Misc., G.A. Convention Book Ad (not budgeted)	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL ORGANIZATION	\$13,753.00	\$ 0.00	\$13,753.00

CONVENTION EXPENSES:

Registration Fee (SOs/PSPs & Refund to Host Aerie)	\$ 450.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 450.00
Officers and Past State Officers to State Convention	6,600.00	0.00	6,600.00
State Auditors and Other Paid Committees to State Convention	600.00	0.00	600.00
Ritualistic and Misc. Expense	50.00	0.00	50.00
Printing State Convention Proceedings	50.00	0.00	50.00
Stenotype Recording of Convention	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
Membership Trophies and Cash Prizes	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dignitaries Rms, Banquet Tickets, Ritual Judges Rms, State Conv.	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Miscellaneous-Membership Promotion Awards and/or etc.	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL CONVENTION	\$11,250.00	\$ 0.00	\$11,250.00

TOTAL BALANCE \$30,587.00

ACTUAL BUDGET \$30,587.00 \$ 0.00 \$30,587.00

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Promotion Account			
ESTIMATED RECEIPTS			
Actual Beginning Balance	\$10,571.39	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,960.84
Estimated Interest from CD	5.00	0.00	5.00
Estimated Promotional Account Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00

Pin Sales	1,000.00		1,000.00
Entertainment Receipts	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00
Grand Aerie Convention Hotel Damage			
Deposit Refund	250.00	0.00	250.00
Estimated	\$13,026.39	0.00	\$13,026.39
Promotion Account Expenses	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>EXPENSE</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Grand Officer Promotional Items	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Hospitality Hotel Room	1,250.00	0.00	1,250.00
Hospitality Room Expenses	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Estimated	\$ 2,250.00	0.00	2,250.00

Respectfully submitted,

John Batchelder, #2469, Co-Chairman
Bruce Meyer, #873, Co-Chairman
Mike Hadel, #33
Jim Giesen, #1460
Terry Lubitz, #2368

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: If there is any questions regarding the budget, finances, and/or check balances, feel free to get ahold of me, you can question it. Otherwise, I move for the adoption of that report.

. . .Motion seconded by Brother Ed Connell, #3420. . .

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: We have a motion and a second. Do we have any discussion?

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: Again, going further, even after the motion is accepted, if you have any questions, feel free to contact me after the meeting. Thank you.

. . .Motion carried. . .

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Next we'll have the reading of the Memorial Foundation by Larry Silverthorn.

BROTHER LARRY SILVERTHORN, Jr.PSP: Say that again, Randy?

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Jeff Henry, but looks like Larry to me.

BROTHER SILVERTHORN, Jr.PSP: Good afternoon, Grand Worthy dignitaries, State Officers, Delegates. This is kind of strange. Last year, we didn't have a Convention, did we? I missed all that, I missed everything that Randy is doing. Congratulations, Randy. At least you're having a meeting.

Okay. This is the report of the Memorial Foundation, money that has been received from just a certain amount of clubs, and it was hard for a lot of them to donate. So reading on:

REPORT OF MEMORIAL FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

<u>AERIE NO.</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
33	St. Paul	
34	Minneapolis	
94	Stillwater	
269	Mankato	\$ 500.00
287	Brainerd	
350	East Grand Forks	
351	Bemidji	100.00
620	Morris	
622	St. Cloud	
703	Austin	
873	Crookston	
1163	Cloquet	
1243	Winona	
1460	Faribault	
1791	Owatonna	
2212	Hastings	
2228	Rochester	
2242	Northfield	
2258	Albert Lea	25.00
2334	Willmar	
2339	Fergus Falls	250.00
2342	Detroit Lakes	200.00
2368	Thief River Falls	75.00
2469	Grand Rapids	200.00
2617	Hallock	700.00
3063	Alexandria	
3208	Bloomington	
3264	Elk River	
3282	Worthington	50.00
3394	Fairmont	

3403	Luverne	
3405	Marshall	
3420	St. James	
3424	Litchfield	100.00
3486	Karlstad	
3718	New Brighton	
3882	Roseau	
3918	Tracy	
4031	Farmington	
4120	Shakopee	
4195	Warroad	
4456	Hibbing	10.00
4472	Blaine	
4486	Blue Earth	

TOTAL \$ 2,210.00

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Henry, #269, Chairman
 John Batchelder, #2469
 Larry Silverthorn, #351

BROTHER SILVERTHORN, Jr.PSP: Nice job, Hallock. For a total of 2,160. I know we can do better than that. Come on, let's improve them numbers for next year, Brothers. This is the report of the Memorial Foundation. I make a motion to adopt this report.

. . .Motion seconded by Brother Marion Henry, #873; motion carried. . .

BROTHER SILVERTHORN, Jr.PSP: Again, Brothers, thank you very much for those that donated, but please, let's try and get every Aerie to donate something. Even \$5 would be appreciated.

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: If we can interject real quickly before we get started?

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Sure.

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: Okay, so everyone picked up a donation sheet, a legal-sized paper with every Aerie and its donations. I got an email from #2228, Rochester, so we need to add some numbers. If you'd like to do that, I'd like to take care of this now. And the numbers that are added for Rochester Aerie #2228 are Cancer Telethon \$10,000, Eagle Watch \$22.28, other 501(c)(3) donations \$35,610, and scholarships, which could be added to other, \$12,250. So if you're keeping track, you need to add those numbers, and if you need them repeated at some time during the Convention, get ahold of me. Did you have something? Well, in that case, I have one more. I thought you were going to do on Litchfield.

ASSISTANT STATE SECRETARY JAKE FEE: Also, on the charity reports too, Litchfield will be stated as all their \$50 donations are actually indeed \$100 donations. That was reported after we had already printed out the report. So all Litchfield \$50 donations should be changed to \$100, for the ones following along. Thanks.

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: Thank you, Worthy President.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Next we'll have the report of State Trustees by Mike Hadel.

STATE TRUSTEE MIKE HADEL: Good afternoon, Grand Aerie reps, State Officers, Delegates and visitors. Just a little bit longer report, but I'll try to get through it as quick as possible. It's an inventory of what the Secretary's office had as of June 1, 2021.

REPORT OF STATE TRUSTEES

- 1 - Five Drawer Office Desk (donated)
- 1 - Uniden Desktop Telephone
- 1 - Office Adjustable Roller Chair (donated)
- 1 - Five Drawer Wide Front Filing Cabinet (donated)
- 1 - Two Drawer Filing Cabinet
- 1 - HP Pavilion Laptop Computer with Wireless Mouse
- 1 - Kodak Office Hero 6.1 Printer, Copier, Fax
- 1 - Brother Business Smart Pro Series printer, copier, fax
- 1 - HP Printer (DeskJet 1000)
- 1 - HP Printer (OfficeJet H470)
- 1 - Casio HR-150TM Desktop Calculator
- 1 - Antique Letter Scale
- 1 - Antique MN & SD North Central Regional District Aerie Official Seal
- 1 - Minnesota State Official Seal

- 1 - Wooden Case Containing Eagle Flag

- 1 - Wooden Case Containing State Aerie Paraphernalia as Follows:
 - 1 - Gavel
 - 1 - Eagle Emblem
 - 1 - Bible
 - 44 - Aerie Placards and Stands

Officers' Regalia (2 sets):	Jr. PWP	W. Pres.
	W. V.Pres.	W. Chap.
	W. Cond.	I.G.
	O.G.	Sec.
	Treas.	3 - Trustees

- 79 - Red Meal Vouchers
- 80 - Blue Meal Vouchers
- 40 - White Meal Vouchers
- 1 - Presidents Traveling C.C.C.C. Trophy
- 1 - Bronze Eagle Scales of Justice Emblem
- 5 - Bibles
- 2 - Officer Policy Books
- 1 - Set Station Ritual Placards
- * - Numerous Gavels, Regalia Sets, Voting Boxes, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Hadel, #33
 Jim Giesen, #1460
 Terry Lubitz, #2368

STATE TRUSTEE HADEL: This is the Trustee report. I make a motion that this be accepted.

. . .Motion seconded by Brother James Giesen, #1460; motion carried. . .

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Next we'll have a Special Order of Business. We'll have a message from Grand Aerie Inside Guard Ray Measel.

GRAND AERIE INSIDE GUARD RAY MEASEL: Grand Aerie Officers, Minnesota State Officers, Delegates: Isn't it great to be an Eagle? (Applause.)

I could say one thing: On my travels this year, and we didn't do too much last year, but when you look at the numbers, the numbers may not be up there as we would like to have been, but what I have seen so far this year, what you all have done is absolutely astounding, you know, the numbers are really great. Just like in Nebraska, we never figured that we would have gotten \$125,000 this year with everything that went on, but we did. Went to Alabama, they did like \$175,000; and for five Aeries and four Auxiliaries in Alabama, that's just outstanding, it's really great.

So I thank each and every one of you for what you do in digging into your pockets and contributing wherever you can. I'm almost certain your figures are going to be really great this year also.

Let me talk a little bit about Incoming Grand Worthy President Brian Rogers and what he, some of the things that he's doing. One thing that he wants to say is Get Off The Bench and Get Into The Game. How many people in here this is the first State Convention you've been to? (Hands raised.) Okay, there is a few. But we keep continuing to see the same faces. I challenge everybody this next year and everybody to try to bring somebody new and everything to the Convention. Be a mentor to these people. Some of these people are brand new, and we need to guide them along.

When I first joined years ago, I wanted to join because I wanted to get involved. Well, I didn't really get involved, dropped my membership, and then I came back after somebody wanted me to come back and said we'll get you involved; and sure enough, I did. That same day they signed me up, I got involved and everything. So do that, bring somebody back to the Convention next year, you know, and mentor these people.

Another thing is social media. Who are we? We're the FOE. When you have check presentations and such, you know, we send things in to the SOAR, for example; you want people to see that are Eagles. Put these postings out there on Facebook so people can see what's going on and what we are. That's the best thing that we can do, that's the cheapest advertisement that we can do, by putting the word out and letting other people know who exactly we are.

Be a team player. You know, we're local Officers and leaders in our Aeries and Auxiliaries. You're the one that needs to set the example to the new people. Be a mentor to those people. You know, if they have functions that come along, if they need help in the kitchen and everything, dig in there and help them out in the kitchen. So be a team player.

Brian's charity this year is going to be the Memorial Foundation, and Jeff, he gave that report on the Memorial Foundation. Hopefully this year and everything, it's going to be a good year for the Memorial Foundation. I just hope that we can get also a lot of new people or younger people in to our Aeries and Auxiliaries so they know what the Memorial Foundation is and also all the benefits that we have to offer within the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

So remember, Brian's motto is Get Off The Bench and Get Into The Game. Charity is the Memorial Foundation. He also has a secondary one, it's the Alice Cooper, do you remember what, music -- it's within the State of Arizona, and it's just mentoring music people, younger musical people, the advantage and everything to understanding and playing music. You know, it wasn't one thing on our thing here, but that's his secondary charity.

Membership goal was net gain plus two percent. He's looking for three new Aeries this year. And these are the awards that he has: As for seven members, you get a red button-down shirt, and I'll wear that sometime this weekend while I'm with you all so you can see what that shirt actually looks like. For 20 members, you'll get a \$25 gift card to the FOE store, and 30 members you'll get a \$50 FOE card to the store. Also, there are some cash giveaways. For every member you sign up, you'll receive

an entry into a drawing for one of ten \$500 prizes, and a second drawing for ten \$500 prizes will be held for attendees of the 2022 International Convention in Columbus, Ohio.

The other thing that I want to pass on is every year we always normally get, the Grand Worthy President passes out a pin. Brian's not going to pin this year, but he is doing a challenge coin. So in his visit and everything, he'll give people these challenge coins. Everybody know how this challenge coin works? If you go to a meeting or if you're in an Aerie or Auxiliary and you have a group of people around and you're sitting there drinking and whatever it may be and you throw your coin out, and if nobody has that coin and everything, they're supposed to buy the drink; or if they do the coin and everything, they match and everything. So the only thing I can think that can trump this and everything is the military coin. But he warned us and everything, never to lose this, because if we do, it's going to be a big fine. So I keep a close hold.

Finally, I just want to pass on and just say thank you to the Willmar Aerie and Auxiliary for an awesome job you've done so far. It was amazing on the food last night, and even had new bartenders, you know, that they were spot on, very, very, very good. Thank you for the goody bag in the room, I appreciate that very, very much.

I'm proud to be an Eagle. I do appreciate, we're neighbors, I appreciate all your confidence and support with me in becoming a Grand Aerie Officer. I hope I can continue this chapter in my new life. I love it dearly.

But I'm going to leave you with this one last thing too: I'm a very good listener. If you have a problem, come and listen, or come and talk to me. I will listen to you. If I don't have an answer to your question that you may have, I will go back and get an answer, and one thing that I'll promise you, because you'll lose faith and confidence in the people if you don't follow up on that.

So thank you very, very much. I love you all dearly. God bless America and God bless the FOE. Thank you. (Applause and standing ovation.)

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Thank you, Ray. Next we'll have the report of Home on the Range for Boys and Girls, Steve Lowman.

BROTHER STEVE LOWMAN: Thank you. Officers, this is the report of Home on the Range, the donations.

REPORT OF HOME ON THE RANGE COMMITTEE

<u>AERIE NO.</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
33	St. Paul	
34	Minneapolis	
94	Stillwater	
269	Mankato	\$ 500.00
287	Brainerd	
350	East Grand Forks	
351	Bemidji	100.00
620	Morris	
622	St. Cloud	
703	Austin	
873	Crookston	
1163	Cloquet	
1243	Winona	
1460	Faribault	
1791	Owatonna	
2212	Hastings	
2228	Rochester	22.28
2242	Northfield	
2258	Albert Lea	250.00
2334	Willmar	100.00
2339	Fergus Falls	250.00
2342	Detroit Lakes	
2368	Thief River Falls	75.00
2469	Grand Rapids	
2617	Hallock	
3063	Alexandria	200.00
3208	Bloomington	
3264	Elk River	
3282	Worthington	50.00
3394	Fairmont	
3403	Luverne	
3405	Marshall	
3420	St. James	
3424	Litchfield	100.00
3486	Karlstad	
3718	New Brighton	
3882	Roseau	20.00
3918	Tracy	
4031	Farmington	
4120	Shakopee	
4195	Warroad	
4456	Hibbing	10.00

4472
4486

Blaine
Blue Earth

TOTAL \$ 1,677.28

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Lowman, #2258, Chairman
Darrell Spencer, #269
Gaylen Dvorsak, #3063
Bob Lee, #2342

BROTHER LOWMAN: That brings a total of \$1,627.28. Good job to those that donated, and let's make it a little better next year. Worthy President, I entertain a motion to accept this report as read.

. . .Motion seconded by Brother Doug Lind, #2258; motion carried. . .

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Next we have the report of New Aerie Committee by Bob Lee, Detroit Lakes. Bob, that's you.

BROTHER BOB LEE, PSP: What am I supposed to report on?

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Report of New Aeries.

BROTHER LEE, PSP: I can do that from here.

REPORT OF NEW AERIE COMMITTEE

We have none.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Lee, #2342, Co-Chairman
Ed Connell, #3420, Co-Chairman
Calvin Anderson, #873

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Thank you, Bob. Next we'll have the report of the Confidence Learning Center by John Tobie.

GRAND JUSTICE JOHN TOBIE, PSP: Worthy President Randy, Grand Officers, State Officers, Delegates and members: This is the report of the Confidence Learning Center report. I want to list the Committee before I forget. (Committee read off.)

All I can say is Confidence Learning Center, what a wonderful charity. Fifty-two years of serving people of all ages with cognitive, developmental, and hearing disabilities on their 140-acre property located on Sylvan Lake just west of Brainerd. I know many of you have been there. I encourage everybody to at least visit that and see what it's all about.

Camp is for families. Camp is focused to promote self-confidence and self-esteem and the necessary skills to become full, contributing members of society. Campers achieve this through hands-on activities, such as archery, cross country skiing, canoeing, summer fishing, zip line, challenge course, winter fishing, human foosball, just to mention a few. This is an awesome opportunity for campers to prove to themselves they can do it. Isn't that right, Brent? Thumbs up, buddy.

CLC is a true 501(c)(3) organization. They receive no federal, state, or local tax support. Camp operates by partnering with individuals, groups, and organizations for donations, fundraisers, special projects, to meet their financial needs. And as you know, last year with COVID, everybody had financial needs.

The Minnesota Eagles has partnered with Camp since their inception in 1969. Founder Dick Endres would come to our State Conventions with his green blazer on with the report and seeking continued support from the Eagles, and we have been supporting the Eagles since the Camp started.

Knowing the campers come from out of state, in state, from every county in Minnesota to Confidence Learning Center, this really lines up with our Eagle mission that we are People Helping People.

Due to COVID last year, there wasn't a report, but in a brief summary, actually, like two years ago, it should have been reported at Crookston last year, but the previous year, monies generated and donated by Eagles to Confidence Learning Center totaled \$86,410.91.

Now I will go over the numbers from this past year. Now, these numbers from the Camp's accountant, and she pulls them from different accounts and there are donations that are still with the State, you know, Confidence Learning Center's got a gambling license, so if you're a gambling organization, you know, you've got to go through the LG270 form before you can actually make the donation. So these are going to be donations, or I like to call it monies generated by Eagles for Confidence Learning Center.

There was Past Presidents Eagles Club donated \$50. We got a \$5,000 grant from the Grand Aerie, \$46 from Roseau, \$150 from Albert Lea, \$500 from District #2, Bemidji Auxiliary of \$1,681.25, Don Wintersteen \$1,000, Litchfield Eagles \$100, Minnesota State Auxiliary \$145, District #1 Auxiliary \$200. And we're very fortunate to have Ron Malz choose Confidence Learning Center for his charity when he was Grand Worthy President, and we have received, the Camp received funds of \$14,133 for Ron, \$130,105.59, \$510. I have a little secret, there is still more money coming. Cloquet Eagles \$170. With the passing

of Vance Peters, there was donations and memorials of \$25 from Mike Hadel, \$50 from Mike Anderson, \$10 from Lynette Rathe, \$520 from Bina Silverthorn, \$25 from Richard Perrault, \$25 from Valerie Ahrens, \$100 from Jeff Olson, \$25 from David Holchalter, \$120 from the Lubitzes. And getting back to other donations or monies generated for camp: Cloquet Eagles \$3,250, Bemidji Auxiliary another \$40, Thief River Falls \$125, Marshall Eagles \$10, Alexandria \$75, Owatonna \$300, Alexandria \$400, Hibbing \$10, Thief River Falls \$75. I just got their check the other day. Thief River Falls [sic Rochester] \$22.28, Hallock \$400, New Brighton \$300, Hastings \$50, Willmar \$500, St. Cloud \$200, another one from Cloquet for \$2,772, New Brighton Auxiliary \$50, Marshall \$10, Alexandria Auxiliary \$25.

REPORT OF CONFIDENCE LEARNING CENTER COMMITTEE

<u>AERIE NO.</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
33	St. Paul	
34	Minneapolis	\$ 1,500.00
94	Stillwater	
269	Mankato	
287	Brainerd	
350	East Grand Forks	
351	Bemidji	112,794.47
620	Morris	
622	St. Cloud	200.00
703	Austin	
873	Crookston	16,000.00
1163	Cloquet	
1243	Winona	
1460	Faribault	
1791	Owatonna	300.00
2212	Hastings	
2228	Rochester	22.28
2242	Northfield	
2258	Albert Lea	150.00
2334	Willmar	
2339	Fergus Falls	
2342	Detroit Lakes	
2368	Thief River Falls	75.00
2469	Grand Rapids	200.00
2617	Hallock	
3063	Alexandria	400.00
3208	Bloomington	
3264	Elk River	
3282	Worthington	
3394	Fairmont	
3403	Luverne	
3405	Marshall	
3420	St. James	
3424	Litchfield	100.00
3486	Karlstad	
3718	New Brighton	300.00
3882	Roseau	
3918	Tracy	
4031	Farmington	
4120	Shakopee	
4195	Warroad	
4456	Hibbing	10.00
4472	Blaine	
4486	Blue Earth	
	TOTAL	\$132,051.75

Respectfully submitted,

Don Wintersteen, #351, Co-Chairman
 John Tobie, #2469, Co-Chairman
 Jeff Henry, #269
 Jeff Olson, #351

GRAND JUSTICE TOBIE, PSP: Again, these numbers come in from different sources. And I also want to break down the Ninth Annual Mesa Golf Tournament that's held in Arizona. Donny Wintersteen and I have been doing this for nine years, and I want to give you the donations, because there is quite a few Eagles. I'm only going to read the Eagles donations for whole sponsorships and outright donations.

Ron and Maureen Malz \$50, Bob and Luanne Kuschel from Grand Rapids \$50, St. James Aerie \$50, L & M Supply, he's a member, Del Matteson, with \$50, John and Gayle Batchelder \$50, Jeff Henry Diamond Polish, \$50, Don Wintersteen \$50, Paul and Holly Niemi \$50, Bemidji Auxiliary \$50, Jake Fee and Ellie \$50, Greg's Auto \$50, Reliance Electric \$50, Aerie #2469 \$50. When you get all done, you'll be surprised what the final number is, adding up all these, all this money. Aerie #34 \$50, District #4 \$50, District #2 \$50, Paul Hagenbuch Incoming Regional President \$50. Thank you, Paul. Osborn Eagles, where the new Incoming Grand Worthy President Brian Rogers is from, \$50, Chandler Insurance \$50, Deb and Jeff Henry \$50, New Brighton Eagles \$50, Welmech Design \$50, Sixth District Aerie \$50, Jackson & Jackson

Insurance \$50. That is Richard Harder from California. He sells insurance to many Eagles clubs in the State of Minnesota. You might be familiar with Jackson & Jackson. Richard Harder donated a set of golf clubs in a bag which we raffled off for Ron last year, made some money there. That will be included in the final total. Creighton Thurman \$50, Mankato Auxiliary \$50, Mike Hanson \$50, John and Ali Tobie \$50, Arrow Sign \$50, Apache Junction Eagles \$50. Apache Junction was the home of last year's Arizona President. Mr. Kimball got a little challenge or something going on with our President. They both golfed in the golf tournament. Crookston Eagles \$50, Sunnyslope Eagles \$50, Mankato Aerie \$50, Vermillion Eagles \$50. How many people in here belong to the Vermillion Eagles? (Hands raised.) Thank you, Brothers.

District #1 Auxiliary \$50, Ed and Linda Connell \$50, St. James Auxiliary \$50, Sixth District Auxiliary \$50, District #1 Aerie \$50, Eagle Riders \$50, Jeff Olson \$50, Sixth District Aerie \$50, Tim Schmitz and Becky Korsunsky \$50, Tom and Chris Suess \$50, New Brighton Eagles \$50, Cloquet Eagles \$50, Bemidji Eagles \$351 and they got up to the banner sponsorship level, and the North Central Region \$217. Shoo, that's a lot of money, folks.

I personally want to thank the Eagles that came out to Mesa, Arizona, last year to golf in the tournament and really made a great success. There was eight people from Crookston, and the Crookston bunch won the 50-50, and they donated their \$800 portion back to Camp. Thank you, all you people from Crookston that were there. We had three people from New Brighton that came out for the tournament, four from St. James, one from Litchfield, two from Faribault, and two from Bemidji. And we raised in excess, close to \$11,000. All right, and we've got a \$20 cash donation from Grand Officer Ray Measel. That's adding up.

So adding in the two Bemidji extravaganzas, the Crookston extravaganzas, the Mesa Golf Tournament, and what was raised by Ron Malz being Grand Worthy President, this makes an amazing, repeat amazing, hold-onto-your-seats number. Total funds generated by the Eagles: In excess of \$358,148. Give yourself a hand, people. (Applause.)

At this time, I want to call up Jeff Olson, Executive Director of Confidence Learning Center, and I know we as Eagles have just made him a very, very humble man.

BROTHER JEFF OLSON: Wow. Not often I'm speechless, but it's pretty close. I did not know that number. That is unbelievable. And John, on a personal note, what's so neat is not only do you read a report off, but you know Camp through and through. It's in your heart, it's in Ali's heart.

To hear those numbers is unbelievable. We all know this was the craziest, most unique year ever. And for Camp, wow. My mom has said it often, and I've probably shared it to you before, but that God works in mysterious ways.

The Eagles, our Brothers and Sisters, you were our life jacket last year and this year. Unbelievable. There is no way we can thank you, from the board of directors to myself to our campers, for that big a number.

I shared last year that this is my 35th year at the Camp, and I remember when you wouldn't let me in the door at, what's the place, in Arrowwood Lodge, because I wasn't a member; and I thought I've got to fix that, and from then, my life's changed, personally, but so has Camp's.

I had a chance today, Brent and I went to visit Vern Porter here in Willmar. Vern was the first ambassador we had that I know of with the Eagles, and there is some history way back there that some of you might know that I don't know. And Vern's in the memory care here in town in Willmar, and he's been a Past State President and he chaired our Committee for Camp for many, many years, for the entire 52 years we've been in existence.

Vern doesn't say much, and Brent came with me and I said, "Brent, I'm not sure what we're going to face." We went into the care. He was a little bit asleep, so I grabbed his arm and held his arm and his hand, and I said, "Vern, it's Jeff from Confidence Learning Center and Brent from Crookston." And he woke up and he looked up, didn't say much. And I tried to remind him who I was, didn't say much. And then when I said Fraternal Order of the Eagles and Confidence Learning Center and the Willmar Eagles, he started talking to us.

And I think that's a story that should be remembered, that--I'm preaching to the choir--the effect that this group of people, the Fraternal Order of the Eagles, statewide and nationally, thanks to Past Grand Worthy President Ron Malz, you'll never be able to put a price on it. It was awesome to hear those numbers. It saved us. But what you do to the hearts and souls of people is beyond words.

We at Camp made some big decisions last year, and some of you have visited, and I encourage every one of you to get a chance to visit the Camp, because I know when you visit there the first time and you leave, you'll know why this group has supported, why the Fraternal Order of Eagles has supported our campers so much.

BROTHER EAGLE: Amen.

BROTHER OLSON: It's truth, and it's fun to see you show up. And this past year, we named, our newest named cabin is the Eagles' Nest, and it's a fabulous cabin and it's named after the Fraternal Order of the Eagles. There is no way we can thank. And every Past President I know would give credit to the other members from around the State. But we have in that cabin the name of each Past Aerie and Auxiliary President that named Confidence Learning Center as their state charity, and the rooms have their names around them. I know that they would say you, everyone, made that possible, not just the Presidents, but it's pretty cool.

And then the newest addition is, and we talked about it last year, but it's happening now, we have the Eagles Memorial Garden, which the cabin overlooks the garden and the American Flag is up the middle of this, and this year, you know, it's sad, but it's an honor, I mean, we added a bench and a

tree for Vance, Past State President Vance Peters. We have a tree in honor of Eileen Wintersteen planted.

So we have an area specifically for the Fraternal Order of the Eagles. That's the impact that you all have made for the campers at Confidence Learning Center.

I'll also tell you, in all honesty, every year in 52 years, it's not the same. This year, I had something crazy happen last month and, Mike Melby, if you weren't doing what you're doing, you should probably be a counselor at the Camp, because you're a few bubbles off. He calls up and he goes, "I want to present on stage at the State Convention something," and before I tell you what it was, I go, "Have you talked to the State President?" "Well, it's a good idea I've got." And I think the hotel was very, very thankful you changed your mind two days ago, because he was going to present two goats up here on the stage. We have a five-acre area where our campers, whether they're ambulatory or not, they can get in there, and everything's accessible, that we have deer and turkeys and ducks, and he wanted to bring, and he showed us the video last night, two tiny goats. They're about that tall, just this tall (indicating).

OUTSIDE GUARD MELBY: Fully grown.

BROTHER OLSON: Fully grown. So no year has ever been the same.

John, we can't thank you and the Committee, Don and Jeff Henry, for being the ambassador that you have. The money makes a difference. It's not all about the money too.

So on behalf of all the people at Confidence Learning Center, especially our campers, I want to thank you for these 52 years that you've made possible. (Applause and standing ovation.)

