



# MINNESOTA STATE AERIE

“EAGLES ARE ... PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE”

## MINNESOTA MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT



November/December 2022

Minnesota FOE Website: [mn-eagle.com](http://mn-eagle.com) OR [minnesotaeagles.com](http://minnesotaeagles.com)

### SECRETARY/TREASURER OF THE MEMBERSHIP

Brothers,

The holiday season is rapidly approaching us, please consider giving the gift of membership this coming holiday season by signing them up and pay their first year of dues. We are in contact with people every day: family, friends, coworker, etc.—have we asked them to join? We are currently down 1,038 members as of the end of October and the last two months we have been signing up an average of 122 members a month. At the current pace, we will not reach net gain so I ask that we start working on "Welcome back campaigns" or membership drives. At your next Aerie meeting have the local secretary get the members that were dropped back in July and have your membership committee reach out to them to see if they will consider re-enrolling, remember that it was voted on at last year's Grand Convention that if the re-enroll the year they were dropped that the Grand Aerie will give back their years of service. The Fraternal Order of Eagles is unfortunately one of the best kept secrets, we do so many great things for our communities that we need to do a better job of getting the word out of what we are doing. Let's make sure we are working with our local media and using social media to let the community know the work and donations we are doing for our communities. Please also send these to me as well as we would love to show case these things in our newsletter and on our facebook page. We have six Aeries that have already made net gain, congratulations to Winona, Fairmont, Roseau, Tracy, Warroad, and Hibbing on this accomplishment. Keep up the good work! But that also leaves us with 38 Aeries that have some work to do. Thank you to everyone that has signed up a member this fraternal year, we can't continue that great work that we are doing as Eagle's without members like you.

If you are planning on attending the State Convention in Crookston this year, please make your hotel reservations soon. Randy Beggs worked with the hotels to get the rates as low as possible to try and get more people to attend our convention. There are no elevators at the hotels in Crookston so if you need first floor accommodations, please note that while you are booking for rooms.

Since thanksgiving is around the corner, I would just like to express my thankfulness to all of the officers and members that are working tirelessly at our aeries. It is members like you that make this such a great organization to be a part of!

Fraternally yours,  
Jake Fee

### DISTRICT MEETING SCHEDULES 2022—2023

#### District #1

Grand Rapids #2469 – 10/15 @ 1pm  
Bemidji #351 – 4/1 @ 12pm

#### District #2

Roseau #3882 – 9/10 @ 1pm  
Warroad #4185 – 10/8 @ 1pm  
Karlstad #3486 – 11/19 @ 1pm  
E. Grand Forks #350 – 12/17 @ 1pm  
Hallock #2617 – 1/21 @ 1pm  
Detroit Lakes #2342 – 2/18 @ 1pm  
Thief River Falls #2368 – 3/11 @ 1pm  
Crookston #873 – 4/15 @ 1pm

#### District #3

St. Cloud #622 – 9/17 @ 1pm  
Alexandria #3063 – 11/12 @ 1pm  
Morris #620 – 1/14 @ 1pm  
Willmar #2334 – 3/11 @ 1pm  
Litchfield #3424 – 4/1,2 @ 1pm

#### District #4

Minneapolis #34 – 10/15 @ 2:00  
New Brighton #3718 – 1/14 @ 2:00  
New Brighton #3718 – 3/11 @ 2:00  
New Brighton #3718 – 4/29 @ 11:00

#### District #5

Mankato #269—9/25 @ 2:00  
Northfield #2242—10/23 @ 2:00  
Austin #703—11/20 @ 2:00  
Rochester #2228—2/19 @ 2:00  
Owatonna #1791—3/19 @ 2:00  
Faribault #1460—4/1, 2 @ 2:00

#### District #6

St. James #3420 – 9/10 @ 1:00  
Fairmont #3394—10/1 @ 1:00  
Worthington #3282 – 12/10 @ 1:00  
Tracy #3918 – 2/11 @ 1:00  
Marshall #3405—4/1 @ 1:00

