



MINNESOTA STATE AERIE

“EAGLES ARE ... PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE”

MINNESOTA MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT



May 2024

Minnesota FOE Website: mn-eagle.com OR minnesotaeagles.com

SWP's CHARITIES

Please consider donating to the State Worthy President's charity: Confidence Learning Center

Located in the beautiful Brainerd Lakes Area of Minnesota, Confidence Learning Center (otherwise known as Camp Confidence) specializes in outdoor education and experiences for persons with developmental and cognitive disabilities—along with the deaf and hard of hearing communities. Campers are brought to Camp from all over Minnesota and the mid-west by their staff, family or care giver, which is responsible for their direct care. The typical overnight group stay is two – three nights, however, longer or shorter visits are available. Visiting groups include group homes, families, public schools, state facilities, treatment centers, achievement centers and scout groups. Confidence Learning Center is open to all ages.

Mike's special project/charity that you should also consider: American Lung Association

The American Lung Association is saving lives by improving lung health and preventing lung disease. We were founded 120 years ago by a group of volunteers dedicated to ending the lung health threat at the time: tuberculosis. With TB largely controlled in the United States, we have extended that mission to other respiratory diseases. And thanks to our donors, volunteers, program and event participants, and staff, we are America's trusted source for lung health education, lung disease research, support, programs, services and advocacy.

DISTRICT MEETING SCHEDULES 2023—2024

District #1
Cloquet #1163 - 4/6 @ 12pm

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 @ 12pm

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

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." – Winston Churchill

STATE WORTHY PRESIDENT

My Brothers:

April is gone and May has arrived. It won't be long now and it will be the MN fishing opener. You have done a great job in the past year of "Reeling Them in for the FOE." We still have the month of May to make net gain. It is going to take a strong push, but I know that it can be done. I will let Jake and Becky review the numbers.

April has been a busy but rewarding month.

We began the first weekend in Albert Lea for their Anniversary and Pin Award Ceremony. The Brotherhood, food, and hospitality were all top notch throughout all of our travels. The Aerie presented me with a metal cutout of the State of MN with a huge fish and fisherman within the State. Thank you so much. I cannot express how very honored I was.

The second weekend we were in Alexandria for the 3rd District Convention, District 3 has always been notorious for having attendance numbers for their Conventions, and this year did not disappoint. Two days with fun, frivolity, and friendship. Gaylen Dvorsak, please give your Aerie Kudos for the extraordinarily moist dessert! (Your turn!!)

The 2nd District Convention was held the following weekend in Thief River Falls. District 2 President Brent Rau's Charity, Brent's Bears raised over \$1000.00. The bears purchased are given to first responders to distribute to children involved in traumatic situations. I was also presented a check in the amount of \$400.00 for our newest State Charity, and my 2nd charity, the American Lung Association of MN. Thank you so very much. It is always a great time when I return to my home Aerie. I began my Eagles's journey in TRF, was elected to State Trustee, and was chosen as Eagle of the Year for the State of MN in TRF. Thief River Falls Aerie 2368, you have, do, and always will hold a special place in my heart. Thank you my Brothers.

This past weekend found us in New Brighton for the 4th District Convention, A very well attended Convention. Before the banquet I was thrown into a position I have never held before... Auctioneer. I had such a great time, and the auction turned out quite

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

Grand Aerie & Auxiliary Convention
August 5—8, 2024
New Orleans, LA

North Central Regional Conference
September 13—15, 2024
Valley City, ND

well. At the banquet I was presented with 2 more checks for the American Lung Association. \$250.00 from the Aerie and \$100.00 from the Auxiliary. Thank you my Brothers and Sisters!

District Conventions are all completed for my term. Congratulations to all newly elected and installed officers for what you have done, are doing, and will continue to do for our beloved Order. Your dedication, time and service is so appreciated. One plea...Please go above and beyond to ensure that State Worthy President, Doug Lind (2024-2025), has a stellar year.

Keep the Faith; I will see you on the Eagle's trail.