GRAND JUSTICE TOBIE, PSP: At this time, I will call are there any more donations from the floor?

BROTHER JIM SMITH: Jim Smith, Grand Rapids Aerie #2469. I'd like to donate another \$250 from the Aerie.

GRAND JUSTICE TOBIE, PSP: Where did that money come from, Jim?

BROTHER SMITH: That's my President's fee from the last year.

GRAND JUSTICE TOBIE, PSP: Thank you very much, Jim. (Applause.)

BROTHER SMITH: You're welcome.

GRAND JUSTICE TOBIE, PSP: Jeff Olson left out one part. He said he named the rooms after the Past Presidents and stuff? I walked through there. I found out that they named both bathrooms after Batchelder and I. It says John up above them. (Laughter.)

Thank you, Worthy President, for the appointment to this Committee. It's been an honor and privilege to serve as your Chairman this year, and you know, we have Father's Day coming on Sunday, so I've got to leave you with one dad joke. It's a bad dad joke. Anyway, I asked my dog what's two minus two. He sat there and said nothing.

BROTHER EAGLE: That's bad.

GRAND JUSTICE TOBIE, PSP: Thank you. Thank you. Worthy President, I move for the adoption of the Confidence Learning Center Report.

. . .Motion seconded by Brother Don Wintersteen, #351; motion carried. . .

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: We're going to move on. We're going to skip the "No Goose Egg" report. We'll have a report of the Membership Committee, Weasel Henry and Membership Chairman Jake Fee.

STATE TREASURER MEYER, PSP: Good morning, Weasel.

STATE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

BROTHER HENRY: Good morning. Good afternoon, Brothers. Just a little report on our membership.

We have ten Aeries in Minnesota that met net gain this year. They should be recognized, of course. Karlstad, Minnesota; Austin, Minnesota; Blue Earth, Minnesota; Tracy, Minnesota; Warroad, Minnesota; Morris, Minnesota; Litchfield, Minnesota; Crookston, Minnesota; and Grand Rapids, Minnesota, all made net gain.

We had, we had a Top Producer this year. I'm not going to give his name out, because we've got these prices to give away too. But our Top Producer this year got 124 members. Now, that's pretty good in a COVID year, huh?

And on with that, we will, we will announce our Top Secretary District Producer, and these are not in a specific order. This was a drawing for the top five or six producers, so.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: They weren't in a drawing. They were the top in the District; it wasn't a drawing.

BROTHER HENRY: Oh, okay, I've got it. It's the Top Producer in the District. Got ya. And this is Top Secretary Producer in the District. District #1, Larry Silverthorn.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Top Secretary.

BROTHER HENRY: Top Secretary Producer, Larry Silverthorn. Larry got 48 members. And we have Sheryl McGlynn, she had 15 members, from District #2.

OUTSIDE GUARD MELBY: If money is in my wallet, it doesn't belong to me. My daughters know that as well.

BROTHER HENRY: District #3, we have Wes Skochinski. Could somebody come and get that for Wes, or is he here? Okay, that's District #3. Michael Jones from District #4 with 25 members. Anyone from District #3 want to take that back to Mike?

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: District #4.

BROTHER HENRY: Or #4, I'm sorry, District #4.

BROTHER EAGLE: What Aerie is that?

BROTHER HENRY: I don't know. It doesn't say the Aerie, it just says the District. And then Carmen Taylor from District #5. That was a good one, she had 116 members. And District #6 is Steve Meyer, or Meyer. District #6.

And our non-Secretary by District, top non-Secretary District. District #1 was Bob Kuschel with 124 members, District #1 for Bob. Well, I see you address. I didn't know what you're doing.

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: Thanks, Bob, for the drinks.

BROTHER HENRY: District #2 is Roni Bentley, 24 members. District #3 is Doug Boser. They don't have the club. Yup, that's Roni. That's for Doug. District #4 is Kevin Hanson, 20 members. I'm sorry, that's Kevin A. Hanson. Is that you?

BROTHER EAGLE: Nope.

BROTHER HENRY: District #5 is Kevin G. Hanson with 24 members. And our last District, District #6, is Wendy Huls, and she had six members, District #6.

And then for our Top State Producer, we have \$100 for District #1's Top Producer, or Minnesota's Top Producer, is Bob Kuschel from Grand Rapids. And John, when I get to come to Grand Rapids, I want to meet this guy.

REPORT OF STATE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE - 2021

- - - - -	<u>DISTRICT NO GOOSE EGG %</u>	- - - - -
(MEMBERSHIP CONTEST)	District #1 55%	(AERIE VS. AUXILIARY)
()	District #2 50%	()
(June 1, 2021)	District #3 52%	(June 1, 2021)
()	District #4 53%	()
(MINNESOTA 13797)	District #5 55%	(AERIE)
(Net Gain -716)	District #6 36%	(Net Gain -716)
(DAKOTAS 5986)		(AUXILIARY)
(Net Gain -151)	STATE AVERAGE 50%	(Net Gain -??)
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<u>AERIE NO. & NAME</u>	<u>MEMBERS</u>		<u>MEMBER COUNT</u>	<u>NET GAIN</u>	<u>% OF NET GAIN</u>
	<u>NEW</u>	<u>RE-ENROLL</u>			
<u>District #1</u>					
351 Bemidji	7	2	670	- 69	- 9.34
1163 Cloquet	0	0	104	- 18	-14.75
2469 Grand Rapids	9	5	940	- 10	- 1.05
4456 Hibbing	0	0	36	- 5	-12.20
Total			1750	-102	- 5.51
<u>District #2</u>					
350 E. Grand Forks	8	1	336	- 38	- 1.16
873 Crookston	11	3	399	7	1.79
2342 Detroit Lakes	0	0	185	- 16	- 7.96
2368 Thief River Falls	0	0	399	- 18	- 3.32
2617 Hallock	5	3	452	- 20	- 4.24
3486 Karlstad	0	0	70	8	12.90
3882 Roseau	0	0	29	- 1	- 3.33
4195 Warroad	0	0	141	6	4.44
Total			2011	- 72	- 3.46
<u>District #3</u>					
287 Brainerd	2	10	358	- 6	- 1.65
602 Morris	6	1	221	2	0.91
622 St. Cloud	0	0	1507	-170	- 1.14
2334 Willmar	0	0	578	- 24	- 3.99
2339 Fergus Falls	0	0	371	- 30	- 7.48
3063 Alexandria	2	1	358	- 25	- 6.53
3424 Litchfield	3	1	183	2	1.10
Total			3576	-251	- 6.56

<u>District #4</u>					
33 St. Paul	0	0	51	- 16	-23.88
34 Minneapolis	14	0	348	- 7	- 1.97
94 Stillwater	0	0	121	- 57	-32.02
2212 Hastings	0	0	81	- 13	-13.83
3208 Bloomington	13	1	352	- 13	- 3.56
3264 Elk River	0	0	138	- 7	- 4.83
3718 New Brighton	16	1	402	- 3	- 0.74
4120 Shakopee	4	0	128	- 5	- 3.76
Total			1621	-121	- 6.95

<u>District #5</u>					
269 Mankato	2	0	342	- 2	- 0.58
703 Austin	4	2	561	62	12.42
1243 Winona	3	1	314	- 8	- 2.48
1460 Faribault	4	1	218	- 20	- 8.40
1791 Owatonna	1	0	766	- 39	- 4.84
2228 Rochester	7	1	1196	- 33	- 2.69
2242 Northfield	0	0	89	- 8	- 8.25
2258 Albert Lea	8	4	692	-101	-12.74
4031 Farmington	0	0	40	- 7	-14.89
4486 Blue Earth	1	0	47	4	9.30
Total			4265	-152	- 3.44

<u>District #6</u>					
3282 Worthington	3	0	108	1	0.93
3394 Fairmont	0	0	37	- 8	-17.78
3403 Luverne	0	0	89	- 14	-13.59
3405 Marshall	0	0	42	- 2	- 4.55
3420 St. James	1	0	173	- 3	- 1.70
3918 Tracy	1	0	125	8	6.84
Total			574	- 18	- 3.04

*Designates Quota

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Henry, #873, Chairman
 Jake Fee, #873, Secy-Treas.
 Gaylen Dvorsak (N), #3063
 Ed Connell (S), #3420
 All District Directors

BROTHER HENRY: Well, I guess that concludes my report, and I make a motion that we adopt the report.

. . .Motion seconded by Brother Larry Swiers, #2342. . .

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Any discussion? Jake, did you have anything?

ASSISTANT STATE SECRETARY FEE: Not really, but I do just want to recap the year. We did, unfortunately, not make net gain as an Aerie. We did lose 558 members throughout the year. We knew it was going to be an uphill battle. We started off at about 1300 that we were down to start the year. So we didn't make a lot of progress, unfortunately, with the clubs shut down, and tough to sign up members that way. We did lose 558 members.

So far to start June here, we are up 83 members, but we do know that we're going to be, coming July 10th, when we do the drop dates, that's going to go down quite a lot again. I imagine we'll be back down about 800, 900 members that we'll be down.

So a lot of work needs to be done. Make sure that you go back to the clubs and tell your Secretary to print out who has not paid their dues yet. Try to call them up before July 10th, and let's get them signed up so we don't have such a bad drop on July 10th.

Other than that, the finances will be part of the audit report, so I won't go into that, but we were up \$4600, a little over 4600 in the count this year, that changes some things, so that worked out pretty good.

So other than that, let's just try to get those members signed up before July 10th, and just keep on signing up and re-enrolling members. That's all I have, Worthy President.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Thanks, Jake.

. . .Motion carried. . .

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: We'll do the Re-Enrollment Report tomorrow. We'll have the report of the State Treasurer Bruce Meyer.

STATE TREASURER MEYER, PSP: Good morning again. This is the report of the Minnesota State Aerie Treasurer, Fraternal Order of Eagles, of the General and Promotional Funds, beginning June 1, 2020, and ending May 31, 2021.

In the General Fund, we have a beginning balance of \$5,114.39, we had receipts of \$24,531.03, making available funds of \$29,645.42. We had disbursements of \$16,831.92, with a book and bank balance of \$12,813.50, with no outstanding checks.

The Promotional Fund, we had a beginning balance of \$11,020.63, with receipts of \$1,251.02, we had disbursements of \$2,020, and a book and a bank balance of \$10,251.65, with no outstanding checks.

REPORT OF THE STATE TREASURER

MINNESOTA STATE AERIE

FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES

TO THE STATE OFFICERS AND DELEGATES OF THE MINNESOTA STATE AERIE CONVENTION ASSEMBLED:

Your Treasurer, herewith, submits the following report of General and Promotional Funds of the State Aerie, indicating the receipts and disbursements made during the past fiscal year.

Beginning June 1, 2020 and Ending May 31, 2021

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 5,114.39
Receipts	24,531.03
Available Funds	29,645.42
Disbursements	16,831.92
Book Balance	12,813.50
Bank Balance	12,813.50
No Outstanding Checks	

PROMOTIONAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 11,020.63
Receipts	1,251.02
Disbursements	2,020.00
Book Balance	10,251.65
Bank Balance	10,251.65
No Outstanding Checks	

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Meyer, #873
State Treasurer

STATE TREASURER MEYER, PSP: I move for adoption of this report.

. . .Motion seconded by Brother Bob Lee, #2342; motion seconded. . .

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Next we'll have the report of the Auditing Committee.

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: Worthy President, as he makes his way up, I'd just like to point out that we were so impressed with the audit, that we put it on your agenda twice. On the next page, you'll notice it too.

BROTHER JEFF ALLEN: Here is the Audit Report. (Committee read off.) So two of these will be you just heard from, Bruce, but I'll read the entire report. Cash balance General Fund started out at \$5,114.39, receipts of \$24,529.30, interest of \$1.73, giving us a total of \$29,645.42. We had disbursements of \$16,831.92, leaving us an ending balance of \$12,813.50. In the Edward Jones account, beginning balance was \$60,411.39, we had interest of \$6.77, giving us an ending balance of \$60,418.16. In the Promotional Fund, we started with \$11,020.63, we had receipts of \$1,250, interest of \$1.02, giving us a total of \$12,271.65. Expenses were \$2,020, leaving us an ending balance of \$10,251.65. In the Athletic Fund, we started out with \$3,679.74, we had receipts of \$410, giving us an ending balance, we had no disbursements, so we had an ending balance of \$4,089.74. And the Membership Committee beginning balance was \$7,855.27, we had receipts of \$8,957, giving us a total of \$16,812.27. We had disbursements of \$4,348, leaving us an ending balance of \$12,464.27. And recapping all five funds, we ended up with an ending balance of \$100,037.32.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE
MINNESOTA STATE AERIE F.O.E.

TO THE OFFICERS AND DELEGATES OF THE MINNESOTA STATE AERIE IN CONVENTION ASSEMBLED:

STATE SECRETARY AND TREASURER ACCOUNTS:

GENERAL FUND:

Cash balance, June 1, 2021.....	\$ 5,114.39
Receipts, June 1, 2020 to May 31, 2021.....	24,529.30
Interest.....	1.73
SUBTOTAL.....	\$29,645.42

Disbursements, June 1, 2020 to May 31, 2021.....	\$16,831.92
Cash balance, State Secretary's Books.....	12,813.50
Checks outstanding, May 31, 2019.....	0.00
BANK BALANCE, MAY 31, 2019.....	\$12,813.50

EDWARD JONES ACCOUNT:

Business Money Market #146880002788. June 1, 2021.....	\$60,411.39
Interest.....	6.77
Deposits.....	0.00
SUBTOTAL.....	\$60,418.16
Disbursements, June 1, 2020 to May 31, 2021.....	0.00
EDWARD JONES ACCOUNT TOTAL.....	\$60,418.16

MINNESOTA STATE AERIE PROMOTION FUND:

Business Money Market #146880002788. June 1, 2021.....	\$11,020.63
Receipts, June 1, 2020 to May 31, 2021.....	1,250.00
Interest Received.....	1.02
SUBTOTAL.....	\$12,271.65
Expenses, June 1, 2020 to May 31, 2021.....	2,020.00
Cash Balance, May 31, 2021.....	10,251.65
Checks Outstanding, May 31, 2021.....	0.00
BANK BALANCE, MAY 31, 2021.....	\$10,251.65

MINNESOTA STATE AERIE ATHLETIC FUND:

Checking Account Balance, June 1, 2021.....	\$ 3,679.74
Receipts, June 1, 2020 to May 31, 2021.....	410.00
SUBTOTAL.....	\$ 4,089.74
Disbursements, June 1, 2020 to May 31, 2021.....	0.00
Cash Book Balance.....	4,089.74
Checks Outstanding, May 31, 2021.....	0.00
BANK BALANCE, MAY 31, 2021.....	\$ 4,089.74

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE, MINNESOTA STATE AERIE:

Cash Balance, June 1, 2021.....	\$ 7,855.27
Receipts, June 1, 2020 to May 31, 2021.....	8,957.00
SUBTOTAL.....	\$16,812.27
Less Disbursements, June 1, 2020, to May 31, 2021.....	4,348.00
Cash Book Balance.....	12,464.27
Adjusted Unrecognized Debt.....	0.00
Checks Outstanding, May 31, 2021.....	0.00
BANK BALANCE, MAY 31, 2021.....	\$12,464.27

RECAP OF ALL FUNDS:

General Fund.....	\$12,813.50
Edward Jones.....	60,418.16
Promotion Fund.....	10,251.65
Athletic Fund.....	4,089.74
Membership Fund.....	12,464.27
TOTAL.....	\$100,037.32

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Rende, #2334, Chairman
 Jeff Allen, #3718
 Bob Parkin, #3063

BROTHER ALLEN: I make a motion we accept that report.

. . .Motion seconded by Brother Marion Henry, #873; motion carried. . .

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Next we have Special Order of Business. I'd like to introduce not only our Dakota State President Wayne Schatz, but his Dakota buddies Quinny and Paul as well. I had the opportunity to go to North Dakota last week and partake in their Convention. It was amazing, had a really good time. So hope we can show you guys the same hospitality. So thanks for coming.

Next we'll have the report of the Autism Fund. Bob Lee, would you like to come up and read that for me, please.

BROTHER LEE, PSP: Grand Worthy Officers, State Officers, my Brothers: Randy, first of all, I want to thank you for putting me on this Committee. My granddaughter has autism. This is the Autism report.

REPORT OF AUTISM FUND COMMITTEE

<u>AERIE NO.</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
33	St. Paul	
34	Minneapolis	
94	Stillwater	
269	Mankato	
287	Brainerd	
350	East Grand Forks	
351	Bemidji	\$ 100.00
620	Morris	
622	St. Cloud	
703	Austin	
873	Crookston	50.00
1163	Cloquet	
1243	Winona	
1460	Faribault	
1791	Owatonna	300.00
2212	Hastings	
2228	Rochester	
2242	Northfield	
2258	Albert Lea	
2334	Willmar	
2339	Fergus Falls	
2342	Detroit Lakes	
2368	Thief River Falls	75.00
2469	Grand Rapids	200.00
2617	Hallock	
3063	Alexandria	
3208	Bloomington	
3264	Elk River	
3282	Worthington	
3394	Fairmont	
3403	Luverne	
3405	Marshall	
3420	St. James	
3424	Litchfield	100.00
3486	Karlstad	
3718	New Brighton	
3882	Roseau	
3918	Tracy	
4031	Farmington	
4120	Shakopee	
4195	Warroad	
4456	Hibbing	
4472	Blaine	
4486	Blue Earth	
	TOTAL	\$ 825.00

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Lee, #2342, Chairman
Brent Rau, #873
Jerry Rahman, #2242

BROTHER LEE, PSP: For a grand total of \$775. (Committee read off.) Worthy President, I move for the adoption of this report.

STATE CONDUCTOR MELBY: Worthy President, for the purposes of discussion.

. . .Motion seconded by Brother Mike Melby, #350. . .

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion?

OUTSIDE GUARD MELBY: Wasn't District #2's charity this year autism? Should there not be a check? Just a question.

BROTHER DALE HANSON: I gave it to the State President, I believe. I gave it to the President to submit.

STATE CONDUCTOR MELBY: To which President? I'm sorry.

STATE TRUSTEE HADEL: To Dave Smith?

BROTHER HANSON: No, to our District President.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Josh?

BROTHER HANSON: Josh has got it. I gave the check to him.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Then he should have sent that to me, because I'm the Chairman.

STATE CONDUCTOR MELBY: There is some additional funds outstanding, coming in.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Before I send it off to Austin, I'll make sure I get that.

STATE CONDUCTOR MELBY: Yeah, I think we rounded up to \$1,000 from District #2, or did we go over that amount, do you remember, Dale?

BROTHER HANSON: I don't know. I've got to check back in my room.

STATE CONDUCTOR MELBY: Maybe we can follow up on that tomorrow.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Sounds good. Any other discussion?

. . .Motion carried. . .

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: We'll have a report of the Banquet Committee Chairman, Mike Brown. Whoop, whoop, sorry. We'll have the first reading of proposed changes to the By-Laws by Mike Hadel.

STATE TRUSTEE HADEL: Grand Worthy reps, State Officers, Delegates, visitors: This is the first reading of it.

I'm going to read first the purpose of what this By Law is all about, and I think it will help make it a little bit easier. The purpose is going to be to conduct the annual affairs of the Minnesota State Aerie in time of a state or national emergency. We all know what the last year has been.

REPORT OF BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

By-Law Addition

Section 1.1.1 Whenever the regular Annual Convention of the Minnesota State Aerie cannot be held, due to the nation being engaged in war or other national emergencies, the governmental, legislative and all other powers, functions, rights and duties of the Delegates in session shall be exercised by the Board of Directors, each of whom shall have one vote in all matters, until such convention can be held. In the event Annual Conventions are not thus held, the Board of Directors shall meet at least once a year.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Hadel, #34, Chairman
Gaylen Dvorsak, #3063
Mike Melby, #350

STATE TRUSTEE HADEL: This is the first reading. No discussion until after the third and final reading.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Thank you, Mike. There are no resolutions today, so I'll move on to the report of the Banquet Committee Chairman, Mike Brown. Looks like Richard Wog.

BROTHER WOG: Mike Brown couldn't be here today. He transferred up, not transferred, he moved to Fergus Falls. And as far as the banquet, that's totally sold out, we don't have any more tickets. We extended it two tickets, but it sold out, and we thank you for that.

Also, as long as I have the microphone, Worthy President, for the District hospitality room, you need your badge to get back, to get under the tents tonight. You need the badge. And if at all possible, we ask you to come through the front door, if you can. We understand that there has been some people that can't. We have that gate back there, and I guess if you're going to come through that gate, you're going to need those, you're going to need this badge. That's it, Worthy President.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Do we need a motion for that partial report?

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: Worthy President, I'll make a motion to accept the report of the Banquet Committee.

. . .Motion seconded by Brother Marion Henry, #873; motion carried. . .

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Partial report of the Credentials Committee, Roger Stephens.

BROTHER ROGER STEPHENS: Good afternoon. Number of Aeries that are represented is 23, Delegates was 43, Past Presidents 52, State Officers 10, Past State Presidents 15, visitors are 8. This is a partial report of the Credentials Committee.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Thank you. Before I go into announcements, Richard Wog from Willmar had a presentation he wanted to make.

BROTHER WOG: We have a presentation to our Grand Aerie rep Ray from Willmar Aerie #2334. Thank you so much for being here with us for this Convention.

GRAND AERIE INSIDE GUARD MEASEL: Thank you. I'm glad I don't have to fly.

BROTHER WOG: Worthy State President, this is for you.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Well, thank you very much.

BROTHER WOG: From Willmar Aerie #2334, and we thank you for the job you've done.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Appreciate it very much. Thank you very much. (Applause.)

We'll also have -- well, we'll go into announcements. I think Jon Smebak from Roseau had something to share with us.

BROTHER JON SMEBAK: Yes. As many of you know, I've come to the State Convention many times, and I do a little game of hide-and-peek. Look for these chips, I buy you a drink in the Club, I buy you a drink. For every one that gets turned in, I put \$10 to the Diabetes Research Center. Thank you. (Applause.)

(WHEREUPON, several announcements were made to the Delegates.)

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Any other announcements? Worthy Chaplain, will you close the Bible.

(WHEREUPON, there were additional announcements to the Delegates.)

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Now you can close the Bible, Worthy Chaplain. We'll recess until tomorrow at 9:00 a.m.

(WHEREUPON, the Opening Session of the One Hundred Eighteenth Annual Convention of the Minnesota State Aerie F.O.E. was concluded at 1:40 p.m.)

STATE AERIE AND AUXILIARY JOINT AWARDS BANQUET

Willmar Conference Center

June 17, 2021

6:55 p.m.

Willmar

(WHEREUPON, before dinner was served, the head table was introduced as follows: State President Randy Beggs and his wife Jean, Grand Aerie Inside Guard Ray Measel, Grand Tribunal Justice John Tobie, Madam State President Marlene Hanson and her husband Dale, Grand Aerie Representative Arline Giacomozzi, Madam North Central Regional President Angel Opdahl, Past Grand Worthy President Ron Malz and his wife Maureen, and Gwen Stallkamp and Kenny Ayers.)

BROTHER KEN KUNKEL, PSP: Well, my Brothers and Sisters and everybody: I've been informed that there is no dessert, so let's get this program on the road. All right? The Dairy Queen's right across the road. I am sure nobody will pick up the tab, but, you know, you can go over there on your own.

I think, first of all, I know we introduced the head table and the other people in here, but I think we should get up and give them a big hand. (Applause and standing ovation.) No, you don't have to get up, really, you can stay sitting.

I'm going to call on Randy Beggs, our State President, and he can introduce the State Officers.

STATE PRESIDENT RANDY BEGGS: Thanks, Ken. Good evening, Brothers and Sisters.

BROTHER AND SISTER EAGLES: Good evening.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: First, I want to thank Ken for being our emcee tonight. He's done a wonderful job so far and gone through some tough times already, so thanks, Ken.

I want to introduce Past Worthy President Larry Silverthorn and his wife Bina. (Applause.) Vice President Roger Hyatt and his wife Carolyn. (Applause.) Chaplain Darrell Spencer and his wife Judy. (Applause.) Conductor Mike Melby and his wife Beth. (Applause.) Inside Guard Doug Lind and his wife Leota. (Applause.) Outside Guard Jon Vogt and his wife Renee. (Applause.) Trustee Mike Hadel and his wife Ann. (Applause.) Trustee Jim Giesen and his wife Tina. (Applause.) And our baby Trustee Terry Lubitz and his wife Joan. (Applause.) Treasurer Bruce Meyer and his wife Cindy. (Applause.) Our Secretary and North Central Regional President John Batchelder and his wife Gayle. (Applause.) Assistant to the Secretary and the Membership Secretary-Treasurer Jake Fee and Ellie. (Applause.) My Membership Chairman Weasel and his wife Kelly. (Applause.) And of course I'd be in big trouble if I didn't introduce my wife Jen. (Applause.)

I'd like to have all the Past State Presidents stand up. (Applause.) And also I'd like to have all the Past North Central Regional Presidents stand as well. (Applause.) And I also want to give a shout out to our friends from the Dakotas, over there. Thanks for having us last week and welcome this week. (Applause.)

I'll turn it over to Marlene.

STATE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT MARLENE HANSON: I would like to have my State Officers stand, please. Sue Neu, Past State President. (Applause.) Carol Eveslage, where are you, Vice President?

SISTER EAGLE: Oh, she's outside.

STATE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT HANSON: Well, she'll get it. Nancy Wadsworth, our Chaplain. (Applause.) Kathy Plank, our Treasurer. (Applause.) Roxanne Skalicky, our Conductor. (Applause.) Madam Inside Guard had to go home, she had a boo boo, Diane Hinkemeyer. (Applause.) State Madam Outside Guard Linda Connell and her husband Ed. (Applause.) Tina Haugen and her husband Josh. (Applause.) Josh can't be here. Another Tina, Tina Giesen and her husband Jim. (Applause.) Crystal Cabana and her husband Cory. (Applause.) And our baby Trustee Bina Silverthorn. (Applause.) Our State Historian JoAnn Burkell. (Applause.) And Mom and Dad, Bob and Mary Lee. (Applause.) And big Brother Jon Smebak. (Applause.) And I also would like to recognize Arlene G. from the Grand. (Applause.) And Angel Opdahl from North Central Regional. (Applause.)

And all the Past State Madam Presidents, please stand. (Applause.) North Central Regional Past Presidents. (Applause.) And my husband Dale. (Applause.)

BROTHER DALE HANSON: I'm the Minnesota state chauffeur.

BROTHER KUNKEL, PSP: Thank you, Marlene. You know, things might be a little goofy up here tonight, because have you noticed on your tables, there is no program. So I don't know what the hell I'm doing up here. It's going to be right by the seat of my pants.

But I know one thing I must do is tell a joke. This is a little story about Ralph. That's all his name was, just Ralph. Well, years ago his name was Ralph Ding-a-ling. Well, he was really funny walking around town like that. So he went to dental school, and he got his diploma, so his name was Ralph Ding-a-ling, DDS. Well, after about two years of working on teeth and working in people's mouths, he wasn't too fond of that, so he decided to go to medical school; and he graduated and got his sheepskin, so his name was Ralph Ding-a-ling, DDS, MD. Well, that crazy devil, after about two, three years in the medical field, messed around with one of his female patients and he contracted venereal disease, so his name was Ralph Ding-a-ling, DDS, MD, VD. And of course, the medical people heard about this, so they took away his sheepskin, so his name was Ralph Ding-a-ling, DDS, VD. Now, the dental people heard about this thing too, so of course they took away his diploma, so his name Ralph Ding-a-Ling, VD. And wouldn't you know it, that damn VD took away his ding-a-ling, so his name was just Ralph. (Applause.)

All right. For the purpose of a presentation, I'm going to call on Randy Beggs.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Thank you, Ken. This year, my charity is Hospice of the Red River Valley of the North. As you know, some years ago I lost my wife to ovarian cancer, and one of her last wishes was for her to be at home; and hospice made that possible, and I was very grateful for that. And then shortly after that, my father was ill, and again, hospice came in and made him very comfortable at the end as well. So that's why I chose hospice as my charity this year.