*“We are not our best intentions. We are what we do.” - Amy Dickinson*

**MESSAGE FROM THE STATE WORTHY PRESIDENT**

Hi Brothers,

Well it's been a busy couple of months. Judy and I have been to two extravaganzas, which I had never been to any before. As I mentioned before the first in Grand Rapids and the next in Bemidji and NO I haven't won a gun yet. In fact I haven't won anything at either of them but the wonderful dinners make up for that. We also made the trip to Alexandra's anniversary and had the honor of given out pins to many brothers one of which was to Past Worthy President, Past North Central Regional President Bob Parkin which celebrated 45 years. He said if he hadn't transferred to different Aeries he felt he was a member longer but settled in Alex were at least 45 years caught up with him. There was an Auxiliary member who received her 60 year pin. They must have let Sisters join at a VERY early age back then. LOL Again the "chef" and his crew had a wonderful dinner and Judy won a little on the pull tabs. I held my hand out to get my share butttttt my hand is still empty. Next we will go to our own Aerie and Auxiliary anniversary banquet an pin night where our Aerie will celebrate 120 years on the exact date.

I am trying to get to a few of the district meetings before the snow flies and have visited District 6 in St James and District 1 in Grand Rapids. I hear that it did snow before we got there but it had melted. I am looking forward to other anniversary and pin nights and visiting the other districts. It does slow down a little over the holidays. I hate to say Happy Thanksgiving so soon and depending on when you celebrate Christmas being I know some of our brothers will be headed south but Merry Christmas to all who do. I'm sure you have heard about my counterpart, Nancy, and her hospital experience. Judy has talked to her and it sounds she is getting along as well as expected but recovery may be long. I know she had wanted to join us at some of the place I have been but her health comes first and I'm sure with time she will be on the Eagle trail again.

Thanks For All You Do  
SWP Darrell "Papa" Spencer

**CLUB ANNIVERSARIES**

**NOVEMBER**

- St. Paul 11/12/1899
- Minneapolis 11/19/1899
- Stillwater 11/8/1900
- Brainerd 11/27/1902
- Winona 11/1/1905
- Luverne 11/2/1969
- Litchfield 11/29/1970

**DECEMBER**

- Grand Rapids 12/12/1945
- Marshall 12/14/1969
- Blue Earth 12/11/2004

**State Aerie Officers**

<b>Past Worthy President</b>	Roger Hyatt	287
<b>Worthy President</b>	Darrell Spencer	269
<b>Worthy Vice President</b>	Mike Melby	350
<b>Worthy Chaplain</b>	Doug Lind	2258
<b>Worthy Secretary</b>	John Batchelder	2469
<b>Worthy Treasurer</b>	Bruce Meyer	873
<b>Worthy Conductor</b>	Mike Hadel	34
<b>Worthy Inside Guard</b>	Jim Giesen	1460
<b>Worthy Outside Guard</b>	Larry Swiers	2342
<b>Worthy Trustee</b>	Jeff Allen	3718
<b>Worthy Trustee</b>	Brett Carlson	1791
<b>Worthy Trustee</b>	Weasel Henry	873

**MINNESOTA STATE AERIE OFFICE**

John Batchelder, Secretary  
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**District Directors**

<b>District 1</b>	Larry Silverthorn	351
<b>District 2</b>	Boyd Olmstead	3882
<b>District 3</b>	Richard Wog	2334
<b>District 4</b>	Mike Hanson	3718
<b>District 5</b>	Dave Bottin	269
<b>District 6</b>	Ed Connell	3420

**State Membership Committee**

John Cedergren, Chairman	#269
Jake Fee, Secretary/Treasurer	#873
Randy Beggs, Advisor	#873

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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

### “POP THE TOP WITH PAPA”

Hello Minnesota State Eagle Aerie Members: Beautiful Fall is here so we all know what is coming soon. My travels up to now have been a trip to St. James Eagles #3420 on September 10. This was the District 6 District meeting and included a great visit with Past State Presidents Joe Thiner and Ed Connell. It was a pleasure to share some new membership ideas.

District 5 at Mankato Aerie #269 on September 25th was my next opportunity to spread the word of Eagle fun and how rewarding it is to be an Aerie member! Past Grand Worthy President Ron Malz and Worthy State President Darrell Spencer were also in attendance in Mankato. I think we popped a top or 2 for Darrell also.

Janelle and I drove up to Grand Rapids Aerie #2469, Past State Presidents John Batchelder and Larry Silverthorn were among those in attendance at this District Meeting. We spoke about the Memorial Foundation and to include those who serve our communities to join our Fraternity.

I would like to recognize the following members for their hard work popping those tops for Worthy State President Darrell Spencer!

