



# MINNESOTA STATE AERIE

“EAGLES ARE ... PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE”

## MINNESOTA MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT



September/October 2023

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

### MESSAGE FROM THE STATE WORTHY PRESIDENT

My Brothers:

It is hard to believe that fall is staring us in the face. Time to roll up our sleeves and get ready for the year ahead of us. I just want to say how humbled and honored I am to be serving you as the State President for this year. Beth and I have been busy moving since May and I am glad to say that the process has been completed. We did find time to attend the International Grand Convention in Reno. I have to say that a good time was had by all. A couple of congratulations are in order. Deb Henry, congratulations on your successful bid to serve as a Grand Auxiliary Officer for the ensuing term. Another congratulations and a huge thank you for all that helped the State of Minnesota to once again win the Best Hospitality Room at the International Convention. As they say, "Many hands make light work". I know that I had a blast, and I would think that everyone else involved had just as much fun. We have set a lofty goal this year for membership at Net Gain plus 5%. We lost a bunch of members with the automatic drop in July. Please have your secretaries print off the delinquent list and call the members that were dropped. We all know that it is easier to keep a dropped member than it is to sign a new member. I am glad to see that our Grand Worthy President, Chuck Weber, is promoting quality over quantity this year. Please, if you don't have one already, add an Interviewing Committee. Use them to see where our members are willing to participate in the events that our Aeries are promoting. I think that we can all agree that 80 active members will do us more good than 350 inactive members. The North Central Regional Conference is coming up this weekend and I hope to see many of you there. If you wish to arrange a visit this year, please let me know. My email address is [mmelby@hotmail.com](mailto:mmelby@hotmail.com), or send me a text at 218.779.9524. I will make every effort to attend all invitations. Until the next time, I look forward to seeing you all on the Eagle trail.

Fraternally yours,  
Mike Melby  
Worthy State President

### DISTRICT MEETING SCHEDULES 2023—2024

District #1  
Not submitted

District #2  
Roseau #3882 – 9/23 @ 1pm  
Warroad #4185 – 10/21 @ 1pm  
Detroit Lakes #2342 – 11/18 @ 1pm  
E. Grand Forks #350 – 12/9 @ 1pm  
Crookston #873 – 1/20 @ 1pm  
Karlstad #3486 – 2/24 @ 1pm  
Hallock #2617 – 3/9 @ 1pm  
Thief River Falls #2368 – 4/20 @ 1pm

District 3  
Willmar #2334 – 9/9 @ 1pm  
Brainerd #287 – 11/18 @ 1pm  
St. Cloud #622 – 1/13 @ 1pm  
Morris #620 – 3/9 @ 1pm  
Alexandria #3063 – 4/13-14 @ 1pm

District 4  
Minneapolis #34 – 10/28 @ 2:00  
New Brighton #3718 – 1/13 @ 2:00  
New Brighton #3718 – 3/9 @ 2:00  
New Brighton #3718 – 4/27 @ 11:00

District 5  
Albert Lea #2258—9/10 @ 2:00  
Northfield #2242—10/15 @ 2:00  
Owatonna #1791—11/12 @ 2:00  
Rochester #2228—2/18 @ 2:00  
Austin #703—3/10 @ 2:00  
Mankato #269—4/13-14 @ 2:00

District 6  
Marshall #3405—9/9 @ 1:00  
St. James #3420 – 10/7 @ 1:00  
Fairmont #3394—12/9 @ 1:00  
Worthington #3282 – 3/9 @ 1:00  
Tracy #3918 – 4/6 @ 1:00

*“To build a strong team, you must see someone else’s strength as a compliment to your weakness and not a threat to your position or authority.” – Michael Scott*

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Dear Brothers,

I hope everyone enjoyed our beautiful summer! Worthy President Mike Melby and myself have set a lofty goal for our state. Net gain plus 5%. I know that we can reach that goal if we all work together. Let us show how GREAT the Minnesota Aerie's are!!!! If you have not formed a membership committee, do so now!! Many hands create light work! Get that delinquent list and start making phone calls. Remind dropped members of the benefits of being a member. i.e. Memorial Foundation, retail, travel, car rental, insurance, etc discounts)

If you have not heard, at Grand International Convention they voted to restore years of service to dropped members, they still have to pay the \$10.00 fee. Grand also is getting stricter on initiations. Make sure that you are doing a FULL initiation. If not, members will not be eligible for Memorial Foundation benefits which include the initiation in meeting minutes.