I'd like to call up Curt from Hospice of the Red River Valley of the North so we can present a grant for him. (Applause.)

Curt, would you like to share a few words about hospice, please?

CURT SETER, HOSPICE RED RIVER VALLEY: Sure, absolutely. Well, thank you, Randy, and thank you, all the Eagles, Minnesota Eagles, thank you for allowing me to come here tonight, and delicious meal. I'm Norwegian, so anything free is always a good thing.

This year at Hospice of the Red River Valley, the number 40 is a big one for us. This is our 40th year of giving end of life care to people in our service area. We now serve 40 counties and 40,000 square miles. We are the biggest nonprofit, geographical hospice in the United States. (Applause.) We've given care to over 30,000 patients, and also 30,000 patients' families, which we take great pride in. We average about 420 patients a day. And it's, it's wonderful work. This is my seventh year, actually.

The reason that we keep expanding is because we hear from people that don't have access to hospice yet. We recently moved out to a couple counties near Bismarck. We're also going all the way to the Canadian border now in both North Dakota and Minnesota.

So we're just very grateful for the opportunity to serve these wonderful people, and I'm just grateful to be a part of it.

I'm a development officer. I also do patient quality care. So I've called about 8,000 primary caregivers in the last seven years. I'm the only one that's done that in our organization. I've talked to a 89-year-old daughter of a 108-year-old patient who was a primary caregiver, I've talked to a 98-year-old sister of a 106-year-old patient, and I've also talked to a 22-year-old single mother whose 32-day-old daughter was under our care.

So when I see birthdays in the '20s and '30s and '40s, they're all emotional, there is always grief, but I pretty much know that I'm going to be talking to a child of that patient. I'm born in 1954, I'm 67, so when I see 1954 as a patient year of birth, it always hits me a little bit, but usually the '50s and the '40s, I'm going to be talking to a spouse, and that ups the ante a little bit in terms of the grief and emotion.

When I see a birthday of a patient that's 2007 or 2014 or 2001, I usually take a little break before I make that call, because I know that I'm going to be talking to a parent. And I don't know if it matters if the patient is six years old or 46 years old, when I'm talking to a parent, that's an emotional conversation, and it's something that I -- you know, at work, for all of you, some days you're the hammer and some days you're the nail. When I have a lot of those in one day, I feel a little bit like the nail, but I always feel great satisfaction for doing it.

So I would be remiss also to mention that we're in the process of trying to build a \$22 million hospice house, freestanding hospice house. It would be the first one in the State of North Dakota and certainly in our service area, and we are planning to break ground in August, and that's a leap of faith, especially in this day and age. If anybody's got any construction going on right now, you know that it's a whole new ballgame. But I want to tell you that if there is anybody who would like to have their name on a building for the next 100 years, \$5 million would do that tonight (laughter), so you just let me know, and again, we don't have to go any farther than that 5 million, you've got your name on a building for the next 100 years.

So again, thank you so much to Randy, thanks for this generous gift. I do want to mention really briefly that this money will go to our bereavement program. And we give grief care and bereavement care to anyone in our service area who asks for it, whether or not they've had a loved one under our care or not; and we're required to have a bereavement program, and we've left that far in our rearview mirror. We are very proud of the grief support that we give. We go in schools. When they've

lost a teacher, when they've lost the classmate, we're called in, our grief people are called in, and we go. We do that for 12 months after the time that that bereavement starts.

And most of the money that we get through generosity, deliberate acts of generosity, which is what Randy's done and what you've done tonight, goes to our bereavement staff so we can keep that bereavement program robust, and that's the way we want it, because these poor people need support.

So once again, thank you so much for the free meal. Thank you, Randy, for having me here tonight. I've really enjoyed it, I've enjoyed my visit, so thank you once again. (Applause.)

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Thank you. On behalf of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, I'd like to present this grant of \$5,000.

CURT SETER, HOSPICE RED RIVER VALLEY: Awesome. (Applause.)

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: And then also through my travels, I've had some great, great visits with a lot of these clubs around the State of Minnesota, and they've done some great work for me, and I'm also presenting you \$2,362.50 from my travels, and there is more to come, because we're not done yet.

CURT SETER, HOSPICE RED RIVER VALLEY: Awesome. (Applause.)

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Thanks for coming, appreciate it.

CURT SETER, HOSPICE RED RIVER VALLEY: Thank you, my pleasure.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: At this time, I'd like to call Ellie up.

SISTER EAGLE: This is on behalf of District #2 Auxiliary.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: District #2 Auxiliary.

SISTER EAGLE: Add to your pile.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: So here is another \$152.51 and another \$300 as well. And also we have Ellie Koepf that wants to come up and have a presentation too.

SISTER ELLIE KOEPP: Well, good evening, Brothers and Sisters.

SISTER AND BROTHER EAGLES: Good evening.

SISTER KOEPP: So this past year, again, my Club of Litchfield needed an Assistant Gambling Manager and the Assistant Secretary for the bookwork, so I said I would do it and I'd volunteer; of course, demanding that they give donations to the charities of my choosing. With that being said, to both the Hospice of Red River Valley and to the Make-A-Wish of Minnesota, I have checks each written out for \$5,000. (Applause.)

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Thank you, Ellie. Marlene? Curt, thank you very much.

CURT SETER, HOSPICE RED RIVER VALLEY: Thank you very much.

STATE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT HANSON: Wow. Before I get -- hello. I have a card for Angel and Arlene here from the Minnesota Auxiliaries.

And at this time, I have Shauna Gake from Make-A-Wish come up. (Applause.)

SHAUNA GAKE, MAKE A WISH: Hello, everyone.

SISTER AND BROTHER EAGLES: Hello.

SHAUNA GAKE, MAKE-A-WISH: Thank you for having me out, and I can't even say how great the hospitality here is. And I have the best table.

My name is Shauna Gake. I am from Make-A-Wish Minnesota. We are one of 59 chapters throughout the country. Our office is located in St. Paul, but we serve the entire State of Minnesota with the donations that we receive. We grant wishes to children with life-threatening illnesses, and our goal is to grant wishes for every child that is eligible. So we couldn't do it without donations, and I'm just so grateful that you guys have chosen us.

I know that there is some personal ties to Make-A-Wish within this group here, and everybody probably knows somebody who's been touched by Make-A-Wish.

I myself am a wish mom. My daughter had a wish granted in 2017. She was 16 at the time and went to Nashville to see the Country Music Awards. We couldn't have done that without the help of Make-A-Wish, and that was the turning point for her. It was a rough year leading up to it, it's been rough after it, but for that amount of time that she was part of the Make-A-Wish family, it was like our old daughter was back. She had hope, she just had a different outlook of the future, and I can't thank Make-A-Wish enough for doing that, and it directly relates to all of you who generously donate to make these wishes come true for our children that need them so desperately.

So I've been with Make-A-Wish since 2017 when she had her wish granted. I work part-time. I am a full-time volunteer with Make-A-Wish all over the State, anywhere I can go to get the word out of how important it is.

BROTHER KUNKEL, PSP: What's the average cost of a wish?

SHAUNA GAKE, MAKE-A-WISH: The average cost of a wish. Anyone want to guess? Average cost is \$10,000. They're not all that much, some of them cost more. Most wishes revolve around travel, and that's where the largest expense comes from.

Several of them, over the past year, because of COVID, had to make some changes. We have a lot of kids that aren't able to travel because of COVID. Wishes have changed from I wish to go somewhere to I wish to have. So they've received campers and computers and fishhouses, swimming pools. Everything costs money. Everything is from volunteers. Everything is from donations.

So we granted 160 wishes last year, despite COVID. Normally we grant around 300 wishes for the year. So we have a little catch-up to do. The kids are still in queue. Their wishes are approved; they're just waiting for travel to open up again.

So this next year we're looking, by the time we finish this year out, it will be the 300 wishes that we would normally have, plus about 150 wishes that are still waiting for travel this year. So we're going to have somewhere between four and five hundred wishes get granted this year with your donations. (Applause.)

Thank you. Keep giving.

STATE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT HANSON: Well, I have checks here for you from, I have a raffle starting for my charity for \$4,370.50, and the \$5,000 grant from the Grand Aerie, and the one from Ellie just now, \$5,000, a \$20 check just came in the mail, and our Minnesota State Auxiliary made \$672 for you. (Applause.)

SHAUNA GAKE, MAKE-A-WISH: I'm just amazed by your generosity. I didn't know anything about this group when I was asked to come here tonight. Sitting at my table, I've learned a little more about what you guys do, what you stand for, your mission; and considering all the really great charities out there that you have the option to spend your time and money with, I am just blown away that this much has come for Make-A-Wish. So you're making a difference, and thank you. (Applause.)

STATE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT HANSON: The total is \$15,062.15. (Applause.)

BROTHER KUNKEL, PSP: Thank you for being here, and thank you. Keep up your good work, because I know those kids love it.

SHAUNA GAKE, MAKE-A-WISH: Thank you.

BROTHER KUNKEL, PSP: Yup. All right, Ron Malz, I understand you have a presentation you'd like to make.

BROTHER RON MALZ, PSP: Which one?

BROTHER KUNKEL, PSP: I don't know. It's for Jeff Olson.

BROTHER MALZ, PSP: All right. You know, I'm not going to try and make it up those steps, the way my knees are, so I'm going to say it from here.

BROTHER KUNKEL, PSP: All right. I'll give you the mic. You probably don't need it.

BROTHER MALZ, PSP: Is Jeff here?

SISTER AND BROTHER EAGLES: Yeah.

BROTHER MALZ, PSP: Okay. If I could get him to come up here for a second. Confidence Learning Center was my charity for when I was President, Grand Worthy President. We did pretty good in nine months, which was about all we had. We were hoping for a lot better. But we did present a check at the Camp for \$140,000. (Applause.) And you know, it could have been a lot more than that.

But then I got a call a couple months ago from our chief cook and bottle washer at the Grand Aerie, Larry Rush. Well, they were setting everything up for the taxes and doing all their final accounting. All of a sudden he comes back and he says, "We found some more money." Now, it's not a lot compared to what we had before, but they sent me a check for \$596 that they found laying in a corner someplace. (Applause.) So Jeff, thank you.

BROTHER JEFF OLSON: Thank you, Ron. I love it when they find a problem like this.

BROTHER MALZ, PSP: Well, yeah, you never know what they're going to find at the last minute.

BROTHER OLSON: Well, thank you, and Brothers and Sisters, at our Aerie meeting today, John Tobie did an excellent job of sharing the 52 years that Confidence Learning Center had been associated with the Eagles, the Minnesota Fraternal Order of the Eagles.

He shared that we served what we call everybody campers, whether they're children, or we had one of our campers 101 when she passed away. So we serve from every county in the State of Minnesota, and like we said this afternoon, what a crazy unique year, and as my mom said and I shared it with you at the National, God works in mysterious ways. And Brothers and Sisters, you made a big, big difference in a really crazy year for our campers at Confidence Learning Center.

One thing I didn't share at the afternoon meeting. We crossed over serving a half a million camper days this year. (Applause.) Last year, it was pretty slow, but for the 52 years that the camp has been in operation, the Minnesota Fraternal Order of Eagles have been there the whole way, totaling over half a million. Thanks, Ron.

BROTHER MALZ, PSP: Sorry it couldn't have been a lot more, but it was something they scraped off the floor, so. Thank you.

BROTHER KUNKEL, PSP: Thank you, Ron. Marlene, you say you have a drawing to do quick?

STATE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT HANSON: Yes.

BROTHER KUNKEL, PSP: Quick one, though.

STATE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT HANSON: Whoever bought my raffle tickets, we're going to draw right now, but I need the person from Make-A-Wish and the Hospice to come to draw the names.

This is for you, Randy, for all you've been through. (Applause.)

BROTHER KUNKEL, PSP: Two Vanna Whites.

STATE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT HANSON: And we're going to have Shauna draw the first prize, which is an FOE sign. Albert Deleon from East Grand Forks. (Applause.) Second prize is, the second prize is a Minnesota Nice basket, because my neighbor Kay Rosengren gave me a basket to put stuff in if I would use it for my charity, and I did, and the second prize goes to Stephanie, Stephanie -- can you make it out? Zimlicker?

BROTHER KUNKEL, PSP: Zimlicker.

STATE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT HANSON: Zimlicker.

BROTHER KUNKEL, PSP: Yeah, that sounds good. Lexington, Minnesota.

STATE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT HANSON: Lexington, Minnesota.

BROTHER KUNKEL, PSP: Apartment 202.

STATE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT HANSON: Okay. The third prize is a Happy Spirit basket, that's that basket.

GRAND AUXILIARY ANGEL OPDAHL: I could have won just as well as anybody.

STATE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT HANSON: Cindy and Audrey. (Applause.) Fourth prize is a blanket. Lovely models modeling it. Carolyn Skogstad from Roseau. And each of the prizes has what FOE stands for, there is applications for Aerie and Auxiliary, so. Angel, did you get your application in?

SHAUNA GAKE, MAKE-A-WISH: It was offered. I think maybe I will get one.

STATE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT HANSON: This is the last prize. It's a nice windchime. And we need a draw. Ms. Linda Connell. (Applause.) Thank you all for buying tickets. (Applause.)

BROTHER KUNKEL, PSP: Now we're getting down to some serious business, or would you like to hear a story?

SISTER EAGLE: Story, story.

BROTHER KUNKEL, PSP: Well, this is the story when Ole and Lena first come to this country, and they got off the plane, and the customs officer looked at Ole's passport and he says, "I see here by your passport your name is Ole Svenson." "Yeah." "And I see you stand six foot, two." He says, "Yeah." "And you weigh 240 pounds." He says, "Yeah." "Okay, you go ahead." So Lena comes up and he looks at her passport, and he says, "I see here by your passport your name is Lena Svenson." She says, "Yeah." "And I see that you stand five foot, two." She says, "Yeah." And then he says, "Well, I see here you weigh 350 pounds." She says, "Yeah." Well, he said, "You know, you could play for the Green Bay Packers." She says, "No, I just play with Ole's pecker." (Applause.) That one was a little tougher.

Anyhow, Mike, would you come up and do the Eagle of the Year presentation, please.

BROTHER MIKE HANSON, PSP: Brothers and Sisters, first off, I want to say thank you, Randy, for giving me the honor of being your Chairman for Eagle of the Year.

This year, we're going to have two letters, both '19-20, 2019-2020, and 2020-21. I left them in the room. I also got \$10 for you, Randy. We have two guys that didn't bring their Eagle of the Year pins to the breakfast today, so that's for your charity. I won't mention the names. Hello. I won't mention any names.

Right off, can I get all the past Eagle of the Years, please stand and be recognized. I know there is some of you out there. (Applause.) For those of you who don't know, these are the people that vote for the Eagle of the Year, the only ones that vote for the Eagle of the Year. So blame them.

First, the first one I'll be reading is the 2019-20 that we didn't get to last time.

BROTHER EAGLE: 2020, Hanny, 2020.

BROTHER HANSON, PSP: It's 2019-2020.

BROTHER EAGLE: Oh, okay.

BROTHER HANSON, PSP: You listen to Batchelder too much. It's that damn-ass COVID thing, you know, we had to miss one year. Okay.

Mr. Conductor, could you search the room and find that person that we discussed, please. And while I'm reading this letter, Larry, could you come up to the podium, please? Yeah, you, Larry Silverthorn. Since you didn't get to be here last year, you get to pin the pin on this person. All right, here we go.

Nomination for Eagle of the Year 2019-20.

STATE CONDUCTOR MIKE MELBY: Got it.

BROTHER HANSON, PSP: This Brother is always one of the first people to volunteer for whatever needs to be done at our Club. Over the past year, this Brother could be seen volunteering for fish fries, steak fries, pork chops, weeding the lawn, making signs for the social room, the Aerie

anniversary party, decorating the Club for Christmas and other holidays, running the New Year's Eve bowling tournament. During the shutdown for the coronavirus, this Brother was the first to step up and say let's get all these items on the repair list done while we are closed. Then they organized what needed to be done and found the volunteers and scheduled days to help out, get it done. All the hallways of the Club were painted, all the broken electrical outlets were switched or replaced, a new TV was installed, the ceiling in the social room and men's room were repaired, and then the whole room was repainted. The men's room by the hall was remodeled. Old wiring was removed, tables were fixed, new lights were installed in the pull tab booth, behind the bar, all the pop lines and cables were tied up and underneath the bar so they were out of the way. These are just some of the over 40 items that this person accomplished while we were closed. Thanks to this Brother. It took a lot of work to get these items accomplished, and this Brother was there every time the work was being done and helping out. This Brother also has taken on the responsibility of Co-Chairperson of the stockyard days. The last few years it was the biggest fundraiser for our Club. It's a three day long, three days long working up at Long Lake Park, besides getting all the volunteers and materials needed to make the weekend a successful event for our Club. When asked, this Brother didn't hesitate saying yes to helping the Brainerd Eagles put on a small golf tournament for the North Central Regional Convention this past year, and is helping them with putting on the year's Eagles State golf tournament. I'm sure there are other things this Brother has done over the past year that I should have mentioned, but they have done so much, it's hard to remember everything. This Brother is truly worthy of being Eagle of the Year. I hereby nominate Becky Korsunsky. (Applause.) For Eagle of the Year, from Eagles #3718.

STATE CONDUCTOR MELBY: And the plaque reads: 2020 Minnesota State Eagle of the Year presented to Becky Korsunsky in recognition and appreciation for your outstanding dedication to the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Congratulations, my Brother. You deserve this. Thank you. (Applause.)

SISTER EAGLE: Becky, Becky, Becky.

BROTHER HANSON, PSP: Will you pin this pin on Becky, since you were going to do it last year. Well, the year before that when we weren't here. Be careful what you're sticking there.

BROTHER SILVERTHORN, Jr.PSP: Right here.

BROTHER HANSON: Easy.

BROTHER SILVERTHORN, Jr.PSP: There now. Make sure you wear that. You've got this. (Applause.)

BROTHER HANSON: Rebecca, a few words?

BROTHER BECKY KORSUNSKY: Oh, wow. First of all, and he's going to hate me for this, but I would not be an Eagle member if it was not for my boyfriend, Tim, so I owe this to him. (Applause.) This is such a wonderful organization, and I am extremely proud to be an Eagle and to be a part of it, and I can't thank you -- just thank you. (Applause.)

BROTHER HANSON: Congratulations, Becky. Mike, where is Mike? You've got one more to go get.

STATE CONDUCTOR MELBY: I know. There is some beer to be drank.

BROTHER HANSON, PSP: Next year when you're Chaplain, you know how to do it.

The second, this letter for 2021.

BROTHER EAGLE: Mic.

BROTHER HANSON, PSP: Eat it. All right, Eagle of the Year for 2021. I don't want to say that, it will give it away. Our local Aerie Eagle of the Year is a 20-year member of our Club. He has also attended every State Convention since 2009. With COVID taking up most of the air in the room, blank was very happy and a positive role model of our Aerie. He was a President of our Club last year, and with the aid of the RiverView Hospital, he started a project called Grant's Bears. What that is is the hospital gives bears to small children hospitalized to help with the traumatization they may be experiencing. Since reopening because of COVID, blank worked for the Secretary and the Board of Directors to start serving food at our Thursday and Friday bingo nights. This has been successful and he has not missed one single night. (Applause.) We can always depend on Brent to help out at the banquet hall. He's always willing to help, and a smile that will light up any room. The only exception might be do not say anything bad about his beloved Vikings. Just a few months ago, the home Brent was living in caught on fire. After fleeing his apartment with his mother, he rushed to the upstairs apartment to wake up the young mother living there. Without his quick reaction, this incident may have had a completely different outcome. With everything that Brent has done at our Club and community this year, it is not hard to see why Brent Rau is Eagle of the Year. Congratulations, Brent. (Applause.)

STATE CONDUCTOR MELBY: Damn you, Donny Wintersteen. I might have to do the Donny Wintersteen here.

2021 Minnesota State Eagle of the Year presented to Brent Rau in recognition and appreciation for your outstanding dedication to the Fraternal Order of Eagles. My Brother, thank you so very much. (Applause.)

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Brent, I get to present this pin to you, pin it on you, my friend. Outstanding job. You get it pinned on. There you go, my friend. Congratulations. You deserve it, you earned it, you're a mentor to us all. (Applause.)

BROTHER BRENT RAU: Well, I don't know what to say, though. Just great to have a great Eagles family up here and plus with a great team, we all work together. Just so humbling just to be nominated, to even think I had a chance, but couldn't do it without the senior members and -- thank you, everybody. (Applause and standing ovation.)

BROTHER HANSON, PSP: Thank you, Brent.

SISTER EAGLE: Go Vikings.

BROTHER KUNKEL, PSP: You know, a number of years ago when I first met Brent, he come up to me one day and he says, "I've got a personal question to ask you." I thought oh, boy, what now. He said, "Do you mind if I call you Uncle Kunkel?" You can call me Uncle Kunkel any damn time you want, Brent.

All right. Let's go over to the Auxiliary for Eagle of the Year. Kathy Plank, I believe. Kathy, if you want to just stay down here, I'll hand you the mic. I think it's less treacherous than coming up behind this -- what do we call this here? No, we're not walking the plank.

MADAM TREASURER KATHY PLANK: Thank you. First of all, I would like to thank the ladies that were on our Committee. Sherry Peters, Kelly Henry, Sue Neu, Melanie Jarvis. (Applause.) So if you girls can maybe find us a winner. We, like the men, did not have any winners last year, so this is for 2019-2020.

My Auxiliary Sister deserves the honor of Eagle Sister for her service this past year to our Auxiliary. She's a member who's well-known in the Auxiliary for her leadership, performance of duties, meeting attendance, volunteering, and actively participating in the local Auxiliary. Before, during, and after COVID restrictions allowed our Eagles to open, she was in action. After we were allowed to have meetings, she presented at the meeting the idea of having beanbag teams at our Club. She started talking to the bars she knows in the city, promoting the Eagles as part of a campaign to have the Eagles Club post a beanbag weekly tournament. She put together a list of local businesses, contacted them, and worked with other Auxiliary members to promote the teams. A permit was needed to use the parking lot behind the Eagles. She contacted the city to follow up on getting the permit. With her active persuasion, she has at least two teams formed. Last year, we were in the COVID closedown, she kept in contact with members, both Aerie and Auxiliary. A phone call from this member brought a lot of joy and really connected to others. At the last meeting this month that we had, when the Auxiliary went into a discussion on clothing, she presented how much the Auxiliary means to those of us who attend the meetings. A group of Eagle Sisters sharing not just Eagle business, but laughing and enjoying each other's company. Once the meeting started up again, she attended and brought active discussions on future fundraising. There was a reminder that the chili feed that was to be held prior to COVID, what changes we will make for our fundraisers, a successful money raiser. At the meeting she led the talk on promoting, setting up, cleaning up, and cooking for fundraisers. She's been an Officer in the past and continues to keep involved with promoting the Aerie and the Auxiliary. My Sister deserves the honor of Eagle of the Year for leading, guiding, attending meetings, volunteering, and keeping our local Auxiliary off a glide. She has been and continues to be active for the Eagles in the community and her family. And the honor goes to Phyllis Thompson from Minneapolis #34. Phyllis is not here. So if you want to come and take the award?

SISTER ANN HADEL: May I tell why she's not here? Oh, my God, that's my Phyllis, that's our Phyllis.

MADAM TREASURER PLANK: Her name's not engraved, but we can get that done. Minnesota State Sister Eagle of the Year.

SISTER HADEL: Can I talk?

MADAM TREASURER PLANK: Yeah.

SISTER HADEL: This lady is 90, she's just turned 91. Phyllis Thompson, anybody who knows our Phyllis, I mean, she is dynamite. She -- oh, and the coolest thing was when she got our District, she was so pleased, of course, you know, and I mean, she's pleased, and she's not -- she's there, she promotes, charities, anything, first to talk, first to do, and the greatest part in the whole world is she's never going to move past darts, because that's her possession.

MADAM TREASURER PLANK: Thank you. You can present that to her. Thank you.

SISTER HADEL: Thank you.

MADAM TREASURER PLANK: Okay, and we had five letters for that year, for 2019-2020. For the 2020 and 2021, we had six letters.

And this one says: We have a member who has been doing many things for her Auxiliary, like being an Officer, being on the Ritual team, always helping in the kitchen, mainly as a dishwasher, for catering, and helping with fish fries. This past year, she stepped up to take charge of burger night. They changed her kitchen duties due to COVID. So she makes sure the burger crew follows the protocol: Taking their temperature when they arrive, instructing them to wear masks and gloves, also to complete a questionnaire for safety of the workers and our customers, so we can stay open. At the close of this past year, it hurt our fundraising activities. She has taken her volunteering very seriously and has done a great job advising and working activities and fundraisers. This year, she has done a great job as Membership Chairman, informing us of the President's theme, giving out gifts that she pays for herself. She hands out applications and checks us at a meeting to make sure we have an application, and you never know when the opportunity will rise to sign someone up. Ritual is very dear to her. She memorizes her card and fills in for others when they cannot attend for our initiation ceremony. She participates on the Ritual team for State competition. She is happy to give a Sister a ride to a meeting or to a District meeting. She attends every Auxiliary meeting. She's on Committee for our community festival, attends those meetings and reports back to us so we have a good working relationship. (Applause and standing ovation.) This is a hard one, but I want to finish reading the letter. I'm only halfway through it.

Due to COVID, she was laid off from her job, so she has more time to volunteer at the Eagles, at her local food shelf, and her and her husband are very active in their church. She is currently our

District Secretary, does a great job keeping everyone informed of their duties for the meetings so that they run smoothly. Also, as a State Officer, does her duty to be on committees and follow through with all the State Officer duty. Our Sister has grown over the years from a quiet lady who joined to one who now has more confidence and has made many friendships with new people at many Eagles Clubs. She has told us the Eagles was good for her and has helped her to become a better person. We can assure you that she is a hard worker at everything she does. She's had health issues in the past, which she has overcome and made her stronger, and now has the will to make every day count for a better [inaudible] and the situations around her. She has demonstrated this during the past year, and we know she will continue to work at all levels for the Eagles, as she has the Eagles spirit in her heart. We are proud to nominate our Sister and friend for Sister of the Year. And now you know it's Nancy Wadsworth. (Applause.)

Nancy, we have a plaque for you, it says Minnesota State Sister of the Year for 2021. We'll get that engraved. Do you want to say something?

SISTER EAGLE: It's not easy.

SISTER NANCY WADSWORTH: Can't find too many words, but I'm just honored to be thought of and submitted from New Brighton and to take Fourth District. Never in my wildest dreams would think that it will go this far. Thank you. (Applause and standing ovation.)

MADAM TREASURER PLANK: Thank you to the Committee members. We appreciate your help, and we made some people very happy during this meeting. Thank you.

BROTHER KUNKEL, PSP: All right. I think we'll call on Karen Potratz. Would you come up, Karen, and do the Auxiliary Secretary of the Year, please. And if you would just stay down there, because it's treacherous up here.

SISTER KAREN POTRATZ, PSP: Why, because Randy's up there?

BROTHER KUNKEL, PSP: No. We don't need anybody falling off the back of this thing.

SISTER POTRATZ, PSP: Want to do it?

SISTER DEBRA HENRY, PSP: First of all, I want to say Sue Neu, thank you for asking me to be on the Committee last year. I was submitted one letter. I held onto it and submitted it this year, as everybody else has, so 2019-2020, and then Karen had 2021. Unfortunately, the Committee this year had set or -- I'm losing my train of thought. Unfortunately, the letter was not -- was disqualified. Thank you, Karen. So sorry to say that, but we'll turn it over to Karen so she can do this year.

SISTER POTRATZ, PSP: Thank you, Debra. We seem to have a few missing people here that get awards. But would the Committee go find the daughter-in-law of the recipient, and I'll start reading it. Linda, Debra, and Denise.