Wes Skochenski, St. Cloud #622 with 43 members, Steve Oleheiser, Rapids #2469 with 41 members, Larry Silverthorn, Bemidji #351 with 31 members, Mike Hadel, Minneapolis #34 with 24 Members, Kevin Hanson, Zumbro #2228 with 24 members, Irene LaFlex, Bloomington #3208 with 23 members, Carmel Taylor, Lookout Aerie #703 with 21 members, Tom Meinhart of Albert Lea #2258 with 18 members, Renee Tschumper, Zumbro #2228 with 18 members, Ron Ankrum, Owatonna #1791 with 17 members, Richard Iverson, Runestone #3063 with 13 members, Logan Johnson, Hallock #2617 with 12 members, Doug Lind, Albert Lea #2258 with 11 members, Steve Meyer, Tracy #3918 with 9 members, Dave Heikkila, Albert Lea #2258 with 9 members, Roger Stephens, Willmar #2334 with 8 members, Ken Knutson, Hibbing #4456 with 8 members, Paul Koerbitz, Warroad #4195 with 8 members. AS OF MONDAY OCTOBER 31, 2022 MINNESOTA F.O.E. HAS A TOTAL OF 12,927 MEMBERS. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK MINNESOTA F.O.E.!!

John Cedergren, Minnesota State Membership Chair



### District No Goose Eggs

District 1	75%
District 2	63%
District 3	67%
District 4	54%
District 5	80%
District 6	61%
Average	67%

### Grand Worthy President Rick Powell's Charities

#### F.O.E. Diabetes Research Center

The Fraternal Order of Eagles Diabetes Research Center at the University of Iowa is a comprehensive research facility dedicated to studying the effects of diabetes on the human body in an effort to help find a cure. The Center currently occupies two floors of the Pappajohn Biomedical Discovery Building in Iowa City and has generated nearly \$700 million in research grants from the initial \$25 million funding provided by the F.O.E.

#### The James Cancer Hospital at the Ohio State University

Ohio State's James Cancer Center is one of the country's leading cancer treatment and research facilities. Rick's fundraising will benefit pediatric cancer research and funding of the James' new Proton Therapy Center, which has the ability to reduce weeks of intense radiation treatment to just a few seconds through FLASH treatment which delivers a high radiation dose that saves people the time and pain of conventional radiation therapy.

All donations can be sent to:  
F.O.E. Charities Department  
1623 Gateway Circle S.  
Grove City, Ohio 43123

As of October 31, 2022 for the Fiscal Year

	New	Re-Enrolled	Member Count	Net Gain	% of Net Gain
<b>District 1</b>					
351 Bemidji	7	6	609	-55	-8.28%
1163 Cloquet	2	0	99	-19	-16.10%
2469 Grand Rapids	2	0	863	-66	-7.10%
4456 Hibbing	0	0	46	9	24.32%
Total			1617	-131	-7.49%
<b>District 2</b>					
350 East Grand Forks	0	0	271	-27	-9.06%
873 Crookston	0	0	407	-25	-5.79%
2342 Detroit Lakes	0	0	159	-22	-12.15%
2368 Thief River Falls	4	0	367	-15	-3.93%
2617 Hallock	9	1	391	-46	-10.53%
3486 Karlstad	0	0	51	-15	-22.73%
3882 Roseau	0	0	44	2	4.76%
4195 Warroad	3	1	331	21	6.77%
Total			2021	-127	-5.91%
<b>District 3</b>					
287 Brainerd	5	3	326	-48	-12.83%
620 Morris	0	0	205	-14	-6.39%
622 St. Cloud	4	2	1316	-105	-7.39%
2334 Willmar	9	5	572	-6	-1.04%
2339 Fergus Falls	0	0	337	-34	-9.16%
3063 Alexandria	4	1	297	-42	-12.39%
3424 Litchfield	1	0	159	-38	-19.29%
Total			3212	-287	-8.20%
<b>District 4</b>					
33 St. Paul	0	1	48	-13	-21.31%
34 Minneapolis	5	2	328	-41	-11.11%
94 Stillwater	0	0	61	-21	-25.61%
2212 Hastings	1	0	84	-5	-5.62%
3208 Bloomington	2	1	395	-17	-4.13%
3264 Elk River	0	0	127	-16	-11.19%
3718 New Brighton	3	1	345	-51	-12.88%
4120 Shakopee	0	0	121	-8	-6.20%
Total			1509	-172	-10.23%
<b>District 5</b>					
269 Mankato	3	0	316	-34	-9.71%
703 Austin	1	0	526	-81	-13.34%
1243 Winona	5	0	323	2	0.62%
1460 Faribault	3	1	194	-22	-10.19%
1791 Owatonna	4	2	701	-56	-7.40%
2228 Rochester	11	2	1094	-57	-4.95%
2242 Northfield	1	0	85	-10	-10.53%
2258 Albert Lea	3	1	654	-48	-6.84%
4031 Farmington	0	0	38	-2	-5.00%
4486 Blue Earth	0	0	47	-4	-7.84%
Total			3978	-312	-7.27%
<b>District 6</b>					
3282 Worthington	1	0	109	-7	-6.03%
3394 Fairmont	4	0	34	3	9.68%
3403 Luverne	1	0	76	-6	-7.32%
3405 Marshall	0	0	38	-3	-7.32%
3420 St. James	1	1	166	-7	-4.05%
3918 Tracy	0	0	166	11	7.10%
Total			589	-9	-1.51%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>13964</b>	<b>-1038</b>	<b>-7.43%</b>