If you are having a difficult time getting new members consider doing things to get members to sign up. Try a membership drive, have a contest for current members to sign up new members, have an information booth at local farmers markets, reach out to local radio stations to see if they have free psa's. If you need help with any of these ideas, please reach out and let me know. I will be visiting some of your Aerie's or District meetings soon!

Let's Reel 'em in for the FOE!

Fraternally yours,

Becky Korsunsky

MN Membership Chair

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## MINNESOTA STATE AERIE OFFICE

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### Aerie District Directors

District 1 – Larry Silverthorn

District 2 – Brent Rau

District 3 – Richard Wog

District 4 – Mike “Hanny” Hanson

District 5 – Brett Carlson

District 6 – Ed Connell

### State Membership Committee

Becky Korsunsky, Chairman #3718

Jake Fee, Secretary/Treasurer #873

Randy Beggs, Advisor #873

### State Aerie Officers

<b>Past Worthy President</b>	Darrell Spencer	269
<b>Worthy President</b>	Mike Melby	350
<b>Worthy Vice President</b>	Doug Lind	2258
<b>Worthy Chaplain</b>	Mike Hadel	34
<b>Worthy Secretary</b>	John Batchelder	2469
<b>Worthy Treasurer</b>	Gaylen Dvorsak	3063
<b>Worthy Conductor</b>	Jim Giesen	1460
<b>Worthy Inside Guard</b>	Larry Swiers	2342
<b>Worthy Outside Guard</b>	Jeff Allen	3718
<b>Worthy Trustee</b>	Brett Carlson	1791
<b>Worthy Trustee</b>	Weasel Henry	873
<b>Worthy Trustee</b>	Scott Larson	3063

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As of August 31, 2023 for the Fiscal Year

	New	Re-Enrolled	Member Count	Net Gain	% of Net Gain
<b>District 1</b>					
351 Bemidji	1	13	566	-71	-11.15%
1163 Cloquet	1	3	100	-9	-8.26%
2469 Grand Rapids	1	7	772	-123	-13.74%
4456 Hibbing	0	0	38	-8	-17.39%
Total			1476	-211	-12.51%
<b>District 2</b>					
350 East Grand Forks	1	3	261	-29	-10.00%
873 Crookston	1	5	386	-47	-10.85%
2342 Detroit Lakes	1	3	152	-18	-10.59%
2368 Thief River Falls	0	3	341	-27	-7.34%
2617 Hallock	0	0	275	-121	-30.56%
3486 Karlstad	0	0	51	-13	-20.31%
3882 Roseau	0	0	42	-5	-10.64%
4195 Warroad	2	0	344	7	2.08%
Total			1852	-253	-12.02%
<b>District 3</b>					
287 Brainerd	0	13	296	-46	-13.45%
620 Morris	0	0	181	-27	-12.98%
622 St. Cloud	7	22	1257	-104	-7.64%
2334 Willmar	4	6	593	-48	-7.49%
2339 Fergus Falls	3	1	311	-41	-11.65%
3063 Alexandria	1	1	271	-41	-13.14%
3424 Litchfield	3	6	164	-6	-3.53%
Total			3073	-313	-9.24%
<b>District 4</b>					
33 St. Paul	0	0	55	-3	-5.17%
34 Minneapolis	11	2	299	-66	-18.08%
94 Stillwater	0	0	0	0	0.00%
2212 Hastings	0	0	87	-12	-12.12%
3208 Bloomington	3	7	346	-102	-22.77%
3264 Elk River	3	0	145	-21	-12.65%
3718 New Brighton	0	0	335	-29	-7.97%
4120 Shakopee	2	1	123	-6	-4.65%
Total			1390	-239	-14.67%
<b>District 5</b>					
269 Mankato	0	0	322	-19	-5.57%
703 Austin	4	3	496	-68	-12.06%
1243 Winona	2	1	324	-12	-3.57%
1460 Faribault	0	0	174	-28	-13.86%
1791 Owatonna	2	3	719	-76	-9.56%
2228 Rochester	8	5	1076	-59	-5.20%
2242 Northfield	0	0	68	-17	-20.00%
2258 Albert Lea	0	7	620	-60	-8.82%
4031 Farmington	0	0	41	3	7.89%
4486 Blue Earth	0	0	45	-2	-4.26%
Total			3885	-338	-8.00%
<b>District 6</b>					
3282 Worthington	1	0	112	-5	-4.27%
3394 Fairmont	0	2	24	-10	-29.41%
3403 Luverne	0	0	79	-5	-5.95%
3405 Marshall	0	0	36	-1	-2.70%
3420 St. James	1	0	157	-9	-5.42%
3918 Tracy	13	2	188	-4	-2.08%
Total			596	-34	-5.40%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>13660</b>	<b>-1388</b>	<b>-10.16%</b>