Our Auxiliary would like to nominate this very special member as Secretary of the Year. She has been an active member for many years. While Secretary, she makes sure that everything ran smoothly, keeping accurate records and keeping up with many changes that come with this position. Always willing to help out with many activities at the Club, volunteering for dinners, reunions, weddings, funeral lunches, the fair booth, and decorating our Club. The list is long, and we're fortunate to have her in our Auxiliary. Co-chairing our local children's Christmas party planning, shopping for needed items-- gifts, prizes, and the foods to be served--working with start to finish. The children love this letter. I love this letter too, because the name ain't in here yet and it's easier to read. Helping with our harvest dinner held in November, working in the kitchen prior to the event, helping with the setup and serving and cleanup. Proceeds from this dinner goes to our local food shelf. Oftentimes recruiting her husband for many of the above events. Together they love attending their children and grandchildren's activities throughout the year. We hope you will consider this awesome Sister for Secretary of the Year. You've got the son coming up too. And it's Luanne Kuschel of Grand Rapids. (Applause.)

The 2021 Doris Anderson Memorial Minnesota State Auxiliary Madam Secretary of the Year, Luanne Kuschel, Grand Rapids Auxiliary #2469.

SISTER EAGLE: Whoo-hoo.

SISTER POTRATZ, PSP: Luanne gave it up, because she's in Arizona in the winter too.

SISTER DEREKIA KUSCHEL: Had she not been going to Arizona, she would be here to get this, because she would still be the Secretary. But because she's in Arizona for six months, now I had to take over. So she was a great mentor, things are running great at our Club. So this is a well-, well-deserved honor for my mother-in-law, so thank you.

SISTER POTRATZ, PSP: Thank you, Ken.

BROTHER KUNKEL, PSP: Thank you, Karen. All right, Mr. Batchelder, you want to come up and do the Aerie Secretary of the Year, please, and thank you. And he takes the long way around.

STATE SECRETARY JOHN BATCHELDER: I need the steps. Good evening, everyone. I think I will ask Bruce Meyer to come up and read this letter. This letter will be for the 2020, sorry, 2019-2020 Secretary of the Year.

STATE TREASURER BRUCE MEYER, PSP: I'm just glad I didn't have read Brent's. Starts out, I would like to nominate this person from this town for our Secretary of the Year. She's been a member for seven years and our Secretary for five years. She has and continues to make a huge difference in our Club. She has completely organized our membership, gives complete and accurate reports at the Aerie meetings, continually updates the bar staff on membership and complete roster, ensures new members are initiated, and generally keeps all Aeries in order. She continually keeps the Trustees and Officers

updated on our membership status. She makes sure that any topic action is followed up after the meeting and brought forward to the Trustees or Officers is followed up. The meeting minutes are thorough and she completes all items, applications that come to the Club in a timely matter within specific deadlines, license, conventions, county fair contracts. Wow, wish this was in bigger letters. Previously the newsletter was not done on a regular basis--no, thank you--to make sure that the call for information is sent out to all Officers, committees, and employees to ensure all information is placed in the newsletter. The newsletter is now done every month. This is mailed to every member without an email, emailed to those that do not place online for anyone to view. This has been crucial to keeping our members informed and ensures they have all the pertinent information and dates for meetings, events, and any opportunities for volunteerism. Plus, has taken it to bring in new members. In 2017, she won third place in the Grand Aerie national newsletter contest, which put our Club in the SOAR magazine. She works diligently to market our Club. She updates our website and Facebook page every week and continually posts events and news to keep members informed and to, once again, encourage new membership. She works at our local newspaper and ensures proper advertising and informs the Trustees of upcoming opportunities to advertise. An example is working with the Brainerd Dispatch in creating a wrap that was placed in the October 2017 newspaper. She worked with our members, but the community. Following that publication of the wrap, we have noted a steady increase in new people coming into the Club; in addition have secured new membership. I believe that her work has paid off for the Club and we have seen a steady increase in membership and visitors, as people see what is going on and what we do as a Club. She is well-deserving of this award. She also was nominated and received our Eagle of the Year in 2018. She makes a big difference at our Club and our community. And her name is, I left it out, it's Kim--I don't see her last name--Bachman.

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: Bachman. Right there.

STATE TREASURER MEYER, PSP: Yeah, Kim Bachman. She's not here.

BROTHER EAGLE: She's not here.

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: John, do you have someone -- there you go, Roger is coming up. That will work. (Applause.)

STATE TREASURER MEYER, PSP: Rog, on behalf of the State Aerie, the Floyd Svenby Memorial Award, 2020 Minnesota State Secretary of the Year presented to Kim Bachman. (Applause.) Don't leave yet, Rog.

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: Well, you can maybe leave for a little while.

BROTHER KUNKEL, PSP: You might have to share that half a year.

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: So what should we do here? Because this was for 2019-2020, and normally the traveling trophy goes to the Secretary of the Year for a year. We have two years.

SISTER EAGLE: How about six months?

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: Six months?

BROTHER EAGLE: Yeah, six months.

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: Six months. So, okay, after we're done here, we'll bring the trophy over to Kim for six months. Then she can get it to our next recipient for the following six months.

Before I go in to reading the second letter, Bruce at the appropriate time will bring up the winner. The Special Awards Committee is chaired by myself, but it consists of all the Past State Presidents. So now you know who to blame. No, I feel very, it's a very honorable place to be, standing up here and giving all these awards, just as I'm sure it is with Hanny Hanson.

So here we go into the second Secretary of the Year. Thank you for not helping me.

SISTER EAGLE: We didn't know what you were thinking.

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: We, the members of somewhere, present to you, the Minnesota State Secretary of the Year Committee, our nomination for this award. As we have learned over the years, a Secretary is not only a Secretary, but a leader in the Club. So and so is that type of leader. With the COVID affecting our clubs last year, he was quick to assume that leadership to keep our Club afloat. He was checking out available grants and applying for them. He not only got the paperwork in for the Payroll Protection Program grants, but with his affiliation as a city council member, he knew what we qualified for as a city grant. These grants allowed us to put in new windows in the Club and in the office. The new windows will help our heating and cooling expenses for many years. With the Trustees taking over the management of the Club, he has been upfront on all the Governor's mandates and making sure the Club is staffed, as well as the daily routines of our Secretary. Just recently, he was asked by the Grand Aerie to go into another Club to aid them in becoming compliant. As he was doing this, he was asked to go to another Club to try and mediate a dispute among a few members. As to not make this too long, here are a few things that he does to keep us informed on how the Club is doing. At our two meetings each month, he is always promoting membership and stressing net gain. He makes sure the benefit fund has sufficient funds to pay per capita tax and death benefits. I would hope so, right? He keeps exceptionally good minutes of each meeting, he reads minutes of previous meetings, and he is always making sure we stay in compliance with the Grand Aerie. With the membership, with we, the members, with we the members feel Jake Fee would be a great Minnesota State Secretary of the Year. (Applause.) I recognize him, the men might recognize him as someone that takes minutes for me all the time.

ASSISTANT STATE SECRETARY JAKE FEE: Makes him look good.

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: Kind of tall, aren't you? Present you with the Floyd Svenby Memorial Award, 2021 Minnesota State Secretary of the Year presented to Jake Fee. (Applause.)

ASSISTANT STATE SECRETARY FEE: Speech, huh. Well, I'm going on my 12th year as Secretary of #873, and my only question is what the hell took you guys so long.

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: Let's take that letter back.

ASSISTANT STATE SECRETARY FEE: No, I really am kidding. This is a great honor, I really do appreciate the, I'm sure it was Bruce who wrote the letter, and I really appreciate that, and it means a lot to me. But really, you know, I'm not here for awards or titles. Or everybody in this room is for one reason, and that's just our mission of People Helping People. Everything that we did tonight with Make-A-Wish and Randy's with Hospice of Red River Valley, that's what we're all here for, so that's what it's all about. But I'll still take this with great honor. So thanks, everybody. (Applause.)

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: Okay, so as you heard just a few moments ago, this traveling trophy will be yours in about six months.

ASSISTANT STATE SECRETARY FEE: To this day?

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: Not to this day. I make no promises.

BROTHER KUNKEL, PSP: As long as you're there, do the Hall of Fame also.

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: Well, that's a new folder.

BROTHER KUNKEL, PSP: You don't have that with you?

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: Yeah, I do. Earlier, I did. All right. We're going to move right into the Hall of Fame, it looks like. Once again, this is the same Committee, Special Awards Committee. And I would like to call on Mr. Ron Malz to read this letter. Ron, would you be so kind? He must be. He's coming up.

BROTHER MALZ, PSP: As long as I don't have to go up there.

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: We set this up just for us.

BROTHER MALZ, PSP: I'm proud to. And I'll read this letter. I know the person is not here tonight, and I don't think anybody from his Aerie is here this week, which is a shame, because normally they're here all the time. But, oh, what the heck.

We at Eagles Aerie #33 respectfully request that John H. Kuhn, Secretary for Aerie #33, be considered to the Hall of Fame for exceptional respect and service for the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Jack has been the Secretary for 17 years and can be counted on to perform his secretarial duties in a complete and timely manner. He also is a bar manager, that includes the ordering for the bar and also the limited food and opening the bar most days of the week. To save the Club money, Jack does the shopping and picks up liquor to increase profits for the Club. He demonstrates leadership by coordinating weekly steak dinner, and this involves time on his part to order steaks and supplies that he also picks up. As chef, he carefully prepares each steak for grilling and cooks to the customer's preference, which he does very well. The second activity provided is a monthly wrestling match. He has made sure it is clean and is good fun for all. He has set it up so that the Club sells hotdogs and walking tacos to the audience, who love both the wrestling and the food. Jack provides space for the local community to have birthday parties, retirement parties, and even celebrations of life. He is there to manage the bar and make sure everyone has what they need to have a good time. Any repairs to the building are carefully managed and provided by Jack, his family, and members of the Club. There recently was a project that took over 12 hours to complete, but it was completed in one day. This project included the replacement of water heater, along with replacement pipes for better water flow. The Club has provided Jack a great way to spend his time during his retirement. He is now in the process of training a new bartender that hopefully will draw a younger crowd. Jack attends and actively participates in the District, State, and National Convention. Now, Jack is not getting any younger, but don't tell him that, and we feel he has dedicated himself in his later years to promote, maintaining, and willingly volunteering in all these activities. We ask your goodwill in the consideration of John "Jack" Kuhn for this well-earned and well-deserved recognition. Respectfully submitted by the Officers of Aerie #33. (Applause.) And I believe we have, could we have somebody from the Fourth District come up?

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: Actually, I've just been informed that Jack is here.

BROTHER MALZ, PSP: Oh, he is?

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: Just not in this room. He couldn't get tickets, so he's down at the Aerie and will be in the hospitality room, right?

SISTER EAGLE: Yes.

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: So I'll try and get everyone's attention down there sometime and we'll give a presentation down at the hospitality room, with the help of Richard or whoever.

BROTHER MALZ, PSP: Don't congratulate him.

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: Yeah, don't congratulate him, anyone. If you see him, be quiet.

BROTHER MALZ, PSP: No, I consider Jack a real good friend. I've known him for many, many years. We've always had a good time together, and I think this is well-deserved --

SISTER EAGLE: Oh, yeah.

BROTHER MALZ, PSP: -- for him. So thank you.

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: Remember, no texting, and if I know Jack, I don't think he receives texts anyways, does he?

SISTER EAGLE: No.

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: I suppose we could give the letter with that, right, Ron?

BROTHER MALZ, PSP: Oh, yeah.

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: And the Secretary of the Year letters, I do have yours, I forgot to send them with the trophies, so I'll hand those out also. And we do have the 2021 winner of the Hall of Fame to present next, and I am going to call on Robert E. Lee to do this presentation.

BROTHER ROBERT LEE, PSP: Thank you, John. Subject: Eagles State Aerie Hall of Fame nomination. I would like to present the nomination of Brother Ron Ankrum of Owatonna Aerie #1791. He is dedicated to the principles of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He has served in a great number of important roles in this Aerie, including Club manager, bar manager, gambling manager, and Worthy Secretary. In addition, Ron has served as Worthy President in 1983-84, was named Eagle of the Year in 1982, and he and his wife Vicky were named Mr. and Mrs. Eagle in 2010. Vicky has also served extensively, including three terms as Auxiliary President, his sister Barb was most accomplished banquet manager at our Club for many years, and Dad Eldon was a very active member and manager. Ron's entire family has been involved in so many Eagle activities, such as pancake breakfasts, fundraisers, and raffles for families in need, our annual cancer auction and activities such as member trips and tours. He makes it fun and is proud to be Owatonna Eagles. Brother Ron's outstanding leadership and service is also demonstrated in his unique ability to sign up new members. He has actively recruited new member for our Aerie for almost 50 years. Often, as an effective means of leadership, he gave the credit for members signed to his Brother Eagles. He has inspired and taught many other Brother Eagles to sign up, reinstate, and help for member sign-ups to his Brother Eagles. He has inspired and taught many other Brother Eagles to sign up, reinstate, and help retain members, thus helping keep Owatonna #1791 in the top ten in membership in Minnesota. As Worthy Secretary, he has led the way in working with State Office and Grand Aerie in transitions in the membership systems, even learning more about computers, etc., than he ever imagined possible. He has worked continuously with our Trustees and membership to help improve the financial condition of Aerie throughout the most challenging economic times. Even during COVID challenges, limitations, and closures of the past year, he has worked tirelessly at keeping our Aerie financially viable, our membership numbers very respectable and stable. He has worked to adjust necessary inventory levels and financial in both bar and food areas. He has led the way in many raffles, fundraisers, and activities, such as our Friday night fish fries and Wednesday bar bingo, to increase revenues and attendance at the Club. He has even helped out at custodian, janitor, or when needed. Brother Ron is a great ambassador for the FOE. He has made many lifelong friends while participating in most Eagle sports activities, including softball, pool, bowling, and golf, including many state and national tournaments. He is a great liaison and organizer when FOE #1791 has hosted Eagle State Tournaments and Conventions. I think that FOE #1791 has an outstanding and deserving candidate for the Eagle State Hall of Fame Award. To me and many other members, he represents the essence of what it means to be an Eagle. Ron Ankrum has been the face of our Aerie for many, many years. This award would be a great way to recognize his dedicated service to our Club. Fraternaly yours, Dale Benjamin, Past Worthy President, former Trustee. And before I have Ron Ankrum stand, I know he's not here, so I had to hide my pleasure to present him with this. But he's ill today, so he won't be here tonight.

SISTER HADEL: Can we say something on his behalf?

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: All right, so I know you'll deliver it to him. Here's the Hall of Fame plaque, and I'll get ahold of Ron in the future and get a snapshot of him, same with Jack, and we can get them on the Hall of Fame board right outside, and also the letter; and you wanted some words, so here you go.

BROTHER CURT CONCANNON: I'm the Owatonna Aerie #1791 President right now, and I've been a member since my dad initiated me in '85, but I've only been involved probably seven years; and Ron's, he's been my mentor, and without him, I wouldn't, I wouldn't be involved in the Eagles like I am. So he's very well-deserving, and I really appreciate you guys voting for him for Hall of Fame for this year. Thank you. (Applause.)

SISTER EAGLE: Ron and Vicky are just near and dear to our hearts. Ron, the Eagles Club is his life, the Eagles Club is his life, and we couldn't do it without him, and God bless him for everything he has done. He has brought more people into the community and has contributed to such amazing organizations, and he just, he just loves the Eagles Club, near and dear, and there would be nothing in his life but that Club. God bless him. And he's struggling today, and everybody keep him in his prayers, but he is Eagles through and through. People Helping People, there is nothing like that Ron Ankrum. Thank you, all. (Applause.)

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: And they're not lying about Ron. When I first got in, first face I saw in Owatonna was Ron. He's golfed up here many times, I've golfed with him many times. When they say he's in your face, he's in your face. Congratulations, Ron. That concludes my report of the Special Awards Committee. (Applause.)

BROTHER KUNKEL, PSP: Well, Ms. Cindy, I haven't forgotten you. Cindy Meyer, would you please do the Auxiliary Hall of Fame.

SISTER CINDY MEYER, PSP: I'm going to be quicker than you guys even know.

BROTHER KUNKEL, PSP: Here you go, Cindy.

SISTER MEYER, PSP: I'm sure you guys all want to leave, because we're getting kind of antsy, so we're just going to highlight what they've done, because I have three of them.

SISTER JoANN BURKEL, PSP: One from last year and two from this year, so. Okay. This is for Hall of Fame of 2019 and 2020. Last year, she took it personally when she realized our Auxiliary doesn't have Officers. We don't have an Auxiliary. She cried when she thought no one was going to take an office. Auxiliary members were thinking about dropping their membership and joining the Aerie. She took action and talked to and called all of our Auxiliary Officers to check if they would be taking an office. She pleaded, please, don't let our Auxiliary fold. Our long-time members have kept our Auxiliary going, and she is a long-time member who has held many of the Auxiliary offices. She has put in her time and continues to keep our Auxiliary and us going. She hasn't missed a meeting this year, except when she was on vacation. Okay. Everybody needs one of those. She passed on new fundraising and member information. She is active at meetings, with positive comments and points that add to our meeting. She uses her Eagles knowledge to keep us going. She never says a bad word about anyone, will not allow anyone to say anything bad about anyone else. She has been active in our Auxiliary and Aerie fundraising at the Club. And our Sister is Sheryl Pavlick from Hastings Auxiliary #2212.

SISTER MEYER, PSP: Is there anyone from Hastings here?

SISTER HADEL: I am.

SISTER MEYER, PSP: Oh, you are.

SISTER HADEL: She's a dual. I wrote the letter. I wrote it for one of our Auxiliary Sisters. Oh, another one of our older ladies, and this is Hastings, I'm a dual member there, and there again, for our older ladies, they've got their knowledge, they've got all support and encouraging everybody. She's wonderful. (Applause.)

SISTER BURKEL, PSP: Thank you.

SISTER MEYER, PSP: She's going to get that Tuesday. Okay, and I don't think this person is here neither. She volunteers for the Auxiliary and the Aerie since she joined, 19 years of membership. She promotes Auxiliary and Aerie together. Auxiliary Officers, Auxiliary meetings -- hold on. Meeting at meetings for absent Officers. Provides rides to the meeting for two Sisters members several years. She helps decorate for the hall, for the holidays, Eagles bar, social area, fun times. One summer, she spent the weekend painting our Eagles building. New ideas for fundraiser. Our Charity Committee, she is very detailed in her figuring how to contribute to charities. Her coworkers know all about the Eagles. Anyone know who it is? Pamela Thompson from Minneapolis Auxiliary #34.

SISTER HADEL: I wrote that.

SISTER GAYLE BATCHELDER, PSP: Okay. Can you all hear me all right? She's been a member since 1976. Over the last 44 years, our dear Sister has held multiple local positions, including five years as Trustee, four years as Treasurer, and has served as our Chaplain for numerous years. Through the unexpected passing of her husband and her ongoing, her own ongoing health issues, she has continued to attend meetings, chair events, including funerals, luncheons, banquets, weddings, anniversary parties, reunions, retirement parties, children's Christmas parties, St. Patrick's Day parties, and Halloween parties. Above and beyond her Officer's duties, she has voluntarily kept outstanding organizations and detailed records that continually assists the Sisters and the Officers of this Auxiliary. And I am proud to say, she was my Mommy when I was State President. And it is Becky Rychart from Grand Rapids, Minnesota. Okay, Grand Rapids girl, come and take a bow, yeah, come on, President.

SISTER MEYER, PSP: I want to thank you guys for letting us do this really short, you know, because you guys need to learn to shorten it up. Us women, you know, we're fast to go. Anyway, I want to thank JoAnn, Gayle; and we're not Margie, so she'll probably take it back the way she wants to do it, but I thought we're getting pretty antsy here. (Applause.)

BROTHER KUNKEL, PSP: You know, are you gals staying here fast, because we're only half-assed?

SISTER MEYER, PSP: Yes.

BROTHER KUNKEL, PSP: Okay. I think this concludes our banquet tonight, unless there is something else. Weasel, you got something going on? Want to take it down here, Bud?

BROTHER WEASEL HENRY: Yeah, I'll bring it around.

BROTHER KUNKEL, PSP: Thank you.

BROTHER HENRY: This is a gift to congratulate you on your year as Minnesota State President from your lake family Bob and Geri Nelson, Kelly, and myself.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: It's blue, it's blue. (Applause.)

BROTHER KUNKEL, PSP: Oh, wow.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Thank you, guys.

BROTHER KUNKEL, PSP: Okay. I guess that's it. We don't have a program here, so nobody can tell me anything else. So thank you all for being so patient with us tonight, and before we leave, we're going to have Nancy Wadsworth do our benediction, our Auxiliary Eagle of the Year. Nancy.

MADAM CHAPLAIN NANCY WADSWORTH: Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for the blessings to be able to be together in friendship this week. Guard our membership and the decisions made here for the good of the State of Minnesota Fraternal Order of Eagles. We thank you for the many hands that played a part in providing this meal before us. Keep our servicemen and women safe and well. Bless the efforts that

were made to defeat this virus, which has taken so many. Give us patience in returning to a new normal. Amen.

BROTHER KUNKEL, PSP: Thank you, and good night.

(WHEREUPON, the Awards Banquet was concluded at 8:30 p.m.)

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

June 18, 2021

. . .The Second Session of the One Hundred Eighteenth Annual Minnesota State Aerie Convention was called to order by President Randy Beggs at 9:00 a.m. on June 18, 2021.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Call this session to order. We'll have a patriotic song by Jim Giesen.

STATE TRUSTEE JIM GIESEN: Well, please help me sing God Bless America.

(WHEREUPON, State Trustee Jim Giesen sang God Bless America and all Delegates joined in song.)

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Thank you, Jim. (Applause.) Next we'll have the invocation by State Chaplain Darrell Spencer.

STATE CHAPLAIN SPENCER: Let us pray. Our Father, we ask that our deliberations be marked by an earnestness and that we will exclude every selfish thought; and that the Delegates, we shall, at all times, do that which is the best for this Fraternity, so that the sum of our efforts will advance the happiness of mankind everywhere and will be wholly acceptable unto Thee. Amen.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: And then we'll go right into the Obligation of Delegates by State Treasurer Bruce Meyer.

STATE TREASURER MEYER, PSP: Good morning, my Brothers.

BROTHER EAGLES: Good morning.

STATE TREASURER MEYER, PSP: State Officers -- say what?

BROTHER EAGLES: Good morning.

STATE TREASURER MEYER, PSP: I thought I screwed up already. State Officers and anybody else that might be hiding in the background: I'm here today to give the Obligation, so put your right hand over your heart and repeat after me. As Delegates to our Minnesota State Aerie Convention, I promise to abide by the laws, rules and regulations of the Grand Aerie; that I will, to the best of my ability, attend all sessions of the State Aerie Convention and to promote at all times its benign influence, so help me God. (All Delegates repeated this oath.) You may now lower your hands.

BROTHER EAGLES: You may now lower your hands.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Worthy Conductor, please open the Bible. Darrell? Roll Call of State Officers and State Aeries by Secretary John Batchelder.

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: For this second session of the Minnesota State Convention.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

. . .The Roll Call of State Officers was read by State Secretary John Batchelder, as follows:

- Larry Silverthorn, #351, Junior Past State President
- Randy Beggs, #873, Worthy State President
- Roger Hyatt, #287, Worthy State Vice President
- Darrell Spencer, #269, Worthy State Chaplain
- John Batchelder, #2469, State Secretary
- Jake Fee, #873, Assistant State Secretary
- Bruce Meyer, #873, State Treasurer
- Mike Melby, #350, Worthy State Conductor
- Doug Lind, #2258, State Inside Guard
- John Vogt, #287, State Outside Guard
- Mike Hadel, #34, State Trustee
- Jim Giesen, #1460, State Trustee
- Terry Lubitz, #2368, State Trustee
- Jake Fee, #873, Membership Dept. Secretary-Treasurer

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: That concludes Roll Call of State Officers, Worthy President. Move right in?

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Move on to Aeries.

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: Roll Call of Aeries. Your turn, stand up.

ASSISTANT STATE SECRETARY FEE: All right. We'll go Delegates, Past Worthy Presidents, Past State Presidents, and State Officers and visitors.

REPORT OF ROLL CALL OF AERIES

<u>AERIE</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>DELEGATES</u>	<u>P.W.P.</u>	<u>P.S.P. STATE OFF.</u>	<u>VISITORS</u>
33	St. Paul	1			
34	Minneapolis	2	2	1	
94	Stillwater				
269	Mankato	3	3	1	
287	Brainerd	4	4	1-2	
350	East Grand Forks	0	2	1	
351	Bemidji	4	4	2-1	
620	Morris				
622	St. Cloud	1	1	1	
703	Austin				
873	Crookston	4	5	1-3	
1163	Cloquet				
1243	Winona				
1460	Faribault	1	2	1-1	
1791	Owatonna	5	4		
2212	Hastings				
2228	Rochester				
2242	Northfield				
2258	Albert Lea	7	4	1	
2334	Willmar	5	4		
2339	Fergus Falls				
2342	Detroit Lakes	2	5	1	
2368	Thief River Falls	2	2	1-1	
2469	Grand Rapids	3	3	1-1	
2617	Hallock	1	1		
3063	Alexandria	3	3	1	
3208	Bloomington				
3264	Elk River				
3282	Worthington	1	1		
3394	Fairmont	1	1	1	
3403	Luverne				
3405	Marshall				
3420	St. James	1	1	1	
3424	Litchfield	2	1		1
3486	Karlstad				
3718	New Brighton	4	4	1	2
3882	Roseau	1	2		
3918	Tracy				
4031	Farmington				
4120	Shakopee				
4195	Warroad				
4456	Hibbing				
4472	Blaine				
4486	Blue Earth				

ASSISTANT STATE SECRETARY FEE: That concludes Roll Call of Aeries.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: We'll move on to the report of the Make-A-Wish Committee, Doug Lind, Albert Lea.

STATE INSIDE GUARD LIND: Good morning. Can everybody hear me? Oh, okay. Okay. I had trouble hearing last night, and I didn't know what the reason was, but maybe it was me.

Grand Aerie reps, State Officers, my Brothers: Good morning. I am here to give the Make-A-Wish report, and I will start off by giving a list of the Make-A-Wish Committee. (Committee read off.)

So as you've heard before, and you will hear again when everybody gives their reports, about what a difficult year that we have had; and we as an organization have not only had a difficult year, but the charities are also having a very difficult year. So to see the amount of money that's been donated and hear of the amounts that are come from your clubs, it's amazing, and it's very much needed. So hopefully next year going forward, whatever the new normal is, we will be able to have fun and raise money again, so we have bigger amounts to give next year. So that being said, the donations for Make-A-Wish this year.

REPORT OF MAKE-A-WISH FUND COMMITTEE

<u>AERIE NO.</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
33	St. Paul	
34	Minneapolis	
94	Stillwater	
269	Mankato	\$ 500.00
287	Brainerd	25.00
350	East Grand Forks	
351	Bemidji	100.00
620	Morris	

622	St. Cloud	200.00
703	Austin	
873	Crookston	
1163	Cloquet	
1243	Winona	
1460	Faribault	
1791	Owatonna	300.00
2212	Hastings	
2228	Rochester	
2242	Northfield	
2258	Albert Lea	300.00
2334	Willmar	
2339	Fergus Falls	250.00
2342	Detroit Lakes	
2368	Thief River Falls	75.00
2469	Grand Rapids	200.00
2617	Hallock	
3063	Alexandria	200.00
3208	Bloomington	
3264	Elk River	
3282	Worthington	50.00
3394	Fairmont	
3403	Luverne	
3405	Marshall	
3420	St. James	
3424	Litchfield	100.00
3486	Karlstad	
3718	New Brighton	500.00
3882	Roseau	
3918	Tracy	
4031	Farmington	
4120	Shakopee	
4195	Warroad	
4456	Hibbing	10.00
4486	Blue Earth	
	TOTAL	\$2,810.00

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Lind, #2258, Chairman
 Jake Fee, #873
 Donnie Nisbit, #2228
 Pau Wiese, #351

STATE INSIDE GUARD LIND: That is a total of \$2,810. Worthy President, I move for the adoption of this report.

. . .Motion seconded by Brother Ed Connell, #3420; motion carried. . .

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Next we'll have the report of the Kidney Fund by Fred Schrader from Bemidji.

BROTHER FRED SCHRADER: Good morning, Brothers.

BROTHER EAGLES: Good morning.