When signing up or re-enrolling members, please let them know that if they would like to receive this newsletter that the easiest way is to sign up on our website at [www.minnesotaeagles.com](http://www.minnesotaeagles.com). This also goes for current members that are not receiving it. This is what it looks like on the home page:

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- Auxiliary Updates

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Minnesota State Convention  
June 15-17, 2023  
Crookston, MN

Grand Aerie & Auxiliary Convention  
July 24—27, 2023  
Reno, NV

North Central Regional Conference  
September 15-17, 2023  
Crookston, MN

Minnesota State Convention  
June 13—15, 2024  
Albert Lea, MN



#### District Leaders

##### **District #1**

Steve Oleheiser - 41  
Larry Silverthorn – 31  
Ken Knutsen – 8  
Daryl Niemi – 7  
Shawn Nelson – 5  
Fred Schrader - 5

##### **District #2**

Logan Johnson – 12  
Paul Koerbitz – 8  
Matthew Head – 6  
Merri Plutowski - 6  
Robert Lee – 5  
Jake Fee – 4  
Emil Vanyo – 4  
Stephanie Myrold - 4

##### **District #3**

Wes Skochenski - 43  
Richard Iverson – 13  
Roger Stephens - 8  
Michael Plachecki - 6  
Lynn Pearson – 5  
Sarah Bakalars - 5  
Pam Harris - 5  
Chad Onstad – 4  
Tonie Rende – 4

##### **District #4**

Mike Hadel – 24  
Irene Laflex - 23  
Diana Stone – 6  
Pat Sullivan – 5  
Russ Kampa – 4  
Don Weimer – 4  
Don Ostenson - 4

##### **District #5**

Kevin Hanson – 24  
Carmel Taylor - 21  
Tom Minehart – 18  
Renee Tschumper - 18  
Ron Ankrum – 17  
Doug Lind – 11  
Dave Heikkila – 9  
Linda Sirek – 7  
Josh Trost - 5  
Dwight Roos - 4

##### **District #6**

Steve Meyer – 9  
Terry Reisch – 6  
Jeremy Trulock – 5  
David Nutt - 4  
Buzz Froderman - 4

# 2023 Minnesota State Convention Hotel Information

## Crookston #873

June 15th—17th, 2023



### Crookston Inn

75 Rooms Total available 6/12/23 through 6/18/23

\$79.99 per night ask for room type when you call

Cut off 5/12/23

(218) 470-1000

### AmericInn

25 Rooms Total available 6/12/23 through 6/18/23

16 Double Queen \$90.00 per night

3 Single Queen \$85.00 per night

6 King Suite with Pull out couch \$109.00 per night

Cut off 5/12/23

(218) 281-7800



### Cobblestone Hotel & Suites

20 rooms total available 6/13/23 through 6/18/23

20 Double queens \$105.00 per night

Cut off 6/6/23

(218) 470-1111

### Campground

Central Park is a spacious property along the scenic Red Lake River featuring camping (bath house, WiFi, and RV water/ electrical hookups available).

Camper/RV: \$20.00 per day—16 Sites

They do not take reservations. It is first come first serve.

(218) 281-1242.