**District No Goose Eggs**

District 1	67%
District 2	58%
District 3	71%
District 4	54%
District 5	67%
District 6	50%
Average	61%

**Grand Worthy President Chuck Weber's Charities**

**F.O.E. Diabetes Research Center Bridge to the Cure**

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.

**Children's Hospital Colorado Autism Awareness**

Children's Hospital Colorado has a world renowned Developmental Pediatrics department specializing in autism spectrum disorders and other neurogenetic conditions and is dedicated to offering families the best services available through diagnosis and beyond.

All donations can be sent to:

F.O.E. Charities Department  
1623 Gateway Circle S.  
Grove City, Ohio 43123

Please put either GWP - Diabetes or GWP - Autism in the memo line.

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

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

Grand Aerie & Auxiliary Convention  
2024  
New Orleans

North Central Regional Conference  
September 20—22, 2024  
Valley City, ND

## CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

### JULY

Cloquet	7/28/1905
Faribault	7/29/1906
Detroit Lakes	7/26/1939
Elk River	7/24/1965
St. James	7/19/1970

### AUGUST

Alexandria	8/20/1950
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### SEPTEMBER

n/a

### OCTOBER

Mankato	10/29/1902
Crookston	10/19/1904
New Brighton	10/28/1936
Roseau	10/27/1979

## SECRETARY/TREASURER OF THE MEMBERSHIP

Brothers,

Some of you might have heard already but I wanted to pass along the following if you have not. At the Grand Aerie Convention in Reno the following program was approved by the delegation to continue from last year and will now be permanent:

“All non-benefit members who reenroll during the fraternal year in which they were dropped shall have their years of membership reinstated so long as they have reenrolled by May 31st.”

Auxiliary benefit members who have been dropped are eligible to receive their years of membership reinstated, however, they will no longer be eligible to be benefit members.

This is a great opportunity to reach out to those members and let them know they will get their years back if they reenroll by May 31st. Please note that there will still be the \$10 Grand Aerie membership fee when reenrolling the member.

Please bring this up at your next Aerie meeting, if you have not done so already. Let's also make sure the local membership committees are meeting and finding a way to reach these dropped members and let them know they will get their years back if they reenroll this fraternal year.

If there is anything you would like to see in these newsletters, please send it to me. This is your state newsletter and I want it to reflect everything you want and need it to.

We are currently 1,299 members short of net gain and are averaging 180 new and enrollees per month which if we continue that pace, we would reach net gain but would come up well short of Mike's goal of 5% net gain. We can make Mike's lofty goal, but we need to get to work now, so let's "Reel 'em in for the FOE!"

Fraternally,

Jake Fee