BROTHER SCHRADER: Worthy President, Worthy Grand Aerie Officers, Delegates, visitors, and anybody else I forgot: Good morning. Can you hear me?

BROTHER EAGLE: Barely.

BROTHER SCHRADER: Okay. I'll start out with my crew and myself. (Committee read off.) The report:

REPORT OF KIDNEY FUND COMMITTEE

<u>AERIE NO.</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
33	St. Paul	
34	Minneapolis	
94	Stillwater	
269	Mankato	\$ 500.00
287	Brainerd	25.00
350	East Grand Forks	
351	Bemidji	100.00
620	Morris	
622	St. Cloud	200.00
703	Austin	
873	Crookston	50.00
1163	Cloquet	
1243	Winona	

Respectfully submitted,

John Batchelder, #2469, Chairman
All Past State Presidents

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: And that being said, I'm going to move for the adoption of this report.

. . .Motion seconded by Brother Brett Carlson, #1791; motion carried. . .

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: Thank you, Worthy President. Thanks, Brothers.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Next we'll have the report of the Eagle of the Year Committee, Mike Hanson, New Brighton.

REPORT OF EAGLE OF THE YEAR COMMITTEE

Worthy President Randy, our Grand reps, State Officers, Brothers: Like I said last night at the banquet, it's my honor, thank you, Randy, for appointing me to be your Chairman for Eagle of the Year. Others on the Committee are Harley Rosenberg and all the other Past President Eagle of the Years.

Like Batchelder, letters were read last night. If you weren't at the banquet, you missed out. We had two.

For the 2019-2020, please stand up, Becky Korsunsky. (Applause.)

And from 2020-2021, Brent Rau. Would you stand up, Brent? (Applause.)

Congratulations to both of you.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Hanson, #3718, Chairman
Harley Rosenberg, #3394
All Past Recipients

BROTHER HANSON, PSP: I move for the adoption of this report.

. . .Motion seconded by Brother Fred Schrader, #351; motion carried. . .

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Next we'll have a Special Order of Business, introduction, a few words from the North Central Regional President John Batchelder.

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: Hi, again. I'm not going to be long this time. (Applause.)

His Lordship, Dave Smith, appointed me, or his Lordship, Grand Worthy President Dave Smith, appointed me to represent all of you and the Dakotas as North Central Regional President for this last year, that would be '20 and '21, ending June 1st, officially ending June 1st, but unofficially when I pass the gavel.

Like any other thing or position like this, fundraising, like we all do as Eagles, is, well, my counterpart, Angel Opdahl, who is visiting us with the ladies this year, she was my counterpart from the Dakotas, and we came up with a plan, I think it originated in MINK Conference, and that was selling calendars to raise money for DRC Bridge to the Cure. And not getting into the full details of it, because the calendar is half over, the calendar year is half over, the real short of it is that anyone interested would buy a square about the size of a business card for 100 bucks. After we sold all 50 squares, that would be \$5,000. After processing, figured about 3500 or so would go to the Bridge to the Cure. We ended up, after extra calendars were sold and extra donations, a total of \$6,000 that we rose on these calendars for Bridge to the Cure. So we were pretty happy about that, and that donation is going to be presented at this year's National Convention in Phoenix.

Other than that, though, I attended the Dakota State Convention last week, I was appointed there, and that was just a great time. And they did an awesome job at giving out, like we're trying to do here, they did a great job there, of monies in this COVID year, everyone being down, both their clubs and also donations.

But I was quite impressed with the Dakotas, especially their President Wayne Schatz and his Home on the Range charity, over 110,000?

DAKOTA STATE PRESIDENT WAYNE SCHATZ: Yeah, 112, something like that.

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: It was over \$110,000 his presidency gave to Home on the Range, his charity, very similar to our favorite charity, Confidence Learning Center, which had a great year also in Minnesota.

So that being said, I'm going to kind of wrap this up with going further into the year coming up and ask the Worthy President if he would allow Incoming North Central Regional President Paul Hagenbuch to have a few words.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: I don't think Paul's with us today. Is he?

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: Did he sneak out?

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Paul? Please say a few words for us, please. I'm looking for him over there.

INCOMING NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL PRESIDENT PAUL HAGENBUCH: I've been accused of being the same height sitting on a bar stool as standing up, so. I'm truly standing up right now. Good morning, Brothers.

BROTHER EAGLES: Good morning.

INCOMING NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL PRESIDENT HAGENBUCH: First I'd like to thank Incoming Grand President Elect Brian Rogers for my appointment, and I would like to congratulate your State Officers on the very well-run meeting. Things are going quite smoothly, all those from top end down. So you all deserve a hand because you're doing a great job.

Let's see. Thank you for the hospitality of showing me, I appreciate all of that. Maureen and I will get together this afternoon and we're going to iron out the few details that we have left to get our program together, so I don't have a whole lot to tell you about that.

So anyway, we'll see you down the road in September in Fergus Falls. Thank you. (Applause.)

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: I think there was some flyers left back there for hotel information at Fergus Falls. Is that right?

INCOMING NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL PRESIDENT HAGENBUCH: Yeah.

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: There is some flyers back there. Make your reservations early. And then before I say I'm done, Randy, I do have a quick request, and this comes from Richard Wog and Willmar. Following this meeting--I'm jumping from announcements to now, or backwards--following this meeting is a Past State Presidents luncheon, that will be at the Aerie, and the request is how many people plan on driving themselves or take the bus. He'll supply a bus. So how many Past State Presidents attending would ride the bus over there? It looks like a bus is due, or in order. At least eight people will take the bus. Okay? Ten, 12, now we're up to. Okay. The bus will be at the entrance to the Convention Center. Thank you, Worthy President.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Next we'll do--where are we at--Eagle Village. There we go, Eagle Village by Bruce Meyer.

STATE TREASURER MEYER, PSP: Good morning again, my Brothers.

BROTHER EAGLES: Good morning.

STATE TREASURER MEYER, PSP: One thing Paul did forget to mention is he does have applications for dual membership in Vermillion, so if anyone wants to join Vermillion as a dual member, so.

As everybody knows, the COVID screwed up everything this year, and I think Eagle Village was one of the ones that probably took the hardest hit, because it was down this year. So I'll read off what came in.

REPORT OF EAGLE VILLAGE FUND COMMITTEE

<u>AERIE NO.</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
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287	Brainerd	
350	East Grand Forks	
351	Bemidji	100.00
620	Morris	
622	St. Cloud	
703	Austin	
873	Crookston	
1163	Cloquet	
1243	Winona	
1460	Faribault	
1791	Owatonna	
2212	Hastings	
2228	Rochester	
2242	Northfield	
2258	Albert Lea	25.00
2334	Willmar	
2339	Fergus Falls	
2342	Detroit Lakes	
2368	Thief River Falls	75.00
2469	Grand Rapids	
2617	Hallock	
3063	Alexandria	
3208	Bloomington	
3264	Elk River	
3282	Worthington	50.00
3394	Fairmont	
3403	Luverne	
3405	Marshall	
3420	St. James	
3424	Litchfield	100.00
3486	Karlstad	

3718	New Brighton
3882	Roseau
3918	Tracy
4031	Farmington
4120	Shakopee
4195	Warroad
4456	Hibbing
4486	Blue Earth

TOTAL \$ 850.00

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Meyer, #873, Chairman
 John Tobie, #2469
 Tim Schmitz, #3718

STATE TREASURER MEYER, PSP: For a total of \$800. Litchfield is 100, I'm sorry. (Committee read off.) Worthy President, I move for the adoption of this report.

. . .Motion seconded by Brother Ed Connell, #3420. . .

BROTHER ED CONNELL, PSP: I think we should start seconding them a little faster.

. . .Motion carried. . .

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Next we'll have the report of the Liver Fund by Bob Parkin, Alexandria.

BROTHER BOB PARKIN, PSP: Good morning.

BROTHER EAGLES: Good morning.

BROTHER PARKIN, PSP: Grand Aerie Officers, State Officers, and my Brothers: I'm standing in for Gaylen Dvorsak, your Past State President. He had back surgery the end of May. He thought he could make it down, but he's still recuperating, but he wanted to make sure that I said hi to everybody, that he's feeling a lot better. He's walking with a cane now, so he's coming around. I'm here to stand in for him to give the Minnesota Liver Fund report.

REPORT OF EAGLE LIVER FUND COMMITTEE

<u>AERIE NO.</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
33	St. Paul	
34	Minneapolis	
94	Stillwater	
269	Mankato	\$ 500.00
287	Brainerd	
350	East Grand Forks	
351	Bemidji	100.00
620	Morris	
622	St. Cloud	
703	Austin	
873	Crookston	50.00
1163	Cloquet	
1243	Winona	
1460	Faribault	
1791	Owatonna	
2212	Hastings	
2228	Rochester	22.28
2242	Northfield	
2258	Albert Lea	25.00
2334	Willmar	
2339	Fergus Falls	
2342	Detroit Lakes	
2368	Thief River Falls	75.00
2469	Grand Rapids	
2617	Hallock	
3063	Alexandria	
3208	Bloomington	
3264	Elk River	
3282	Worthington	
3394	Fairmont	
3403	Luverne	
3405	Marshall	
3420	St. James	
3424	Litchfield	100.00
3486	Karlstad	
3718	New Brighton	
3882	Roseau	
3918	Tracy	
4031	Farmington	
4120	Shakopee	

4195	Warroad	
4456	Hibbing	10.00
4486	Blue Earth	
TOTAL		\$ 882.28

Respectfully submitted,

Gaylen Dvorsak, #3063, Chairman
 Donnie Nisbit, #2228
 Dale Hanson, #2617

BROTHER PARKIN, PSP: For a total of \$882.28. (Committee read off.) Worthy President, I move for the adoption of this report.

. . .Motion seconded by Brother Marion Henry, #873; motion carried. . .

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Thanks, Bob. Next I'll have the report of the Diabetes Committee from Leon Potratz.

BROTHER EAGLE: Snookims.

BROTHER LEON POTRATZ, PSP: Grand Aerie Officers, State Officers, my Brothers: (Committee read off.) You know, diabetes is a very serious disease, and as I've said before, if you haven't had your blood checked by the doctor, go in and get it checked, because that stuff can sneak up on you. I had no idea I had it until I had a heart attack, and the doctor says to me, he says, well, when was the last time you took your insulin? I said I don't take that shit. But I didn't know. And the only thing that I can say is if you've got to go to the bathroom a lot more often than you should, go in and get checked, because that's usually about the first sign. So there is probably more people running around here that's got diabetes that don't know it than you can imagine, and there is an awful lot of people that's got diabetes; and so just take care of your body, and it's something that when you get it, it can do a lot of damage, and it doesn't take too long for it to start showing up.

With that, I'll do the report.

REPORT OF DIABETES RESEARCH CENTER

<u>AERIE NO.</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
33	St. Paul	
34	Minneapolis	
94	Stillwater	
269	Mankato	\$ 500.00
287	Brainerd	25.00
350	East Grand Forks	
351	Bemidji	100.00
620	Morris	
622	St. Cloud	
703	Austin	
873	Crookston	
1163	Cloquet	
1243	Winona	
1460	Faribault	
1791	Owatonna	100.00
2212	Hastings	
2228	Rochester	22.28
2242	Northfield	
2258	Albert Lea	100.00
2334	Willmar	
2339	Fergus Falls	
2342	Detroit Lakes	
2368	Thief River Falls	75.00
2469	Grand Rapids	200.00
2617	Hallock	
3063	Alexandria	
3208	Bloomington	
3264	Elk River	
3282	Worthington	
3394	Fairmont	
3403	Luverne	
3405	Marshall	
3420	St. James	
3424	Litchfield	100.00
3486	Karlstad	
3718	New Brighton	500.00
3882	Roseau	38.82
3918	Tracy	
4031	Farmington	
4120	Shakopee	
4195	Warroad	
4456	Hibbing	10.00
4486	Blue Earth	

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Potratz, #3264, Chairman
Jim Giesen, #1460
Jerry Altendorf, #2368
Brent Rau, #873

BROTHER POTRATZ, PSP: For a grand total of \$1,771.10. Worthy President, I move for the adoption of this report.

BROTHER HANSON: There should be an addition on there for \$100 for Hallock.

. . .Motion seconded by Brother Dale Hanson, #2617. . .

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: A motion and a second. Any discussion?

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: Yes, Worthy President. Okay. This was the report of the DRC, the Diabetes Research Center, instead of the Diabetes Committee. So do you have a separate report for diabetes, I do believe? But we might as well adopt the DRC, so motion and second on the floor for that.

STATE CONDUCTOR MELBY: I'll make a motion, Worthy President, Mike Melby, Dakota Aerie #350, that we adopt the DRC report.

. . .Motion seconded by Brother Ken Kunkel, #622. . .

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Should we have two motions on the floor?

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: Yeah, we do.

STATE TRUSTEE TERRY LUBITZ, PSP: Worthy President, I apologize for this not being ready. Fire me.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: At the end of this weekend, you're fired.

STATE CONDUCTOR MELBY: Worthy President, I rescind my previous motion, I guess.

BROTHER BOTTIN: Worthy President, we're on a motion, you already have two motions on the floor, so you have to cancel one motion first before you can continue with the first motion.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: He just rescinded his motion.

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: The motion has been rescinded, so we are back on the original motion, which is to accept the report of the Diabetes Research, because that's the report you read, and then that has been duly seconded also.

BROTHER WINTERSTEEN, PSP: Worthy President, John "Muffin", would you please use the mic when you're talking?

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: Sure.

BROTHER SMEBAK: Worthy President, Jon Smebak, Roseau #3882. I think our #3882 got reported in the wrong spot. It should be in the DRC.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: That was the DRC report. So I have a motion and a second to approve the DRC report. Any other discussion?

. . .Motion carried. . .

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: Worthy President, he now has the Diabetes Report.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Okay. Then we'll have Leon read the Diabetes Report.

BROTHER POTRATZ, PSP: Okay.

REPORT OF DIABETES FUND COMMITTEE

<u>AERIE NO.</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
33	St. Paul	
34	Minneapolis	
94	Stillwater	
269	Mankato	\$ 500.00
287	Brainerd	25.00
350	East Grand Forks	
351	Bemidji	100.00
620	Morris	
622	St. Cloud	200.00
703	Austin	
873	Crookston	50.00
1163	Cloquet	
1243	Winona	
1460	Faribault	
1791	Owatonna	100.00
2212	Hastings	
2228	Rochester	22.28
2242	Northfield	

2258	Albert Lea	100.00
2334	Willmar	750.00
2339	Fergus Falls	
2342	Detroit Lakes	160.00
2368	Thief River Falls	75.00
2469	Grand Rapids	200.00
2617	Hallock	100.00
3063	Alexandria	200.00
3208	Bloomington	
3264	Elk River	
3282	Worthington	50.00
3394	Fairmont	
3403	Luverne	
3405	Marshall	
3420	St. James	
3424	Litchfield	100.00
3486	Karlstad	
3718	New Brighton	100.00
3882	Roseau	
3918	Tracy	
4031	Farmington	
4120	Shakopee	
4195	Warroad	
4456	Hibbing	10.00
4486	Blue Earth	
	TOTAL	\$2,842.28

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Potratz, #3264, Chairman
 Jim Giesen, #1460
 Jerry Altendorf, #2368
 Brent Rau, #873

BROTHER POTRATZ, PSP: For a grand total of \$2,792.28. Worthy President, I move for the adoption of this report.

. . .Motion seconded by Brother Terry Lubitz, #2369; motion carried. . .

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Thank you, Leon. Next we'll have the report of the Resolutions Committee, Weasel Henry. Mike Hadel.

STATE TRUSTEE HADEL: Grand Worthy Delegates, State Officers, visitors, Delegates: Like I said, this is the first resolution. There will be only one today. (Committee read off.) This is resolution for Raymond S. Measel.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 1

WHEREAS, Brother Raymond Measel believes in Ritual and therein supports the efforts of all the local Aeries and Auxiliaries in continuing to build this great organization; and

WHEREAS, Brother Ray has been a loyal member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles for over 20 years and has served Bellevue Aerie #3912 and the Fraternal Order of Eagles in many capacities; and

WHEREAS, Brother Ray is currently the International Chairman for Golden Eagle, Alzheimer's, and Parkinson's Fund, and has served on the MINK committee for many years and has served as Chairman of the MINK in 2013, and totally supports the efforts of the Grand Aerie and their contribution to the DRC and the Grand Aerie charities; and

WHEREAS, Brother Ray has served the Nebraska State Aerie in many ways, as an Officer, Chairman, or Committee person on numerous committees and has always taken it through to a successful end. He served the Nebraska Aerie as President in 2015-16; and

WHEREAS, Brother Ray's family believes the integrity of an Eagle lies in the corresponding fulfillment of these qualities proclaimed in the Fraternal Order of Eagles Obligation and Ritual ceremony; and

WHEREAS, because of his proven ability as a leader and his total commitment and belief in what the Fraternal Order of Eagles stands for, the members of Bellevue Aerie #3912 and the Nebraska State Aerie have voted unanimously to support Ray Measel as a candidate for the office of Grand Aerie Fraternal Order of Eagles; and

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Minnesota State Aerie is pleased and honored to support Brother Ray Measel for consideration as a Grand Aerie Officer for 2021 to 2022. We have the confidence in his ability to serve our Grand Aerie in an honorable manner and feel he will be able to contribute much to the success of our great organization.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the office of the Grand Aerie Worthy President and to the Grand Aerie Nomination Committee.

This resolution was adopted on June 18, 2021, at the 118th Minnesota State Aerie Eagles Convention.

Submitted by the Resolution Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Weasel Henry, #873, Chairman
 Mike Hadel, #34
 Jeff Henry, #269

STATE TRUSTEE HADEL: I make a motion that this resolution be accepted.

. . .Motion seconded by Brother Mike Melby, #350. . .

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion?

BROTHER HENRY: Worthy President, I actually typed the wrong date in there, it's supposed to be today is the 18th, not the 17th; and also, at the top it's supposed to be the DRC, not the SRC.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Any other discussion?

. . .Motion carried. . .

GRAND AERIE INSIDE GUARD MEASEL: Thank you, Brothers.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Next we'll have the report of the Obituary Committee, Mike Hanson, New Brighton.

BROTHER HANSON, PSP: Brothers all, I will read the Aeries that submitted a report. If you don't happen to hear your club, you didn't report. I'll read the number of deceased and if there were any past Worthy Presidents.

2021 STATE OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

<u>AERIE NO.</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>NO. OF DECEASED</u>	<u>PAST WORTHY PRESIDENTS</u>
33	St. Paul		
34	Minneapolis	7	
94	Stillwater		
269	Mankato	5	
287	Brainerd	5	
350	East Grand Forks		
351	Benidji	20	Vance Peters, PSP, PWP
620	Morris		
622	St. Cloud	18	George Ziebol, PWP, PSP, PGWP
703	Austin		
873	Crookston	9	
1163	Cloquet	0	
1243	Winona		
1460	Faribault	10	
1791	Owatonna	9	
2212	Hastings	2	
2228	Rochester	21	Maurice Meyer, Lowell Marsh
2242	Northfield		
2258	Albert Lea	21	
2334	Willmar	14	Ruben Hoglund/James Christenson/George Hinderaker
2339	Fergus Falls	8	
2342	Detroit Lakes	9	Willard Handegaard, Duane Kuehl
2368	Thief River Falls	8	John Lubitz, Scott Klopp, Leroy Nelson
2469	Grand Rapids	11	
2617	Hallock	7	Darryl Younggren
3063	Alexandria	5	Gary S. Miller, PWP, PSP
3208	Bloomington	4	
3264	Elk River		
3282	Worthington	4	
3394	Fairmont		
3403	Luverne		
3405	Marshall		
3420	St. James	3	Merlin "Sonny" Reinke
3424	Litchfield		
3486	Karlstad		
3718	New Brighton	4	
3882	Roseau	2	
3918	Tracy		
4031	Farmington		
4120	Shakopee		
4195	Warroad		
4456	Hibbing	0	
4486	Blue Earth		
	TOTAL	206	

*A blank space represents a report not received

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Hanson, #3718, Chairman
Weasel Henry, #873
All District Directors

BROTHER HANSON, PSP: For a total of 206. I'd ask Worthy President Randy to stand us up for a moment of silence.

(WHEREUPON, all Delegates rise for a moment of silent prayer.)

BROTHER HANSON, PSP: Okay. This Committee is: (Committee read off.) I move for the adoption of this report.

. . .Motion seconded by Brother Ed Connell, #3420; motion carried. . .

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Next we'll have the report of the Camping Club by Keith Rende.

BROTHER KEITH RENDE: Worthy President, dignitaries, and my fellow Eagles: This is your 2021 Camping Report. Committee members are: (Committee read off.)

REPORT OF CAMPING CLUB COMMITTEE

Camping is a time to renew old friends and establish new friends. It is a place that you meet Eagle members that you might not normally get a chance. There are campers who don't frequent your Aerie homes. They don't attend other meetings or conventions.

Because of COVID, there was no camping done in 2019, or no, 2020, and this year the flyers are on the back there.

District #5 Campout will be August 13th, 14th, and 15th at Camp Faribault in Faribault, Minnesota. Friday we'll have a golf tournament. The time will be determined. Registration will start at 3:00 o'clock. And at 6:00 o'clock, they'll have a hotdog roast. Saturday is breakfast by Peter and Jill. Bloody Marys by Tina, always good. Live auction at 11:00, a ladder golf tournament, and then snacks and appetizers. A potluck supper at 6:00 o'clock. Sunday will just be a breakfast, and again the Bloody Marys by Tina. So if you want to go to this, please take a copy of it. It's on the back table back there.

District #6 will have their Campout on July 9th through the 11th, and this one will be held at Adrian Municipal Campgrounds in Adrian, Minnesota. On Friday, they'll have registration starting at 11:00 o'clock with a weenie roast. Saturday they're going to have a white elephant auction sale, beanbag tournament, and potluck service at 6:00. Then they'll have a little music afterwards. Sunday they'll just wrap up the meeting and head home. And all proceeds from this District Campout will go to the Jimmy Durante Children's Fund.

I hope you take the time to attend one of these, or if not both of them. And lastly, I will encourage more Districts and Aeries to get involved with campouts. Please let me know when you are going to have one, so I can inform all Eagles of your endeavors. Because once you start something like this, it will become an annual event.

I do have one check from Litchfield for \$100, and this year that will be going to District #6 for their Jimmy Durante Children's Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Rende, #2334, Chairman
Dale Neu, #3424
Milton Smail, #351
Neil Rothbarth, #1243
Kenny Klutz, #3420

BROTHER RENDE: Worthy President, I move for the adoption of this report.

. . .Motion seconded by Brother Marion Henry, #873; motion carried. . .

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Next we'll have the report of the Youth and Local Donations, Bruce Meyer.

STATE TREASURER MEYER, PSP: Good morning again, my Brothers. This report, the total is going to be so much lower than what it should be. You guys need to go back to your Secretaries, because I know that almost every one of you guys are donating to local charities in your own town. This should be sent in so that we can get it onto this list, because only about half of them did send in the work. So this is a possibility this thing could be much, much higher than what the report is. But I will repeat what got sent in for local charities for youth.

REPORT OF YOUTH AND LOCAL DONATIONS

<u>AERIE NO.</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
33	St. Paul	
34	Minneapolis	\$ 8,375.00
94	Stillwater	
269	Mankato	36,745.00
287	Brainerd	

350	East Grand Forks	
351	Bemidji	19,762.00
620	Morris	
622	St. Cloud	
703	Austin	
873	Crookston	6,920.00
1163	Cloquet	
1243	Winona	
1460	Faribault	
1791	Owatonna	33,508.00
2212	Hastings	
2228	Rochester	47,860.00
2242	Northfield	
2258	Albert Lea	9,200.00
2334	Willmar	
2339	Fergus Falls	
2342	Detroit Lakes	7,500.00
2368	Thief River Falls	27,819.12
2469	Grand Rapids	
2617	Hallock	4,850.00
3063	Alexandria	
3208	Bloomington	
3264	Elk River	
3282	Worthington	500.00
3394	Fairmont	
3403	Luverne	
3405	Marshall	
3420	St. James	
3424	Litchfield	100.00
3486	Karlstad	
3718	New Brighton	1,000.00
3882	Roseau	600.00
3918	Tracy	
4031	Farmington	
4120	Shakopee	
4195	Warroad	
4456	Hibbing	
4486	Blue Earth	
	TOTAL	\$204,739.12

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Meyer, #873, Co-Chairman
Larry Silverthorn, #351, Co-Chairman

STATE TREASURER MEYER, PSP: Gentlemen, this is a fantastic total. It should be 300 and some thousand, but the stuff that got sent in was \$156,879.12. Worthy President, I move for the adoption of this report. And Larry Silverthorn is Co-Chair with me.

. . .Motion seconded by Brother Larry Swiers, #2342. . .

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion?

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: I would just like to add that Rochester Aerie #2228 also submitted a piece of paper yesterday, and on that was also other donations, and I believe the number was in the neighborhood of about \$33,000. Just wanted to make sure we add that in there.

. . .Motion carried. . .

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Next we'll have the report of the Alzheimer's Foundation, Bob Lee, Detroit Lakes.

BROTHER LEE, PSP: Grand Worthy representatives, State Officers, my Brothers. This is the report of the Alzheimer's Committee, and I better give the report, give the Committee before I forget. (Committee read off.) This was a pretty good year; it's almost all yellow on this sheet.

REPORT OF ALZHEIMER'S FUND COMMITTEE

<u>AERIE NO.</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
33	St. Paul	
34	Minneapolis	
94	Stillwater	
269	Mankato	\$ 500.00
287	Brainerd	
350	East Grand Forks	
351	Bemidji	100.00
620	Morris	
622	St. Cloud	200.00
703	Austin	
873	Crookston	50.00

1163	Cloquet	
1243	Winona	
1460	Faribault	
1791	Owatonna	100.00
2212	Hastings	
2228	Rochester	22.28
2242	Northfield	
2258	Albert Lea	25.00
2334	Willmar	100.00
2339	Fergus Falls	
2342	Detroit Lakes	160.00
2368	Thief River Falls	75.00
2469	Grand Rapids	200.00
2617	Hallock	100.00
3063	Alexandria	200.00
3208	Bloomington	
3264	Elk River	
3282	Worthington	
3394	Fairmont	
3403	Luverne	
3405	Marshall	
3420	St. James	
3424	Litchfield	100.00
3486	Karlstad	
3718	New Brighton	25.00
3882	Roseau	38.82
3918	Tracy	
4031	Farmington	
4120	Shakopee	
4195	Warroad	
4456	Hibbing	10.00
4486	Blue Earth	

TOTAL \$ 2,006.10

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Lee, #2342, Chairman
 Mike Melby, #350
 Duane Comstock, #4195
 Bruce Meyer, #873

BROTHER LEE, PSP: For a grand total of \$2,006.10. Worthy President, I move for the adoption of this report.

. . .Motion seconded by Brother Don Wintersteen, #351; motion carried. . .

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Next we'll introduce our Past Grand Worthy President Ron Malz.

PAST GRAND WORTHY PRESIDENT RON MALZ, PSP: Worthy State President Randy, State Officers, my Brothers: It's great to be here again up in front of you guys. Always wanted to thank you for all your support that you gave me all these years in the Grand Aerie level, really appreciate it.

Just want to congratulate all the awards recipients from last night. It's quite an honor to get them awards, and you really worked for them and you really deserve them.

Congratulations to the ten Aeries that made net gain. I know we keep saying we're hurting for membership, how bad it was last year, and it's starting to turn around a little bit, but you made net gain, which means it's going to be that much easier next year to get that many more members, because you've got more people working. But your other Aeries, please keep going, ask members, or ask people to join, and what's the worst that can happen, they turn you down. And like I always say, just buy them another beer and ask them again.

We get a daily report on our drop members of what we're going to be dropping this year on July 10th. Please check with your Secretaries, get ahold of those drop lists and try and make sure that they get their dues paid up before June 30th. Once July 1st, they're going to be going on the list as dropped, and the official drop will be July 10th.

Right now, as of yesterday, I haven't got the number for today yet, for the Aerie it's 83,931 members, Auxiliary 34,575 members, for a total of 118,506 members, which we're going to be losing on July 10th. It sounds terrible, which it is, but we're actually gaining 1,000, 1,100, 1,200 members a day. So it's going down fairly rapidly.

And last year, we actually dropped on July 10th was 75,000 members, so that put us in the hole right to start with, and that's going to be the same thing again this year. We're going to have those dropped members. We've got to make them up before we can start working on our net gains; and like you heard Ray mention yesterday, Brian Rogers, his, what he's working for on membership is a net gain plus two percent.

So please, your friends, your neighbors, your barber, anybody you can think of, ask them if they're interested in joining the Eagles. Younger family people. We're starting to find out that they're getting more involved, they're getting more interested. We lost one generation, basically, that

didn't have any interest in joining, doing anything, but see, get these younger people, ask them to join, explain what we're doing, what we're about.

And explain the Memorial Foundation to them. This is one of our greatest charities that we have. It's for our own people. If some member gets killed on the job, the Eagles will take care of your family, the kids, all dental, mental health, hospital, eyeglass, and up to \$35,000 in continuing ed. So it's the greatest deal we've got for our own members. When your donations, when you're planning on donating for your charities, don't forget that one, because that is really an important one. And it's surprising the number of people that don't even know what the Memorial Foundation is. So if you get some of the brochures back there, the welcome to the Eagles, it explains what our charities are. But go through that one especially and explain to these younger families. All it costs is your yearly dues, and it's fairly cheap insurance.

A lot was said about the cancer. FOE DRC, Diabetes Research Center, Iowa City, we donated \$25 million for that. That's a lot of money, but it was one heck of a big investment. I've got some other figures here. In 2008, which was actually nothing there, to 2020, we've received in grants from National Institutes of Health, bunch of other entities, \$573,171,634, and that's all because of our \$25 million donation to the DRC. And at that time, they had five faculty members; now they've got 110. They had 20 researchers; now they've got over 1,000, trying to figure out a cure for the diabetes. But all of this is, without your help on this, it wouldn't have been possible.

Now we're going on to, you've heard the Bridge for the Cure. This is if a researcher has an idea that he's been working on, if it looks like it has potential, they have a committee at the University of Iowa that will review it, and if they feel that it's worthy to continue on, they will put it, start it out for continuous trials. What Bridge for the Cure is set up for is if they didn't -- basically we're funding this. If we wouldn't fund it, they would put these out to pharmaceutical companies and then pharmaceutical companies would start funding these trials. Well, once they start funding it, 100 percent of profits or anything like that goes to the pharmaceutical companies and the researcher. But now that we would be proposing to fund these research trials, at some point if they work out and go on to market, there is a percentage of the profits on that that will be going back to the Fraternal Order of Eagles. So that's where this Bridge for the Cure comes in.

We've just been contacted, within February we've approved this, for two researchers, and I won't bore you with what they are, because I don't have a clue, but the total awards for these are \$325,000 per program. The initial award is \$125,000 for the first six months, and then if things still keep looking good, there will be another \$125,000 released; and if it's still looking satisfactory after that, by the end of the first year, there will be another \$75,000 put into it. And that totals out to 325. And the charity foundation are the ones that control this. It's basically the Board of Grand Trustees, Grand Worthy President, Grand Madam President, Past Presidents, Junior Past Presidents, Aerie and Auxiliary, and the Auxiliary President that, or Past President from the previous year, and it takes a majority of those to vote on that.

So hopefully these will work out, but we're getting a lot of recognition around the world for the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

I guess that's about all I've got to say right now. Congratulations on your great Convention. Everybody looks like they're staying awake yet, so it must be interesting. Once again, my Brothers, God bless, thank you for everything, and we'll talk to you later. (Applause and standing ovation.)

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Thank you, Ron. We'll just move right on down the table and we'll hear from Grand Aerie Justice John Tobie.

GRAND JUSTICE TOBIE, PSP: Well, it appears I'm the third and last SOB of the day to speak. That's Special Order of Business.

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: No.

GRAND JUSTICE TOBIE, PSP: No? And you know, following Ron Malz is a lot like following George Ziebol in a speech. You know, when he says it all, what can I talk about? So there goes that part of my speech for today.

Anyway, I also would like to congratulate all the awards winners from last night. Greatly deserved. You're an inspiration for all, that other people, what we can achieve and what we can do and how we can be recognized.

I am a Grand Justice. I am serving my fifth year as Justice. I'm on my second year of my third-year term. It's been a very educational and rewarding experience, to say the least. Things I've seen, things I've heard, I've rolled my eyes so many times I can see the back of my brain.

What is a Justice? The Grand Tribunal consists of five Justices, and we are appointed by the Incoming Grand Worthy President with the approval of the Grand Board of Trustees for a three-year term. The terms are staggered, so this year, Brian Rogers is appointing one new Justice, and next year it will be two and two. That adds continuity to the Grand Tribunal.

What do we do? Well, mainly, my time is spent reviewing appeals of local Aerie trials. When there is a trial, and you know, nobody ever wins in a trial, by the way, but always the loser sends an appeal because they think they were right. So we will review, we are assigned an appeal, and we will affirm the local Aerie trial decision or we may reverse the decision, we may modify a decision, or we can send the local Aerie trial decision back for retrial for gross errors, such as we've seen trial committee prejudice, we've seen improper trial procedures. And most of the times when we send a trial back for retrial it's because it's an incomplete, it's not a verbatim, word-for-word transcript. We base our appeals basically on the transcript, and if we don't have a complete transcript, there is nothing we can do except send it back for a retrial.

We interpret the laws of the Constitution. The Rules Committee suggests law changes. They go before the Grand Convention, the Aerie; Grand Aerie adopts them, the Delegates; and then they go into the book and the book is printed every two years. And sometimes when the law is written, it can be confusing or unclear, so opinions will come to the Grand Tribunal and we will write an official opinion. Sometimes they'll wind up in the Constitution; sometimes they're just there to satisfy the person asking the question.

The Grand Tribunal is also in charge of the appendices in the back of the book, Appendices A, B, and C. We over-review them, re-review them, and at times we make changes, and we're also in charge of reviewing the forms in the back of the book. Now, for many years, the forms were suggested forms, in the old Constitution, suggested trial committee forms, suggested form for Trustee suspension and so on and so forth. Now the forms in the last printing say official forms, and following the upcoming Grand Convention, it will be mandatory to send in the official form. You can't use, type up your own form or write it on a bar napkin with a pencil late at night or something like that. Has to use the official form in the future.

By the way, there have been 2,879 appeals since 1954, and 1954 was the big change, the rewriting of the Constitution and the establishment of the Grand Tribunal. Prior to 1954, there was no Grand Tribunal. The Grand Worthy President made all the decisions that came to his office.

On rare occasions, the Grand Tribunal will get sent out on original cases. We will run the trial in an Aerie for various reasons. Sometimes we'll send out one Justice who will run the trial; and when the transcript comes back to the Grand Tribunal Secretary's office, she will assign another Justice to do the writing of the decision and judgment of that trial. In that case, the Justice that goes out and runs the trial does not participate in the decision. He's just like a one-person trial committee.

On rare occasions, we will go out as a group, as all five of us, and run a trial by ourselves and render a decision immediately. This is usually only done in high-profile cases, and they're rarely done. I think I've had two of them since I've been a Grand Tribunal Justice.

There have been 231 original cases since, also since 1954.

One of the things we also try to do is educate as Justices. We want the people to be informed. For those of you that are going to the Grand Convention in Phoenix, there is going to be two classes, two training classes put on by the Justices. One will be on the mediation process; and if you go to that to learn about mediation, you won't have to go to the next class, which is trial procedure.

So I hope I've given you a good idea of what Justices do and what I've done for the last five years. I've really enjoyed myself. The difference between Ray and Ron, when they go out on assignment, everybody's glad to see these guys. When I get sent out on assignment, they're glad to see me leave.

And somebody asked me today, you know, this is the Eagles Convention, why are you wearing a tie with flamingos. Well, flamingos are a big part of Grand Madam President Jackie Marvel's year, and this is a tie that she presented to me and some of the other Grand Aerie Officers. Ray was wearing his yesterday.

And some of you may know, but I don't think all of you knew, I had an honor bestowed to me by Grand Madam President Jackie Marvel last year that I'm the Grand Auxiliary Stepdad. You know what that means, don't ya? Yeah, it's another dad joke. So when does a dad joke -- or when does a joke become a dad joke? When it becomes a parent.

Anyway, it's been a great honor to serve you as the Grand Justice for the last five years, and I've got one more year to go, and thank you all for all the support I've had from Minnesota for all the years too. Thank you. (Applause and standing ovation.)

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Thank you, John. Next we'll have the second reading of the proposed changes to the By-Laws, Mike.

STATE TRUSTEE HADEL: Good morning, Grand Aerie reps, State Officers, Delegates, visitors. This is the second reading of the proposed State By-Law. This proposed State By-Law initial will be Section 1.1. It's Section 1.1.1.

REPORT OF THE BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

By-Law Addition

Section 1.1.1 Whenever the regular Annual Convention of the Minnesota State Aerie cannot be held, due to the nation being engaged in war or other national emergencies, the governmental, legislative and all other powers, functions, rights and duties of the Delegates in session shall be exercised by the Board of Directors, each of whom shall have one vote in all matters, until such convention can be held. In the event Annual Conventions are not thus held, the Board of Directors shall meet at least once a year.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Hadel, #34, Chairman
Gaylen Dvorsak, #3063
Mike Melby, #350

STATE TRUSTEE HADEL: This is the second reading of the By-Law. No discussion until after the third and final reading.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Thank you, Mike. Next we'll have the report of the Golden Eagle Fund, Leon Potratz.

BROTHER POTRATZ, PSP: Okay. Grand Aerie reps, my Brother State Officers and my Brothers: The Golden Eagle Fund report, and the Committee is: (Committee read off.)

REPORT OF GOLDEN EAGLE FUND COMMITTEE

<u>AERIE NO.</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
33	St. Paul	
34	Minneapolis	
94	Stillwater	
269	Mankato	\$ 1,000.00
287	Brainerd	
350	East Grand Forks	
351	Bemidji	200.00
620	Morris	
622	St. Cloud	200.00
703	Austin	
873	Crookston	100.00
1163	Cloquet	
1243	Winona	
1460	Faribault	
1791	Owatonna	100.00
2212	Hastings	
2228	Rochester	44.56
2242	Northfield	
2258	Albert Lea	50.00
2334	Willmar	100.00
2339	Fergus Falls	
2342	Detroit Lakes	
2368	Thief River Falls	150.00
2469	Grand Rapids	400.00
2617	Hallock	200.00
3063	Alexandria	
3208	Bloomington	
3264	Elk River	
3282	Worthington	
3394	Fairmont	
3403	Luverne	
3405	Marshall	
3420	St. James	
3424	Litchfield	100.00
3486	Karlstad	
3718	New Brighton	25.00
3882	Roseau	38.82
3918	Tracy	
4031	Farmington	
4120	Shakopee	
4195	Warroad	
4456	Hibbing	10.00
4486	Blue Earth	
	TOTAL	\$ 2,718.38

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Potratz, #3264, Chairman
Ervin Scherer, #622
Keith Rende, #2334
Carl Melby, #873

BROTHER POTRATZ, PSP: With a grand total of \$2,718.38. Thank you, my Brothers, for your donations. Worthy President, I move for the adoption of this report.

. . .Motion seconded by Brother James Giesen, #1460. . .

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: We have a motion and a second. Do we have any discussion?

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: Worthy President, under discussion. May I see that? You heard some numbers, I'll give Mankato and Grand Rapids as an example, and if you look at your long sheet under where it says Golden Age Eagle Fund, or the Golden Eagle Fund, there we go, you'll also note that it has a slash Parkinson, and I just got an updated list from the Grand Aerie that does now separate the two, Parkinson's is a separate fund from Golden Age Eagle. So like Mankato, Grand Rapids, and a couple others gave to both the Golden Age Eagle and the Parkinson's Fund, and being that I do not have a separate slip on the long sheet that you all have, I combined them, because to tell you the truth, I was at Dakota when most of these reports came in, and I didn't have time to re-create it.

So if you see, as you go across the list, a certain Aerie, Grand Rapids, gave 200, 200, 200, 200, and 200, and then all of a sudden you see 400 for this fund, we actually gave to two, just like you guys did in Mankato. You gave 500 to Parkinson's and 500 to Golden Age Eagle.

I just want to point that out, that on the Grand Aerie level, they did receive two separate checks, for Parkinson's and also for Golden Age Eagle. On the report I combined them until I can make room in a larger sheet of paper to create a new column. If that makes any sense.

BROTHER DAVE BOTTIN: David Bottin, Mankato #269. I was just curious, I know for the District #5 Past President, he picked Parkinson's as his charity, so I was wondering where the funds came not listed on there from the District #5 Past Presidents contributions this last year.

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: Worthy President, I do not believe that was sent to the State office. That was probably sent directly to the Grand Aerie.

BROTHER BOTTIN: Okay. I'll have to talk to John, and he was the one in charge of ours.

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: Yeah. We did not receive a separate District #5 at the State office. I'm guessing it went straight to the Grand Aerie. That's only a guess.

BROTHER BOTTIN: All right, thank you.

. . .Motion carried. . .

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Next we'll have a report of the Youth Guidance Boy Scouts Committee from Doug Lind.

STATE INSIDE GUARD LIND: Good morning still.

BROTHER EAGLES: Good morning.

STATE INSIDE GUARD LIND: I am here to give the report for the Boy Scouts Youth Guidance. The Committee is: (Committee read off.) I will read the donations specifically for Boy Scouts.

REPORT OF YOUTH GUIDANCE (BOY SCOUTS) COMMITTEE

<u>AERIE NO.</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
33	St. Paul	
34	Minneapolis	
94	Stillwater	
269	Mankato	\$ 8,100.00
287	Brainerd	
350	East Grand Forks	
351	Bemidji	1,351.00
620	Morris	
622	St. Cloud	
703	Austin	
873	Crookston	
1163	Cloquet	
1243	Winona	
1460	Faribault	
1791	Owatonna	
2212	Hastings	
2228	Rochester	22.28
2242	Northfield	
2258	Albert Lea	
2334	Willmar	
2339	Fergus Falls	
2342	Detroit Lakes	
2368	Thief River Falls	75.00
2469	Grand Rapids	
2617	Hallock	
3063	Alexandria	
3208	Bloomington	
3264	Elk River	
3282	Worthington	
3394	Fairmont	
3403	Luverne	
3405	Marshall	
3420	St. James	
3424	Litchfield	100.00
3486	Karlstad	
3718	New Brighton	
3882	Roseau	
3918	Tracy	
4031	Farmington	
4120	Shakopee	
4195	Warroad	
4456	Hibbing	
4486	Blue Earth	
	TOTAL	\$ 9,648.28

Respectfully submitted,

Wally Manderud, #2339, Chairman

Doug Lind, #2258
Mike Melby, #350
Tim Sund, #2368
Richard Boyles, #3718

STATE INSIDE GUARD LIND: For a total of \$9,648.28. Worthy President, I move for the adoption of this report.

. . .Motion seconded by Brother Mike Melby, #350; motion carried. . .

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Next we'll do nomination of Officers and receiving of the bids for the State Aerie Convention. At this time, I would like to introduce our Incoming Worthy State President/Vice President Roger Hyatt. (Applause.)

And now we move on to nominations for Worthy Vice President/President-Elect.

BROTHER BOTTIN: It is with my honor and that that I would like to nominate Darrell Spencer for the Vice President position for the State for next year.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Any other nominations? Any other nominations? Any other nominations? Nominations for Vice President cease. We have nominations for Worthy Chaplain.

STATE TRUSTEE GIESEN: Worthy President, probably after you close, should probably ask if they accept.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Okay. Thank you. Darrell, do you accept?

WORTHY CHAPLAIN SPENCER: Yes, I do.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Thank you.

GRAND JUSTICE TOBIE, PSP: No dad joke this time, but.

STATE CONDUCTOR MELBY: Grandpa joke?

GRAND JUSTICE TOBIE, PSP: But I would like to nominate Mike Melby for the position of Chaplain. I know that's about as funny as when we nominated Ed Connell for Chaplain, you just can't put those two words in one sentence, but I think that Mike is going to do a tremendous job. Mike Melby for State Chaplain.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Any other nominations? Any other nominations? Any other nominations? Mike, do you accept?

STATE CONDUCTOR MELBY: Worthy President, I do accept.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Nominations cease for Chaplain. Nominations for Brother Secretary, three-year term.

BROTHER KUNKEL, PSP: Thank you, Worthy President. The Brother I want to nominate for State Secretary, well, he's been doing a damn good job for the last nine years, I guess. So at this time, as you all know him, I don't have to, you don't have to go into detail about our friend here, the person I want to nominate for State Secretary is John "Muffin" Batchelder.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Any other nominations? Any other nominations? Any other nominations? John, do you accept?

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: Worthy President, I accept the nomination. Thank you, thank you, Brothers.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Nominations cease. We'll move on. The Treasurer is not up. Move on to nominations for Worthy Conductor.

BROTHER KEN AYERS: Worthy President, the man I want to nominate for State Conductor has been doing a terrific job for the Eagles. He is currently Secretary of our Aerie, he's on our Aerie Ritual team, he's a Past President of the Aerie, and I'm sure he's going to do a, continue to do a very good job for the Eagles. I'd like to nominate Doug Lind from Aerie #2258.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Any other nominations? Any other nominations? Any other nominations? Doug, do you accept?

STATE INSIDE GUARD LIND: Worthy President, I accept the nomination. Thanks, Kenny.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Nominations cease for Conductor. Nominations for Worthy Inside Guard.

VICE PRESIDENT HYATT: Worthy President, I nominate John Vogt.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Any other nominations? Any other nominations? Any other nominations? John, do you accept?

STATE OUTSIDE GUARD JOHN VOGT: I do accept. Thank you.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Nominations for Inside Guard cease. Nominations for Worthy Outside Guard.

BROTHER ALLEN: Worthy President, I'm nominating Mike Hadel for Outside Guard. He's been an Eagle member since 1973, he's served as District Secretary, Past Worthy President a couple of clubs. So it's my pleasure to nominate Mike Hadel.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Any other nominations? Any other nominations? Any other nominations?
Mike, do you accept?

STATE TRUSTEE HADEL: Worthy President, Brothers, I humbly accept.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Nominations for Outside Guard cease. Nominations for State Trustee.

STATE TREASURER MEYER, PSP: Worthy President, Brothers: I come up here to nominate this gentleman for the State Trustee. He's just finishing up his second year, he's done a damn good job, and I think he will continue to do a good job. I nominate Jim Giesen from Faribault.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Any other nominations?

STATE INSIDE GUARD LIND: Worthy President, Doug Lind, Albert Lea #2258. I was honored and pleased to be asked to do this. I consider this gentleman a friend. I would like to nominate Brett Carlson from Owatonna. He's a 22-year member, Past President of Owatonna #1791, and he is also serving as our Fifth District Vice President currently. He's very involved with the Cancer Telethon and raising funds through their club for that, he's a Board member on the Cancer Telethon, Fifth District Cancer Telethon. And Brett is an Eagle at heart and has enthusiasm, and Don't You Worry, Don't You Fret, Because Your Support of Brett Will Never Cause You Any Regret. I nominate Brett Carlson.

BROTHER LEE, PSP: Worthy President, can I nominate someone?

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Any other nominations?

BROTHER LEE, PSP: This Brother has been a member for 25 years. He's gone through the Chairs of his local Aerie and has been President and filled in other Chairs when needed. He has helped with many of the events for the Club over the years, has been through the District Chairs and District President. He assisted with getting the Ritual back and running in the Club. He volunteered when bingo was getting back and running again in the Club. He is the auctioneer for our Club's community auction, which is a pretty good fundraiser for us. He is a past EMT, firefighter, city council member, and mayor of his town. I would like to place a nomination for State Trustee the name Larry Swiers from Aerie #2342.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Any other nominations?

BROTHER HANSON, PSP: Worthy President Randy, the Brother I'd like to nominate for Trustee I've known since the seventh grade, we're still good friends, and he's supported me through my Chairs, all the way, never missing one Convention, and he also can golf a little bit. I nominate Jeff Allen of New Brighton #3718 for State Trustee.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Any other nominations?

BROTHER WINTERSTEEN, PSP: Worthy President, Don Wintersteen, Aerie #351. The fellow that I would like to nominate is a 37-year member. He's a Past President from our local Aerie, as well as Past District, Past Trustee. He's current President for the second term in Bemidji Aerie #351. He's Junior Worthy Past President of our District also. His name is Fred Schrader. He has run for a couple years. He is definitely willing to try again. Fred Schrader.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Any other nominations?

BROTHER WOG: That's why my name is Wog, he put me on at the end of the line; just like the military, the last ones to get paid. My name is Richard Wog, Aerie #2334. The person I would like to tell you about, before I give you his name, he's been a member of the Willmar Aerie for 23 years. He has served two separate terms as President, he's a member of our Ritual team. Position that he took on the Ritual team the Junior Past Worthy President, and anybody taking that part knows that's not the easiest part to take. He's also an All State Junior President, Past President champion, All State Junior Past President. He's done that twice. He's a member of the 2007 Ritual team champion. He's the President of the Third District, he's gone through all the Chairs. He is supported by the Third District and supported by #2334. He believes in the Eagles, and he supports his beliefs and what it stands for. He loves his family, he loves his God, and he loves the Fraternal Order of Eagles; and I would say this through with my heart, because I've known this guy through all these 23 years. I submit the name of Richard Peterson from #2334 for the State Trustee for 2021-2022.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Any other nominations?

STATE CONDUCTOR MELBY: Worthy President, I've known Brother Terry Lubitz my entire Eagle career. I do not wish to place his name into nomination. I do, however, ask that we do acknowledge his year as an appointed Trustee. (Applause.)

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Any other nominations?

BROTHER BUZZ NELSON: Worthy President and Officers: I would like to nominate Cory Cabana, Past President of his Aerie, Past District #2 Officer, and a 15-year member. Cory Cabana.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Any other nominations? Any other nominations? Any other nominations? Brothers, do you accept your nominations?

BROTHER GIESEN: Worthy President, James Giesen, Faribault #1460, I accept the nomination.

BROTHER SCHRADER: Worthy President, Fred Schrader, Bemidji #351, accepts the nomination.

BROTHER ALLEN: Jeff Allen, New Brighton #3718, I accept the nomination.

BROTHER LARRY SWIERS: Worthy President, Larry Swiers, Detroit Lakes Aerie #2342, accepts the nomination.

BROTHER BRETT CARLSON: Worthy President, Brett Carlson, #1791. With the help of my wife, I accept this nomination.

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: Smart man.

BROTHER CORY CABANA: Cory Cabana, #3063, I accept.

BROTHER RICHARD PETERSON: Worthy President, excuse me for not standing, I have a bad back. Richard Peterson, I will accept the nomination.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Nominations for State --

STATE TRUSTEE LUBITZ, PSP: If I may. Thank you, Mike. It's damn nice to see people out here doing this. We've had too many years where we don't have enough people running. Just thank you all for doing that.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Nominations for State Trustee cease. Nominations for State Membership Secretary-Treasurer.

STATE TREASURER MEYER, PSP: I don't know. I'm up here again to put in nomination the name of Jake Fee for Secretary-Treasurer of the Membership. He come into a bad situation and he got it cleaned up. The Secretary-Treasurer's books only took about ten minutes and not two hours, as in the past, so I think he's doing a damn good job. I put in Jake Fee for nomination.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Any other nominations? Any other nominations? Any other nominations? Nominations for State Membership Secretary-Treasurer cease.

BROTHER GIESEN: Worthy President, I make a motion that the State Secretary cast a white ballot for all unopposed offices.

. . . Motion seconded by Brother Ed Connell, #3420; motion carried. . .

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: Worthy President, I like that enthusiasm. So trying to follow that, I hereby cast a white ballot for all unopposed offices of the Minnesota State Aerie.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Next we will accept bids for Convention City '23 and '24.

STATE TREASURER MEYER, PSP: I am so glad I'm not very far from this podium. As everybody knows, COVID blew Crookston out of the water here last year and we weren't able to have a true Convention. So we'd like this Convention here today to give us one more chance of in a couple years. I put the name of Crookston in for nomination.

BROTHER EAGLE: What year?

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: '23. Any other bids for '23? Do I have to read that three times?

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: Uh-huh.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Any other bids for '23? Any other bids for '23? Nominations cease for 2023 Convention City. (Applause.) 2024?

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: I had a feeling this one would be tough.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Nobody wants 2024?

ASSISTANT STATE SECRETARY FEE: Anybody?

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: It should go south, if that helps at all.

STATE CONDUCTOR MELBY: Doug, that will be your installation year, I believe. I do believe that will be where you would be installed as State President. Thinking perhaps Albert Lea would maybe consider giving that a shot?

STATE INSIDE GUARD LIND: Albert Lea hasn't discussed it, but Albert Lea has always been on the 6, and so 2026 would be our normal rotation.

STATE CONDUCTOR MELBY: Just grasping at straws here.

STATE INSIDE GUARD LIND: I'm not at liberty to make that commitment.

STATE CONDUCTOR MELBY: I was asking your Delegation, but.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Leave it open?

ASSISTANT STATE SECRETARY FEE: Got to be appointed at some point, right?

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: 2024 will remain open until appointed.

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: Worthy President, for the Convention City 2024, as it is open, at any point in time you bring this back to your Aeries and they say goddamn, that sounds like a good time, excuse my mouth, you can send a letter or an email to the State Secretary's office requesting to be appointed, or showing interest, anyways, and we can then bring that to an executive board meeting or a special meeting via email, and then notify the Delegation through the local Aeries. We'll get some kind of communication out electronically.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Next we'll have the report of the Election Committee, Ken Kunkel, St. Cloud. Or as Brent says, Uncle Kunkel.

REPORT OF ELECTION COMMITTEE

BROTHER KUNKEL, PSP: Thank you, Worthy President. Grand Aerie representatives, State Officers, and my Brothers: I can see the COVID hasn't affected the people wanting to run for State office. This is probably the most we've had in a long time. We have seven people running for State office this year. You can vote for one, two, or three. Any more would be thrown out on the whole shebang, and we don't like to throw too many out. So it's either you can vote for one person, two people, or three people.

But before we get all carried away, I think we all better have a story.

(WHEREUPON, a joke was told.)

BROTHER KUNKEL, PSP: Starting at 8:00 o'clock -- and before I forget, I better name the Committee people. (Committee read off.) Emil Vanyo #2368, Don Wintersteen #351, Bob Parkin #3063, Dale Neu #3424, Dave Holchalter #2342, Ed Connell #3420, Curt Concannon, yeah, something like that, Concannon, there I got it, #1794, 91. Okay, well, that will work, 91. Dave Malton #269, and Mike Hanson #3718. And I would like these people all to meet me at about 7:30 right next door.

So again, you can vote for one, two, or three. Any more will be considered an invalid ballot.

Worthy President, this is a partial report of the Election Committee.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: We'll move on to a partial report of the Credentials Committee.

BROTHER WOG: Roger couldn't be here, he's still busy. This will be the partial membership registration report. Number of Aeries represented 25, Delegates 61, Past Presidents 67, State Officers 13, Past State Presidents 15, visitors 14. Total attendance of 103. Move for this report.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: It's a partial report.

BROTHER WOG: Partial report.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Do we have any other special business?

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: That was the report, or partial report. I have a couple items under special business. First of all, Worthy President, have you been approached or have you filled, I was asked to remind you, in case, because I didn't get to talk to you last night, have you appointed, temporarily, Athletic Committee Chairperson for the report that we're giving tomorrow?

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: I have not, no.

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: Is that what you wanted me to do over there? Tim? Becky is going to be the Committee Chairman. We talked to Roger last night.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Becky's going to take it? Becky is going to be appointed.

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: We'll write that in there, Korsunsky. So I called this number the other day on my phone and I had no idea who it was. She goes, "It's Becky," and I go, "Becky who?" So then I had to type it in. Okay, now I won't forget who you are.

As is, I don't know if it's protocol or whatever, past practice, anyways, last night's District hospitality room at the Willmar Eagles produced some tips; and as in the past, the tips are awarded from their bartenders to the President's charities to be split. So in this envelope is a lot of money. Well, a fair amount of money. It's wrapped up with a breakdown of the money and change to be presented to you. You can open this, you can see how much. I think it's -- I don't remember.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: I'll open it with Marlene. Thank you all for your generosity.

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: And I have one other, sorry, one other announcement to make.

(WHEREUPON, an announcement was made to the Delegates.)

STATE CONDUCTOR MELBY: Mike Melby, Dakotah Aerie #350. I failed to mention this earlier, but as a follow-up to the Autism Report yesterday, I did receive back verification that \$1,072 was sent directly to, from District #2 to Autism in Minnesota, but it was all generated by Eagle funds. So please note that for the report.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Okay.

(Whereupon, several announcements were made to the Delegates.)

BROTHER CONNELL, PSP: Last night with the Nightcappers and that, I guess I was supposed to give this a little earlier, but I'll do it now, we had a couple of new members join the Nightcappers last night, and we came up with some money here. And I had two guys that kind of had to pay extra in their dues and fines. So we got \$120. Considering, Larry, we couldn't do this last year, here's \$120 for your charity; and Randy, we came up with an extra \$120 for your charity. So the Nightcappers do help out.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Thank you, guys. (Applause.)

BROTHER WOG: Worthy President, Richard Wog, #2334. For your State Secretaries, you know, last night was a lot of fun, was it?

BROTHER EAGLES: Yeah.

BROTHER WOG: Well, somebody's got to pay for it. And as the Districts, I have the sheet here for all the Districts. So if you could quickly find me before you go into your caucuses so I can give you these receipts. And also for tonight, Worthy Vice President, if I can say this, you're going to

need your wristband to get into the Incoming President's function tonight, and you will receive your wristband at the Memorial Service. If you attend the Memorial Service, you're going to get the wristband. Is that right? So I just want you to know that.

And I'm just going to take this a little bit of time, because my grandson is trapshooting in Alexandria tomorrow, so I'm not going to have -- I'm going to leave right after I vote, but I can't thank you enough for your support and your generosity; and, believe me, Willmar is going to bid for another Convention, but I just don't know when.

BROTHER EAGLE: 2024. (Applause.)

BROTHER WOG: Thank you very much.

(WHEREUPON, there were additional announcements made to the Delegates.)

BROTHER MIKE STRAUSS, WISCONSIN PSP: I'm Mike Strauss, Manitowac, Wisconsin, Aerie #706. I'd like to thank you for your hospitality the last two days. I need to head back early tomorrow morning.

(Difficulty with microphone.)

BROTHER STRAUSS, WISCONSIN PSP: I'm Mike Strauss, Manitowac, Wisconsin, Aerie #706. I just want to take an opportunity to thank you for your hospitality the last two days. I need to head back early tomorrow morning, and it's about a seven-hour drive back home. It's been a pleasure meeting with each of you. I am running for Grand Aerie office, and I've had an opportunity to talk with many of you over the course of the last two days, and I appreciate the positive comments that I've received. So I would appreciate your support, if you have an opportunity.

I wanted to make this just comment. Last night's banquet was just beyond belief, it was awesome, the two charities you donated to. And I'm having a hard time dealing. My sister passed away a couple years ago of ovarian cancer, and hospice was a Godsend for her and her family, and I want to thank you for the donations to that. The other thing was the Make-A-Wish Foundation. My nephew, when he was eight years old, was diagnosed with childhood leukemia, and he went through the chemo, he went through the radiation, he went through the surgeries, and Make-A-Wish granted him a wish. Like many kids, they wanted to go to Disney World. They did make that trip, and when he got back, he told his dad, "You know, dad, some day I want to work for Disney World." Well, today he's 35 years old, he's the picture of health, he goes for a blood test once a year; and believe it or not, he's working for Walt Disney World down in Florida. (Applause.)

So it's amazing, the twists and turns that our dollars that we donate to these charities can achieve, and I thank you for your support and what you do for the Fraternal Order of Eagles. I look forward to seeing you down the Eagle Road, and many of you hopefully in Phoenix. So thank you very much. (Applause.)

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Any other announcements?

(WHEREUPON, there were additional announcements were made to the Delegates.)

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: With that, if there is no more announcements, Worthy State Chaplain, will you close the Bible. We'll recess till 9:00 a.m. tomorrow.

(WHEREUPON, the Second Session of the One Hundred Eighteenth Annual Convention of the Minnesota State Aerie F.O.E. was concluded at 11:00 a.m.)

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

June 19, 2021

. . .The Third Session of the One Hundred Eighteenth Minnesota State Aerie Convention was called to order by President Randy Beggs at 9:00 a.m. on June 19, 2021.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: I'll call this third and final session of the 118th Annual Minnesota State Eagles Aerie Convention to order. We'll have a patriotic song by Mike Hadel.

STATE TRUSTEE HADEL: Good morning, my Brothers. Please join me in singing God Bless America. I'm sorry, My Country Tis of Thee.

(WHEREUPON, Brother Mike Hadel sang My Country Tis of Thee and all Delegates joined in song.)

(Applause.)

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Next we'll have invocation by Worthy State Chaplain Darrell Spencer.

STATE CHAPLAIN SPENCER: Let us pray. Our Father, we ask that our deliberations be marked by an earnestness that will exclude every selfish thought; and that as Delegates, we shall, at all times, do which is best for this Fraternity, so that the sum of our efforts will advance and be wholly acceptable unto Thee. Amen.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: And then we'll have the Obligation of Delegates by Past State President Terry Lubitz.

STATE TRUSTEE LUBITZ, PSP: Bruce does a heck of a job. He's even got the mic on. Well, at the end of this, I'm going to ask you to reverse what we do at the beginning of it. Okay?

Place your right hand over your heart and repeat after me. As Delegates to our Minnesota State Aerie Convention, I promise to abide by the laws, rules and regulations of the Grand Aerie; that I will, to the best of my ability, attend all sessions of this State Convention and promote at all times its

benign influence, so help me God. (All Delegates responded by repeating this Oath.) Reverse what I said earlier. (Repeated by Delegates.)

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: We'll have Roll Call of Officers, State Aeries, Secretary John Batchelder.

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: Third and final session of this Minnesota State Aerie Convention 2021.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

. . .The Roll Call of State Officers was read by State Secretary John Batchelder, as follows:

- Larry Silverthorn, #351, Junior Past State President
- Randy Beggs, #873, Worthy State President
- Roger Hyatt, #287, Worthy State Vice President
- Darrell Spencer, #269, Worthy State Chaplain
- John Batchelder, #2469, State Secretary
- Jake Fee, #873, Assistant State Secretary
- Bruce Meyer, #873, State Treasurer
- Mike Melby, #350, Worthy State Conductor
- Doug Lind, #2258, State Inside Guard
- John Vogt, #287, State Outside Guard
- Mike Hadel, #34, State Trustee
- Jim Giesen, #1460, State Trustee
- Terry Lubitz, #2368, State Trustee
- Jake Fee, #873, Membership Dept. Secretary-Treasurer

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: That concludes Roll Call of Officers, Worthy President.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Thank you.

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: Move right in, right?

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: State Aeries.

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: This is Roll Call of State Aeries. When your Aerie number is called, name and number, please respond with the number of Delegates, Past Worthy Presidents, Past State Presidents, State Officers, and/or visitors.

REPORT OF ROLL CALL OF AERIES

<u>AERIE</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>DELEGATES</u>	<u>P.W.P.</u>	<u>P.S.P. STATE OFF.</u>	<u>VISITORS</u>
33	St. Paul				
34	Minneapolis	2	2	1	
94	Stillwater				
269	Mankato	3	3	1	
287	Brainerd	4	4	1-1	
350	East Grand Forks	0	2	1	
351	Bemidji	4	4	2-1	
620	Morris				
622	St. Cloud	1	1	1	
703	Austin				
873	Crookston	4	5	1-3	
1163	Cloquet				
1243	Winona	1	1	1	
1460	Faribault	1	2	1-1	
1791	Owatonna	5	4		
2212	Hastings				
2228	Rochester				
2242	Northfield				
2258	Albert Lea	4	7	1-1	
2334	Willmar	3	4		
2339	Fergus Falls				
2342	Detroit Lakes	2	5	1	
2368	Thief River Falls	2	2	1-1	
2469	Grand Rapids	2	3	1-1	
2617	Hallock	1	1		
3063	Alexandria	3	3	1	
3208	Bloomington				
3264	Elk River				
3282	Worthington	1	1		
3394	Fairmont	1	1	1	
3403	Luverne				
3405	Marshall				
3420	St. James	1	1	1	
3424	Litchfield	2	1		
3486	Karlstad				
3718	New Brighton	4	4	1	2

3882	Roseau	1	1
3918	Tracy		
4031	Farmington		
4120	Shakopee		
4195	Warroad		
4456	Hibbing		
4486	Blue Earth		

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: That would conclude Roll Call of the State Aeries, Worthy President.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Thank you, John. Next we'll have the final report of the Resolutions Committee, Weasel Henry.

BROTHER HENRY: Worthy President, Grand reps, Brothers: Good morning.

BROTHER EAGLES: Good morning.

BROTHER HENRY: Today I have three resolutions. Two came to me yesterday for submitting for charities, or new charity funds, and then of course our resolution of thanks. First resolution is:

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 2

WHEREAS, COVID 19 has caused over 600,000 deaths in the United States; and

WHEREAS, noncancer-related lung deaths occur for over 300,000 deaths in the United States on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, noncancer, lung-related diseases is the fourth leading cause of death in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Fraternal Order of Eagles does not currently have a charity established in relation to noncancer-related lung disease; and

WHEREAS, the American Lung Association has a current 501(c)(3) tax status with the IRS; and

WHEREAS, the American Lung Association uses 97 percent of all donations for the purposes of program services and fundraising.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Delegates of the 118th Annual Fraternal Order of Eagles State Aerie Convention here assembled on this 19th day of June 2021 ask the Investigating Committee to begin the process of reviewing the American Lung Association for purposes of establishing a fund for Minnesota Aerie to make donations to the Minnesota State Aerie Lung Fund; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon a satisfactory report from the Investigating Committee at the 119th Annual Minnesota State Aerie Convention, other resolutions shall be written to create and establish the Minnesota State Lung Fund as an approved charity.

Respectfully submitted,

Weasel Henry, #873, Chairman
 Mike Hadel, #34
 Jeff Henry, #269

BROTHER HENRY: I move for this adoption of this report.

. . .Motion seconded by Brother Mike Melby, #350. . .

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: We have a motion and a second for the resolution to establish a Lung Fund. Any discussion?

OUTSIDE GUARD MELBY: Worthy President, if I could. Weasel, can I get that? I just think there was -- I just want to check the wording here real quick. Sorry. Yeah, I think it was read, "WHEREAS, noncancer-related lung deaths occur," it should be "WHEREAS, noncancer-related lung deaths account for over 300,000 deaths in the United States on an annual basis." So just a matter of correction there.

BROTHER HENRY: Yup.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Any other discussion?

. . .Motion carried. . .

BROTHER HENRY: Now for our second resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 3

WHEREAS, Camp Confidence Learning Center of Minnesota located near Brainerd, Minnesota, does an exemplary job of the humanitarian ideals of the Fraternal Order of Eagles; and

WHEREAS, Camp Confidence Learning Center makes the lives in need of having the opportunity to experience normal fun; and

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie donates to worthy causes; and

WHEREAS, the Confidence Learning Center serves all the jurisdictions of the Fraternal Order of Eagles; and

WHEREAS, the Confidence Learning Center is a 501(c)(3) organization; and

WHEREAS, the Confidence Learning Center receives no Federal or State funding.

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grand Aerie Fraternal Order of Eagles adopt the Camp Confidence Learning Center going forward and encouraging the local Aeries within the states and provinces, and State Aerie and Provinces, to donate to them.

FURTHERMORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, we ask that the Grand Aerie take into consideration this charity as a Grand Aerie charity.

Respectfully submitted,

Weasel Henry, #873, Chairman
Mike Hadel, #34
Jeff Henry, #269

BROTHER HENRY: I, Marion Henry, move for this adoption of this report.

. . .Motion seconded by Brother Mike Hadel, #34; motion carried. . .

BROTHER HENRY: Resolution of thanks.

RESOLUTION NO. 4

WHEREAS, the City of Willmar, Minnesota, and the Convention Chairman Richard Wog for extending its welcome to the gracious hospitality to Minnesota State Aerie and its Delegates attending the 2021 Convention; and

WHEREAS, the City of Willmar's American Legion Post 167 for presenting the Flag at the opening ceremonies; and

WHEREAS, the City of Willmar represented by Mayor Mark Calvin and County Sheriff Greg Palinie for extending their wishes for a successful Minnesota State Convention, and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota State representatives are honored by the presence at this Convention by Past Grand Worthy President Ron Malz, Grand Officer Ray Measel, Past North Central Regional President John Batchelder, Incoming North Central Regional President Paul Hagenbuch, and visitor and running for Grand office Mike Strauss, and Grand Aerie Justice John Tobie; and

WHEREAS, the Delegates of the 118th Minnesota State Convention also support the current standing Officers of the Grand Aerie, and

WHEREAS, the City of Willmar for hosting the Delegates and all other Committeemen have done an outstanding job of planning this Convention and accommodating all Delegates and visitors for this Convention; and

WHEREAS, State President Randy Beggs, State Vice President/President-Elect Roger Hyatt, and State Secretary John Batchelder have done an outstanding job preparing and conducting the business of this Convention; and

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Delegates of this 118th Annual Convention of the Minnesota State Aerie, here assembled, do hereby extend our thanks and sincere appreciation to the Chairman and Committeemen and all members of the Willmar Aerie #2334, through whose efforts this Convention has been a great success.

Respectfully submitted,

Weasel Henry, #873, Chairman
Mike Hadel, #34
Jeff Henry, #269

BROTHER HENRY: Worthy President, I move for the adoption of this report.

. . .Motion seconded by Brother Brett Carlson, #1791; motion carried. . .

(Applause.)

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Next we'll have Special Order of Business, Dignitary closing comments. Ray, would you like to go first?

GRAND AERIE INSIDE GUARD MEASEL: Thank you, Randy. Past Grand Worthy President Ron, Grand Justice John, State Officers, Delegates, and Brothers: What an awesome Convention. You all should give a pat on your back for the amount of monies that you've raised during this tough time this last year. I applaud you for what you have done. (Applause.)

A special thank you to Aeries and Auxiliary in #2334 for their hospitality and friendship. They did a good job. They had some new bartenders there, and they stepped up to the game and did a very, very good job, and I applaud them for that. (Applause.)

To Randy, to John, to Ron, and to all the State Officers: Congratulations on a great Convention, on what you've done. You've done an excellent job. Everything went forward without any hiccups whatsoever, that I know of. But awesome job, what you've done.

And I offer all the support and everything to the new Officers that are coming in and all the continuing ones. I know that you all will do an awesome job for the State of Minnesota and also for the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

I want to remind you, in the back there is a lot of brochures back there. Please take them with you before you leave. I'd hate to have them stay here, and all the hotel is going to do is throw them away, so please, you know, take them back to your Aeries and everything and give them to your Secretaries or put them out and everything so everybody can see and get some good information, especially new members that are coming in. There is a lot of good information back there.

Remember: Get Off the Bench and Get Into the Game. There is new faces out there. Be a mentor to those new faces. Continually, we see the same faces and they're the ones that are doing the job all the time. So when you get a new person that comes in, be a mentor to them.

Remember also: We are the FOE, and I strongly agree with what Brian Rogers is trying to do this year, is that social media, Facebook, is an excellent tool to get our name out. When you do check presentations, put it out there. Don't put it out in just like group sessions. Put it out there where everybody can see, so everybody that is on Facebook can see who the FOE is. Easy seller for us, no cost whatsoever.

Be a team player. Set the example. We are the ones and everything that are out there and working all the time. So set an example to the new faces and such.

Remember the Memorial Foundation next year for Brian Rogers. Constantly I see, and even in Nebraska, we could raise an awful lot more monies. So hopefully this year and everything, we can do that. Because there is nothing better within the Fraternal Order of Eagles than the Memorial Foundation, especially for our youth.

And finally, from the bottom of my heart, thank you for the confidence you have in me on going forward within the Grand Aerie, and I know that I can help you all, because I don't work for you -- or you don't work for me, I work for you.

Thank you and God bless and God bless the FOE, and I hope some day and everything, I can come back. Thank you. (Applause and standing ovation.)

With that, Randy, I tried to get an extended stay at the hotel, and they wouldn't let me do it. So with your approval and everything, may I be excused?

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Safe travels.

GRAND AERIE INSIDE GUARD MEASEL: Thank you.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Ron?

BROTHER MALZ, PSP: Well, Worthy President Randy, my Brothers. I gave a little bit of talk on the Memorial Foundation also yesterday, and I was waiting for a text from Zack Timmons, our marketing person in the Grand Aerie, on the numbers that came in last year for the Memorial Foundation, and they came through after I was all done, so I do have them here now. As of May 31st, we took in \$129,353, which is pretty good. We paid out \$32,121. So we came out a little bit ahead. It's not always that way.

So please keep it in your thoughts to push for the charities. All the charities are down this year, and we're requesting that you make an extra effort to try and build these funds up again. I know the last two years have been a heck of a time, especially last year, starting out. So remember all your charities.

Now, if you did send money in to the Grand Aerie for the charities and it doesn't come up, the money could have been sent in May 25th, 26th, whatever, but the way the post office is operating, the Grand Aerie may not have gotten it until after May 31st. According to the IRS rules, all the charity money must be in, in to the office, by midnight, May 31st. So if you don't see it there on the sheets, chances are it's going to be credited to next year, or this year. So but the money is still there, it didn't get lost or anything. But please just keep funding our charities, doing the best job you can. I know it's a hard thing to do.

Willmar, congratulations on the great Convention you guys did. Everything is going pretty smooth, and you guys did a great job. Richard Wog and his people that he had working with him, you guys did fantastic. I don't think anybody wanted for anything. If they had a problem, they knew who to go to and you guys took care of it right away.

Randy, it was a little bit of a different year for you, but congratulations on your year. You did a fantastic job.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Thank you.

BROTHER MALZ, PSP: And it looks like the State of Minnesota came out of this pretty good.

So Brothers, Sisters, or Brothers, totally: Thank you for everything, thank you for your support, and hope to see many of you in Phoenix this year. It sounds like last year was only about a half a Convention, not much going on. This year, like I say, the hotels are booked. Steve Tolman, Convention Coordinator, had out a Facebook deal that they're going to be opening up more rooms here next week. The rooms are getting turned back. A lot of states will order a whole block of rooms, and then they don't need that many, so they'll be turning them back. So if you do need rooms, you want them at the convention center, or headquarters, just keep checking, because there will be more rooms opening up all the time.

With that, my Brothers, thank you for all your hospitality, thank you for your friendship, and God bless you all, and we'll see you down where Eagles fly. Safe travels. (Applause and standing ovation.)

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Thank you, Ron. John, do you have a few words?

GRAND JUSTICE TOBIE, PSP: Once again, I have a few words, because Ray and Ron covered quite a few things. But I want to thank all the recipients of the awards from the last two years, well-deserved.

I want to thank you, Willmar, for the hospitality, for the great transportation, for the great food, and the pee-poor pull tabs. Ken Kunkel and I expect you to name your scholarship fund the Tobie and Kunkel Scholarship Fund of Willmar, Minnesota.

Thank you, Randy, for an awesome year in representing Minnesota.

Roger, we're behind you for the upcoming year.

One reminder, as a Grand Justice, Worthy Presidents out here, if you have not filled your Trial Committee with your five members and your two alternates, you're behind the ball already. You need to get your Trial Committee completed. Aerie Secretaries, please follow up on the Worthy President's choices of his Trial Committee, because they have to be entered into the MMS system. Worthy Presidents, should you have done your job and if you have the need for a trial, at least you won't be accused of bias and stacking the Trial Committee, that's why it's important, and in the Constitution, I think it's 62.1, it says one of your first jobs is to appoint your Trial Committee.

A little story: It's hard to believe, but 50 years ago, I graduated from Bemidji State, and I had a beard and I had lots of hair and I had a ponytail. Well --

STATE CONDUCTOR MELBY: I'd like a picture of that.

GRAND JUSTICE TOBIE, PSP: I know.

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: That was already too much information.

BROTHER JUSTICE TOBIE, PSP: Well, genetics have taken over, and now I'm bald, but I still carry a comb. I just can't part with it.

That's my last and final bad joke, and I would like to say, fathers, have a great day tomorrow. Willmar, again thank you for everything. Brothers, I thank you for all the support. It was a great Convention, and like Ron said, we'll see you where Eagles fly. (Applause and standing ovation.)

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Thank you, John. Next we'll have final report of proposed By-Laws, Mike Melby.

STATE CONDUCTOR MELBY: Good morning, my Brothers.

BROTHER EAGLES: Good morning.

STATE CONDUCTOR MELBY: Worthy President Randy, Grand Aerie agents, Delegates, my Brothers all: This is the final report of the Minnesota State Aerie By-Laws Committee. The purpose of this is to create an additional proposed By-Law or to create a By-Law.

REPORT OF BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

By-Law Addition

Section 1.1.1 Whenever the regular Annual Convention of the Minnesota State Aerie cannot be held, due to the nation being engaged in war or other national emergencies, the governmental, legislative and all other powers, functions, rights and duties of the Delegates in session shall be exercised by the Board of Directors, each of whom shall have one vote in all matters, until such convention can be held. In the event Annual Conventions are not thus held, the Board of Directors shall meet at least once a year.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Hadel, #34, Chairman
Gaylen Dvorsak, #3063
Mike Melby, #350

STATE CONDUCTOR MELBY: Again, the purpose is to conduct annual affairs, or to conduct the annual affairs of the Minnesota State Aerie in time of state or national emergency. The By-Laws Committee recommends the adoption of this By-Law. I so move.

. . .Motion seconded by Brother Fred Schrader, #351; motion carried. . .

STATE CONDUCTOR MELBY: As this By-Law has now been created on the State level, I would then request that either the State Aerie Secretary, or Jake Fee as the Assistant, upon approval by the Grand Aerie, disseminate this information to each local Aerie so that a By-Law can be created in their own Aeries following the format of this By-Law change. Worthy President, I move the adoption of this final report of the By-Laws Committee.

. . .Motion seconded by Brother Marion Henry, #871; motion carried. . .

STATE CONDUCTOR MELBY: Thank you, my Brothers.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: The report of Our Lady of Peace, Mike Hadel.

STATE TRUSTEE HADEL: Good morning, Brothers.

BROTHER EAGLES: Good morning.

STATE TRUSTEE HADEL: I have the honor of doing the Our Lady of Peace Report. Let me get a show of hands, how many of you have ever had an experience with hospice? (Hands raised.) It's just about touched every one of our lives.

Our Lady of Peace is in St. Paul. It's very close to where I live, so my wife and I had a chance to go on over there. They treat people with respect and dignity in their final days, and I just can't say enough about the people and the staff. So we'll start out.

REPORT OF OUR LADY OF PEACE FUND COMMITTEE

<u>AERIE NO.</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
33	St. Paul	
34	Minneapolis	\$ 1,000.00
94	Stillwater	
269	Mankato	1,500.00
287	Brainerd	
350	East Grand Forks	
351	Bemidji	100.00
620	Morris	
622	St. Cloud	
703	Austin	
873	Crookston	
1163	Cloquet	
1243	Winona	
1460	Faribault	
1791	Owatonna	300.00
2212	Hastings	
2228	Rochester	22.28
2242	Northfield	
2258	Albert Lea	50.00
2334	Willmar	
2339	Fergus Falls	
2342	Detroit Lakes	
2368	Thief River Falls	75.00
2469	Grand Rapids	200.00
2617	Hallock	
3063	Alexandria	
3208	Bloomington	
3264	Elk River	
3282	Worthington	50.00
3394	Fairmont	
3403	Luverne	
3405	Marshall	
3420	St. James	
3424	Litchfield	100.00
3486	Karlstad	
3718	New Brighton	
3882	Roseau	
3918	Tracy	
4031	Farmington	
4120	Shakopee	
4195	Warroad	
4456	Hibbing	10.00
4486	Blue Earth	
	TOTAL	\$ 3,407.28

Respectfully submitted,
 John Cedergren, #269, Chairman
 John Vogt, #287
 Mike Hadel, #34

STATE TRUSTEE HADEL: For a total of \$3,407.28. (Committee read off.) Worthy President, I make a motion for the adoption of this report.

. . .Motion seconded by Brother Dave Heikkila, #2258; motion carried. . .

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Next we'll have the final report of the Credentials Committee, Roger Stephens.

- BROTHER ROGER STEPHENS: Good morning, Brothers.
- BROTHER EAGLES: Good morning.
- BROTHER STEPHENS: Final report as of today:

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

25 Total Aeries Represented
 63 Total Delegates

68 Total Past Worthy Presidents
 13 Total State Officers
 15 Total Past State Presidents
 159 Total Votes
 14 Total Visitors

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Wog, #2334, Chairman

BROTHER STEPHENS: I'll make a motion for a final adoption of the registration report.

. . .Motion seconded by Brother Jon Smebak, #3882; motion carried. . .

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Next we have the report of the Cancer Fund, and nobody from that Committee is here. Bruce, will you do that for us, please? Oh, Jim's going to do it.

STATE TRUSTEE GIESEN: In the absence of the Committee members, I will read the Art Ehrmann Cancer Fund Report. (Committee read off.)

REPORT OF ART EHRMANN CANCER FUND COMMITTEE

<u>AERIE NO.</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
33	St. Paul	
34	Minneapolis	
94	Stillwater	
269	Mankato	\$ 500.00
287	Brainerd	25.00
350	East Grand Forks	
351	Bemidji	100.00
620	Morris	
622	St. Cloud	200.00
703	Austin	
873	Crookston	50.00
1163	Cloquet	
1243	Winona	
1460	Faribault	
1791	Owatonna	
2212	Hastings	
2228	Rochester	22.28
2242	Northfield	
2258	Albert Lea	
2334	Willmar	
2339	Fergus Falls	
2342	Detroit Lakes	160.00
2368	Thief River Falls	75.00
2469	Grand Rapids	200.00
2617	Hallock	100.00
3063	Alexandria	200.00
3208	Bloomington	
3264	Elk River	
3282	Worthington	50.00
3394	Fairmont	
3403	Luverne	
3405	Marshall	
3420	St. James	
3424	Litchfield	100.00
3486	Karlstad	
3718	New Brighton	100.00
3882	Roseau	38.82
3918	Tracy	
4031	Farmington	
4120	Shakopee	
4195	Warroad	
4456	Hibbing	10.00
4486	Blue Earth	
	TOTAL	\$ 1,931.10

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Baccus, #2228, Chairman
 John Barrus, #873
 Jeff Henry, #269
 John Cedergren, #269

STATE TRUSTEE GIESEN: For a total of \$1,931.10. Worthy President, I make a motion we accept this report.

. . .Motion seconded by Brother Mike Melby, #350; motion carried. . .

STATE CONDUCTOR MELBY: Worthy President, I've been informed by our Worthy Inside Guard that we have visitors about the door seeking admission.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Okay. Will you close the Bible. Doug, would you let them in, please.

SISTER JoANN BURKEL, PSP: It looks sad over here.

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: You don't want to walk right in front here?

SISTER BURKEL, PSP: Yeah, I know. How much of a fine would that be?

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: About 40 bucks each.

SISTER GAYLE BATCHELDER, PSP: I'm Gayle Batchelder, and I want to thank you so much for doing the 50-50 drawings, but unfortunately, a woman won. No, I wanted the men to win. They're my favorite. They take care of me. It was \$351. So thank you guys so much. But Bina's got something better for you guys.

SISTER BINA SILVERTHORN, PSP: The grill was not won in the Auxiliary room. So the number is -- you guys got your white tickets? While you guys are looking for those, I'd like to thank you guys. We figured it out. If we have 14 teams again this year for the bowling, like we had in Bemidji last year, it would cost right around \$500 more to bowl for our teams in Detroit Lakes this year, and we raised, thanks you to guys, \$864. (Applause.) Everybody got their white tickets? Are we ready? I'm going to read all the numbers. 99987--who's still with me?--9.

BROTHER AND SISTER EAGLES: Tobie.

SISTER SILVERTHORN, PSP: We better go verify that.

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: I would triple verify that one.

BROTHER NELSON: Whoever won was one number behind me.

SISTER BURKEL, PSP: Yes, Randy and Weasel, you guys did beat us right in the end. I got a report every week from the Grand with the membership percentage net gain, and the Auxiliary was ahead of you the whole year, except till the very end, and then you only won by .023 percent.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: A win's a win.

SISTER BURKEL, PSP: But, yeah, how many of those were female members, huh? But anyway, that's beside the point.

So we'd like to give you a little donation from the windchime auction, that was \$100, and then I will give you \$100 also, for your charity. (Applause.)

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Thank you very much.

SISTER BURKEL, PSP: Thank you.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Thank you, thank you. Bruce is going to double that up, right?

SISTER BURKEL, PSP: Money, money, money, that's all. (Applause.)

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Worthy Conductor, will you please open the Bible. Next we'll have the report of the Athletic Committee, Becky Korsunsky.

BROTHER BECKY KORSUNSKY: Worthy President, Grand dignitaries, Brothers.

REPORT OF ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

We had our meeting yesterday, and the only bid that we received was for the golf tournament for New Brighton for 2022, which we accepted. So the golf tournament will be in New Brighton in 2022.

The beanbag tournament was already, for '21, is in Rochester, and that's July 30th, 31st, and August 1st, and I believe there are flyers on the back table.

So what we do have open for 2022 is still bowling, pool, cricket, and 301.

You guys, we've got to have Clubs step up to host these things. If your clubs are, if they're worried about doing it, Tim, the Secretary-Treasurer of the Athletic Committee, myself, we will help you run them. We will guide you through it all, you won't be on your own. So please consider hosting these. They're good for your Clubs. It helps get people into your Aeries and to make some money.

When you receive flyers for these tournaments, when your Secretaries do, please push them to get them out to your members so they can see it for people to participate in these. They're a ton of fun. New Brighton has hosted several of them, and we always have a good time.

The report: Starting balance was \$3,679.74. We received \$410, we had no expenses, and so the total is \$4,089.74.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary S. Miller, #3063, Chairman
Tim Schmitz, #3718, Secy-Treas.
Dist #1 Jonathan Wills, #351
Dist #2 Terry Lubitz, #2368
Dist #3 Keith Rende, #2334
Dist #4 Jeff Allen, #3718
Dist #5 Dale Johnston, #2258

BROTHER KORSUNSKY: Worthy President, I make a motion we adopt this report.

. . .Motion seconded by Brother Terry Lubitz, #2368; motion carried. . .

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Next we'll have the report of the Eagle Watch Committee, Jim Giesen.

STATE TRUSTEE GIESEN: Since protocol has been done a handful of times today, I won't bore you with that again. (Committee read off.)

REPORT OF EAGLE WATCH FUND COMMITTEE

<u>AERIE NO.</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
33	St. Paul	
34	Minneapolis	
94	Stillwater	
269	Mankato	
287	Brainerd	
350	East Grand Forks	
351	Bemidji	\$ 100.00
620	Morris	
622	St. Cloud	
703	Austin	
873	Crookston	
1163	Cloquet	
1243	Winona	
1460	Faribault	
1791	Owatonna	
2212	Hastings	
2228	Rochester	
2242	Northfield	
2258	Albert Lea	100.00
2334	Willmar	
2339	Fergus Falls	
2342	Detroit Lakes	
2368	Thief River Falls	75.00
2469	Grand Rapids	
2617	Hallock	
3063	Alexandria	
3208	Bloomington	
3264	Elk River	
3282	Worthington	
3394	Fairmont	
3403	Luverne	
3405	Marshall	
3420	St. James	
3424	Litchfield	100.00
3486	Karlstad	
3718	New Brighton	
3882	Roseau	
3918	Tracy	
4031	Farmington	
4120	Shakopee	
4195	Warroad	
4456	Hibbing	
4486	Blue Earth	
	TOTAL	\$ 375.00

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Giesen, #1460, Chairman
 Richard Wog, #2334
 Marv Karau, #3240

BROTHER GIESEN: For a total of \$375. Worthy President, I make a motion we accept this report.

. . .Motion seconded by Brother Don Wintersteen, #351; motion carried. . .

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Thank you, Jim. Next we'll have the Lew Reed Spinal Cord Injury Committee, Keith Rende.

BROTHER RENDE: State Officers, dignitaries of the Grand Aerie, and my fellow Brothers: I apologize, I didn't bring the Committee list, but if you really want to know who's on it -- oh, now I've got to find it. (Committee read off.) Well, my Brothers, that COVID caught us again. We had 13 Aeries donating this year.

REPORT OF LEW REED SPINAL CORD COMMITTEE

<u>AERIE NO.</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
33	St. Paul	
34	Minneapolis	
94	Stillwater	
269	Mankato	\$ 500.00
287	Brainerd	
350	East Grand Forks	
351	Bemidji	100.00
620	Morris	
622	St. Cloud	200.00
703	Austin	
873	Crookston	50.00
1163	Cloquet	200.00
1243	Winona	
1460	Faribault	
1791	Owatonna	
2212	Hastings	
2228	Rochester	22.28
2242	Northfield	
2258	Albert Lea	150.00
2334	Willmar	1,500.00
2339	Fergus Falls	
2342	Detroit Lakes	
2368	Thief River Falls	75.00
2469	Grand Rapids	200.00
2617	Hallock	
3063	Alexandria	
3208	Bloomington	
3264	Elk River	
3282	Worthington	
3394	Fairmont	
3403	Luverne	
3405	Marshall	
3420	St. James	
3424	Litchfield	100.00
3486	Karlstad	
3718	New Brighton	125.00
3882	Roseau	38.82
3918	Tracy	
4031	Farmington	
4120	Shakopee	
4195	Warroad	
4456	Hibbing	10.00
4486	Blue Earth	
	TOTAL	\$ 3,271.10

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Rende, #2334, Chairman
 Dale Neu, #3424
 Nate Hoffman, #873
 Mike Hadel, #34

BROTHER RENDE: Even the small Clubs, they've got a membership of 36 and they give \$10. So it's possible that everybody can give a little bit. So our total for this year is going to be \$3,071.10. I move for the adoption of this report.

. . .Motion seconded by Brother Gina Carlson, #1791. . .

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion?

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: Worthy President, this morning, and I'll be reading this on communications, but this morning I was handed the donation list from Cloquet, and donations were made, but they just neglected to bring the list. \$200 also to the Lew Reed Spinal Cord from Cloquet.

BROTHER RENDE: So \$3,271.10.

. . .Motion carried. . .

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Next we'll have the report of the Jimmy Durante Children's Fund by Ed Connell, filling in for Joe Thiner.

BROTHER CONNELL, PSP: Good morning.

BROTHER EAGLES: Good morning.

BROTHER CONNELL, PSP: Joe can't make it, so I guess I got volunteered. (Committee read off.) First time I'm doing this, so if I screw it up, don't laugh, please. (Laughter.)

REPORT OF JIMMY DURANTE CHILDREN'S FUND COMMITTEE

<u>AERIE NO.</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
33	St. Paul	
34	Minneapolis	
94	Stillwater	
269	Mankato	\$ 500.00
287	Brainerd	
350	East Grand Forks	
351	Bemidji	100.00
620	Morris	
622	St. Cloud	200.00
703	Austin	
873	Crookston	50.00
1163	Cloquet	200.00
1243	Winona	
1460	Faribault	
1791	Owatonna	100.00
2212	Hastings	
2228	Rochester	22.28
2242	Northfield	
2258	Albert Lea	350.00
2334	Willmar	100.00
2339	Fergus Falls	250.00
2342	Detroit Lakes	160.00
2368	Thief River Falls	75.00
2469	Grand Rapids	200.00
2617	Hallock	
3063	Alexandria	
3208	Bloomington	
3264	Elk River	
3282	Worthington	600.00
3394	Fairmont	400.00
3403	Luverne	
3405	Marshall	400.00
3420	St. James	400.00
3424	Litchfield	100.00
3486	Karlstad	
3718	New Brighton	25.00
3882	Roseau	38.82
3918	Tracy	400.00
4031	Farmington	
4120	Shakopee	
4195	Warroad	
4456	Hibbing	10.00
4486	Blue Earth	
	TOTAL	\$ 4,681.10

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Thiner, #3891, Chairman
Adam Sinks, #873
Richard Wog, #2334
Larry Silverthorn, #351

BROTHER CONNELL, PSP: For a total of \$4,481.10. Worthy President, I make a motion that we approve this report.

. . .Motion seconded by Brother Derek Carlson, #2258. . .

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion?

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: Worthy President, #1163 \$200 to the Children's Fund also. Got that? Oh, Bruce has it.

. . .Motion carried. . .

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Next we'll have the report of the Ritualistic Committee, Bob Lee.

BROTHER LEE, PSP: Good morning, Brothers.

BROTHER EAGLES: Good morning.

BROTHER LEE, PSP: First of all, I gave the results last night, and I'm sure most of you were there to hear that. So first, I'll give the Committee. (Committee read off.)

First, to start off, I would like to thank the judges, Bob "Bo-bo-bo Bob" Parkin, and Emil Vanyo, and myself.

I was a little disappointed in the number of teams this year. We were down to two. Let's work on getting some Ritual teams out there, because Ritual is the heart of the Eagles. The team standings: Coming in second place, because there are no losers in Ritual, with a score of 95.5, which I changed since last night, because I was told that my mathematician skills are slipping, The Old Guys. And with a score of 99.5 is Albert Lea. (Applause.)

REPORT OF RITUAL COMPETITION

RITUAL TEAM SCORES

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>AERIE NO.</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
1. Albert Lea	2258	99.5
2. The Old Guys		95.5

Signed by Judges:

Bob Lee
 Bob Parkin
 Emil Vanyo

BROTHER LEE, PSP: The All State team consists of:

ALL STATE TEAM

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
Junior Past Worthy President	Kenny Ayers	100.0
Worthy President	Doug Lind	99.5
Worthy Vice President	Hector Alvera	100.0
Worthy Chaplain	Dale Johnston	100.0
Worthy Conductor	Steve Lowman	100.0

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Lee, #2362, Chairman
 Leon Potratz, #3264
 Emil Vanyo, #2368
 Mike Hanson, #3718

BROTHER LEE, PSP: That's pretty good. (Applause.) Worthy President, thank you for appointing me as Chairman of the Ritualistic Committee, and I move for the adoption of this report.

. . .Motion seconded by Brother Ken Kunkel, #622; motion carried. . .

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Communications, John Batchelder.

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: Worthy President, at first I thought there was none, but there is just a couple things I'd like to mention.

On communications, we do have hotel lists on the back table for Owatonna for next year. How's that, Don? So under communications, we have hotel information, over by Doug Lind, for Owatonna next year State Convention. Also, Fergus Falls North Central Regional Conference hotel information. Hoping that everyone will certainly attempt to go to Fergus Falls and get some training at North Central Region Conference. It's a very good time and very good training session.

Secondly is the paper that was given to me this morning. Two of the donations that have been read, and for the minutes, I would just like to finish #1163 Cloquet's donation list. \$200 to Alzheimer's neurological, that word; \$200 to the Cancer Fund, which I missed today; already mentioned was \$200 to the Children's Fund; \$200 to the Diabetes Fund; \$200 to the Heart Fund; \$200 to the Kidney Fund; \$200 to the Spinal Cord Injury, which I did mention today; \$200 to the Diabetes Research Center; and Confidence Learning \$3250, so that adds more to that report, which is already a great report; and all Other Local and Youth Activities for #1163 is \$37,750. So now we have this in the minutes on Cloquet. (Applause.) Other than that, I have no other communications, Worthy President.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Thank you, John. Report of the Worthy State President Randy Beggs. He's not here.

As you know, it was a crazy year, pandemic. July and August, you know, we were kind of living in a normal time of what we used to do, and I was able to travel to Thief River Falls, partake in a golf tournament up there. They had a charity fund for their Club, and it was a really great success.

After that, I got to travel, I believe it was September I went to Detroit Lakes. They have a crow hunt up there every year, and they had two teams. One team had none and the other team had 110 birds, I believe it was. So they wanted me to dig in the bag and count them, but I just said awe, it looks good enough. So that was fun.

After that, you know, November, things kind of shut down and I didn't travel until mid-February. I started to get out and get around to the Districts and spread the word about membership. I was able to get to all six Districts between mid-February and the beginning of May. So that was a good thing. During that time, you know, places started to open up and everybody wanted to have functions, and thank you all for your invites, and I'm sorry I couldn't make some of your events because other people invited

me first, and I tried to get where I could go, you know, during that time. So thank you all for your invites.

I want to thank all the Clubs for their support in my charity of Hospice. Couple of Clubs sent me some pretty nice checks, they did some fundraisers, and thank you very much for that.

Other than that, I just want to say thank you for your support through my journey through the Chairs; and if I can be any help to any of you from now on, please ask. Thank you again for your support. (Applause and standing ovation.)

Roger, looks like you're up. We've got address of the Worthy State President-Elect Roger Hyatt. (Applause.)

STATE PRESIDENT-ELECT ROGER HYATT: Well, it's been a long row to hoe. We made it, and hopefully I can make it -- okay. (Microphone provided.) It's been a long road, and it's going to be a hard one, but Randy did a great job, and I hope I can do just as good, if not better, than he did.

Thank you much for all the years you guys have supported me. Thank you much. (Applause.)

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Next we'll have the report of the Eagle Riders, Jim Giesen. Ed Connell.

STATE TREASURER MEYER, PSP: I'd rather have Jim.

BROTHER CONNELL, PSP: For a short, little guy, you're mean. All right. Eagle Riders, #3420. (Committee read off.) Okay.

REPORT OF EAGLE RIDERS COMMITTEE

Eagle Riders #3420 of 2021. Due to the year of the COVID, our fundraising events were cancelled. Our meetings were very limited, but we did manage to hand out a few gas cards to people that are in the community with members to help with traveling expenses for the doctor visits, hospitals, and all that kind of stuff. Hopefully this year we'll be able to get back to normal.

We did not have a Super Bowl party, like we normally do for our big fundraiser this year, so we'll get back to that.

Currently we have a checkbook balance of \$2,484.94. So things were kind of limited this year.

One thing I want to say is we can use more members in our Eagle Riders. We have people from up north and that that have joined us down here in St. James. I think they plan on getting another Eagle Riders place going, I just can't remember who was talking to me about it, but they do raise money for charity and all that.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Giesen, #1460 Chairman
Mike (Hanny) Hanson, #3718
Brian Vickery, #3718
Ed Connell, #3420

BROTHER CONNELL, PSP: Worthy President, I move for a motion to adopt this report.

. . .Motion seconded by Brother Larry Swiers, #2342. . .

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Any discussion?

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: Worthy President, whose handwriting is that?

BROTHER CONNELL, PSP: That's my secretary.

. . .Motion carried. . .

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Now we'll get on to the business everybody wants to hear. Report of the Election Committee, Ken Kunkel.

BROTHER KUNKEL, PSP: Thank you, Worthy President. I did protocol yesterday, so we'll skip that today. Anyhow, we had 68 people turned out, Brothers turned out to vote this morning, representing 479 ballots, if I remember right. Yes, 479. Well, I think we better tell a story to keep you guys on.

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: I was starting to get concerned.

(WHEREUPON, a joke was told.)

BROTHER KUNKEL, PSP: I'll read these ballots off as they were printed in the alphabetical order.

REPORT OF ELECTION COMMITTEE

TRUSTEES

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TOTAL VOTES</u>
Jeff Allen	99
Cory Cabana	14
Brett Carlson	68
Jim Giesen	128
Richard Peterson	18

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth J. Kunkel, #622, Chairman
Emil Vanyo, #2368
Don Wintersteen, #351
Bob Parkin, #3063
Dale Nue, #3424
Dave Holchalter, #2342
Ed Connell, #3420
Curt Concannon, #1791
Dave Malton, #269
Mike Hanson, #3718

BROTHER KUNKEL, PSP: So your Trustees are Jim Giesen, Larry Swiers, and Jeff Allen. (Applause and standing ovation.)

And I don't know if there is some confusion or if we get a little braindead here, what's the deal. Anyhow, we had some one votes. It says one on the bottom, that means you are allowed one vote for whatever, one, two, or three people. Well, it looks like you voted for one, two, and three, and then they scratched out two and three, and they counted and they just put an X on one. Well, the way it all worked, we took it as a three vote, you know, a vote for each person. But that one on the bottom doesn't mean you vote for one; that means you vote for whatever you want--one, two, or three. I mean, how tough is that to remember. And yes, you're right, you can vote for one or you can vote for two or you can vote for three, but that's not the way we read the ballot, and that was a high managerial decision that I had to make and that was done.

So anyhow, Worthy President, I move for the adoption of this final Election Committee report.

. . . Motion seconded by Brother Don Wintersteen, #351; motion carried. . .

BROTHER KUNKEL, PSP: Thank you, my Brothers. I will turn these ballots over to the Worthy Secretary, and whatever he does with them, I don't know, how long he's going to keep them or whatever.

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: One year.

STATE TRUSTEE GIESEN: Worthy President, James Giesen, Aerie #1460. I want to thank everybody that came out and voted today, even the ones that voted for me. But I hope I can continue to fill the shoes and be worthy of the office of a State Officer, and I will continue doing my best for you all and hopefully continue through the Chairs and one day be up where Randy is and where Roger is going. So thank you again. (Applause.)

BROTHER SWIERS: Worthy President, Larry Swiers, Detroit Lakes Aerie #2342. Once again, Brothers, thank you. I was telling our fellow Officers, this is my third run, and three times is the charm. So hey, thank you. I'm going to do the best for the great State of Minnesota. Thank you. (Applause.)

BROTHER ALLEN: I want to thank everybody for the support, and I will do the best job I possibly can. Thank you, really appreciate it. (Applause.)

BROTHER CARLSON: Worthy President, Brett Carlson, Owatonna #1791. I want to thank everyone who voted for me. I had an incredible experience doing this. I'm not a person that goes out and walks up to somebody cold and this and that, but I needed to do that this year, and I appreciate the experience. I will be back. I will see you in Owatonna. (Applause.)

BROTHER SCHRADER: Worthy President, Fred Schrader. I would like to thank everybody for the votes that I got. This was number six. I hope seven is my lucky number. (Applause.)

BROTHER PETERSON: Richard Peterson, #2334. I thank everybody for their support, and we'll see you next year. (Applause.)

BROTHER CABANA: Cory Cabana. I'd just like to say thank you for whoever voted for me. I'll see all you guys next year, I'll try and run again. (Applause.)

BROTHER LUBITZ, PSP: Worthy President, I thought I had a good write-in campaign, but I hear they threw the ballots out. I just didn't realize that when I wrote on the bottom, they wouldn't report this.

Thank you, guys, for everything we've done over the years, and be careful for what you wish for, because I could come back. (Applause.)

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Well, we'll go on to unfinished business. Do we have a Re-Enrollment Report from --

ASSISTANT STATE SECRETARY FEE: My computer just went dead.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: So we won't have that Re-Enrollment Report. Any other unfinished business? Anything for the Good of the Order?

BROTHER MALZ, PSP: Worthy State President Randy, I always enjoy being given a chance to do this. I've got your official certificate here.

Past State Presidents Certificate, Grand Aerie, the Fraternal Order of Eagles. To all men, greetings. This is to certify that Randy Beggs of Aerie #873 occupied the office of State President of Minnesota State Aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles for the year ending May 31, 2021, and that he guided the affairs of the State Aerie with loyalty and success in accordance with its laws and the laws of the Grand Aerie Fraternal Order of Eagles. Therefore, the Grand Aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles now officially vests him with the title of Past State President and bestows upon him this honor with the complete authority and rights of this position. He shall continue to hold the title of Past State President so long as he is a member in good standing of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and fulfills all requirements of membership in this order. In witness of the title and honors bestowed upon this member by the Grand Aerie, we hereon set our hands and seal this 31st day of May 2021. David Smith, Grand Worthy President, and Chuck Cunningham, Acting Secretary.

Randy, congratulations on the great year you had.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Thank you, thank you. (Applause and standing ovation.)

BROTHER MALZ, PSP: Also, we have your official gold card, which pretty much states the same thing that's on there. It says Past State President of Minnesota, having served the 2021 year, and Dave Smith and Chuck Cunningham signed. That and a few bucks will get a drink in any Aerie that you take it to. Just don't try to take in the airplane.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Don't go to the airport, yes.

BROTHER MALZ, PSP: One other item yet. I can show it to you. Your Past State President's pin, and normally in Minnesota here, we let your spouse pin that on you, so maybe we can do that at installation. So I'll give it to you now, but don't lose it.

Once again, Randy, congratulations.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Thank you all for a great year. (Applause.)

Anything else for the Good of the Order?

BROTHER MALZ, PSP: Oh, okay.

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: Actually, mine's long, so go ahead, a little long.

BROTHER MALZ, PSP: One other thing I wanted to bring up in front of this Delegation is we've got a Conference that's down south of us, it's called MINK, it's Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, and Dakotas, and a lot of people go to it. Most all the Grand Aerie Officers at one point or another will go to it each year. It's the second week of April. And it's not a -- or it's a Conference, but it's not a regional thing. It's actually three regions covered in that Conference, and they're set up, the reason for them is to encourage Fraternalism, comradery among members, and to promote candidates for Grand Aerie office, and they do a good job at that.

And what I'm bringing up here, I'd like to make a motion and get it on for discussion is that we have our Worthy State President appoint a committee, a three-person committee, to attend the next Conference, to investigate and report back to this Delegation next year on the possibility of joining MINK Conference.

I've been asked many times on my travels there, when is Minnesota going to come in, because they've got a problem with the lettering of it. I mean, MINK and where does Dakotas come in. So if we get Minnesota in there, it would be DAM MINK.

But it's an excellent fundraiser for the State President's charities, Aerie and Auxiliary. They have a lot of fun raising a lot of money. And plus, they do a good job of promoting Grand Aerie candidates. Like I said, I've been there many times, asking for their support. I did receive it, so they're not strictly promoting their own people, but it helps if you're a member there. And plus, then they run the hospitality at the Grand Aerie Convention. It's every day of the whole Convention.

So like I said, at this time I'd like to have a second for a motion to appoint a committee to attend it and see what kind of deal they come back with.

. . .Motion seconded by Brother Ed Connell, #3420. . .

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: I have a motion and a second. Do we have any discussion?

BROTHER WINTERSTEEN, PSP: Worthy President, Don Wintersteen, Aerie #351. Under discussion, fellas, Brothers and Sisters, it is a very good opportunity for our candidates in Minnesota to join another, I'm going to say region, but it's not really called a region, is it?

BROTHER MALZ, PSP: No, it's just a Conference.

BROTHER WINTERSTEEN, PSP: It's just a Conference. But it would help anybody that would like to run for Grand Aerie office. I really think it is a good situation.

Ten years back, I was for this, and it sort of died for interest, but I do think it's time for Minnesota to join with some other states to get a little more power.

BROTHER QUENTIN LARSON: Quentin Larson, Vermillion #2421, part of the Dakotas. I went down there with my charming personality for two years, and they finally voted us in three years later. But it may not happen the first year, but we will definitely be pushing Minnesota hard and heavy down there, so.

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: Worthy President, as discussed at our Past State Presidents lunch, as we discussed this in quite detail, I would still, if approved on the floor, volunteer to chair any committee; or if this committee is approved, I would volunteer to chair it.

. . .Motion carried. . .

BROTHER DALE BENJAMIN: Worthy President, Dale Benjamin, #1791, Owatonna. We may be the only town in Minnesota without a lake, but there is a lot to do, especially if you're a hiker or biker. We've got a total renovation of our downtown area going on. We have a very energetic committee, so we're going to try to have some new and exciting activities outside of the meetings. So hope everyone will come to Owatonna in 2022.

STATE TREASURER MEYER, PSP: Do you promise to have no bad ice?

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: Still on good.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Good of the Order, yup.

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: Hi again. Kenny Kunkel gave me a little bit of history, as I was requesting it, on the Minnesota State Aerie and Auxiliary State Convention bid space and requirement information, which is handed out to any Aerie and Auxiliary that wishes to host a Convention.

A couple years ago, finalized in 2018, Terry Lubitz, Joanie Lubitz, Bruce Meyer, who else was on Committee, basically to go through this with a fine-toothed comb and make it up-to-date for today's attendance, basically, because the old one said you had to have 250 plus rooms available. They went through and updated it and went through everything. This is something that, like I say, Kenny, about how long ago do you recall this was done? Years and years and years ago. It was basically to help --

BROTHER KUNKEL, PSP: At least eight.

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: At least what?

BROTHER KUNKEL, PSP: Eight.

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: At least eight years ago, so 2010, maybe before. Where I'm going with this finally is overlooked by all of us, until Willmar brought it to my attention, this is broken down into Aerie responsibility and the State responsibility, so it breaks it up pretty nicely, who's responsible for what. I'm trying to get to the page. All right, so on whatever page it is, when they talk about Ritual, and under the Aerie, the host Aerie provides, and these are the responsibilities, one line, line 5, says prize money--first place \$250, second place \$200, third place 100, and remaining teams \$50 each. Like Willmar pointed out to me, why should we even host a Convention, that's a thousand bucks right off the bat we've got to pay out. And they're right.

So I got thinking. I've been, number one, Secretary since 2012, and we've hosted numerous Conventions that I was involved in the financial part, and I never, ever remember writing out checks from our host Aerie for Ritual teams. And I've talked with Bob Lee and a few others, and they're saying the same thing. So my question is why is this in here.

So I am proposing that we scratch line 5 completely, the prize money. The Ritual is held. The winning team gets a \$500 check if they go to Grand Aerie to compete. So in this case, if Albert Lea competes in Grand Aerie, the State will write them a check for \$500, but I know, I do not have any knowledge of any host Aerie having to pay prize money out. And I'm asking the floor for input.

STATE CONDUCTOR MELBY: Are you making that, John, are you making that a motion? Am I seconding it or am I making a motion?

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: Okay, I will. I'm officially making a motion to scratch line 5, prize money, host Aerie responsibility.

. . .Motion seconded by Brother Mike Melby, #350. . .

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: We have a motion and a second. Any other discussion?

BROTHER LUBITZ, PSP: Worthy President, I'm trying to think back. When I got railroaded into being, when I got railroaded into being a State Officer and Ritual team, it seems to me I remember when we first competed, it was just a touch of money that come back to us, because we were upfront and turned around and donated it back to something. I mean, I can't remember, it was quite a few years ago, but I thought there was a little bit. Is there any money that goes out to a Ritual team other than --

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: None.

BROTHER LUBITZ, PSP: That's the only money, okay. So I thought it was something nothing more than our entry fee back or something like that, because we just turned around and gave it back. But it's just a vague memory. Thank you.

. . .Motion carried. . .

STATE SECRETARY BATCHELDER: Still Good of the Order.

(WHEREUPON, several announcements were made to the Delegates.)

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Anything else for the Good of the Order?

STATE CONDUCTOR MELBY: Worthy President Randy, I want to thank you. These meetings have been absolutely extraordinary. Job well done. Thank you.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Thank you. (Applause and standing ovation.)

(WHEREUPON, there was discussion about location of Installation of Officers.)

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: Well, while he's trying to find that out, we'll move into Closing Ceremony.

My Brothers, as we have finished the business of the session, we will close with prayer. Worthy Chaplain, would you give us our prayer.

STATE CHAPLAIN SPENCER: Let us pray. Our Father, we ask that each of us feel that he has conscientiously done his duty, and that only good may come to our Order from what we have done here. Amen.

STATE PRESIDENT BEGGS: I now declare this session of the Minnesota State Aerie closed. (Applause.)

(WHEREUPON, the One Hundred Eighteenth Convention in Willmar, Minnesota, was officially concluded at 10:30 a.m. on June 19, 2021.)