Mike Melby

MN State Worthy President

SECRETARY/TREASURER OF THE MEMBERSHIP

Brothers,

We are in the final push to close out our fraternal year. We are 237 members short of net gain with just weeks left to reach the goal of net gain. We do have 222 members in appicate status and if we could get all of those voted on and initiated, then we would be able to reach net gain. Please consider having a special day/night to hold initiation to get these individuals to become members. It is getting late in the game to try and get new members on the roster for this fraternal year, but let's work hard on getting members re-enrolled. Have your local secretary print out the last few years of dropped members and get your membership committee together and do some calls to see if they will re-enroll.

Congratulations to the following aeries for making net gain: St. Paul, Mankato, Winona, Faribault, Owatonna, Hastings, Rochester, Willmar, Elk River, Worthington, Fairmont, Litchfield, Tracy, Farmington, and Warroad. Thank you to those aeries for your hard work!

Top 10 producers for the State:

Jana Kuschel (St. Cloud) - 50
Steven Oleheiser (Grand Rapids) - 45
Kevin Hanson (Rochester) - 44
Mike Hadel (Minneapolis) - 37
Larry Silverthorn (Bemidji) - 35
Nicole Newenhouse (St. Cloud) - 34
Carmel Taylor (Austin) - 33
Ron Ankrum (Owatonna) - 31
Diane Housman (Litchfield) - 29
Russell Kampa (Elk River) - 28

Thank you to everyone who has signed up a member this fraternal year! We have a lot of work to do to finish out the year but it is possible if every aerie chips in. Any questions, please contact me.

Fraternally yours,
Jake Fee

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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
Bruce Meyer, Advisor #873

State Aerie Officers

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

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As of April 30, 2024 for the Fiscal Year

	New	Re-Enrolled	Member Count	Net Gain	% of Net Gain
District 1					
351 Bemidji	1	1	595	-42	-6.59%
1163 Cloquet	0	0	104	-5	-4.59%
2469 Grand Rapids	7	1	838	-57	-6.37%
4456 Hibbing	0	0	39	-7	-15.22%
Total			1576	-111	-6.58%
District 2					
350 East Grand Forks	1	0	277	-13	-4.48%
873 Crookston	0	0	402	-31	-7.16%
2342 Detroit Lakes	0	0	163	-7	-4.12%
2368 Thief River Falls	0	1	347	-21	-5.71%
2617 Hallock	0	0	311	-85	-21.46%
3486 Karlstad	0	0	51	-13	-20.31%
3882 Roseau	0	0	42	-5	-10.64%
4195 Warroad	1	0	353	16	4.75%
Total			1946	-159	-7.55%
District 3					
287 Brainerd	7	1	323	-19	-5.56%
620 Morris	1	0	189	-19	-9.13%
622 St. Cloud	20	1	1351	-10	-0.73%
2334 Willmar	6	2	666	25	3.90%
2339 Fergus Falls	4	1	334	-18	-5.11%
3063 Alexandria	4	1	289	-23	-7.37%
3424 Litchfield	5	0	196	26	15.29%
Total			3348	-38	-1.12%
District 4					
33 St. Paul	17	1	83	25	43.10%
34 Minneapolis	14	4	361	-4	-1.10%
94 Stillwater	0	0	0	0	0.00%
2212 Hastings	6	0	115	16	16.16%
3208 Bloomington	2	2	379	-69	-15.40%
3264 Elk River	5	0	197	31	18.67%
3718 New Brighton	7	1	360	-4	-1.10%
4120 Shakopee	0	0	127	-2	-1.55%
Total			1622	-7	-0.43%
District 5					
269 Mankato	5	0	357	16	4.69%
703 Austin	9	3	531	-33	-5.85%
1243 Winona	2	0	345	9	2.68%
1460 Faribault	0	0	229	27	13.37%
1791 Owatonna	3	0	803	8	1.01%
2228 Rochester	7	1	1148	13	1.15%
2242 Northfield	0	0	82	-3	-3.53%
2258 Albert Lea	5	1	665	-15	-2.21%
4031 Farmington	0	0	40	2	5.26%
4486 Blue Earth	0	0	46	-1	-2.13%
Total			4246	23	0.54%
District 6					
3282 Worthington	5	0	125	8	6.84%
3394 Fairmont	0	1	57	23	67.65%
3403 Luverne	1	1	82	-2	-2.38%
3405 Marshall	0	0	35	-2	-5.41%
3420 St. James	0	0	161	-5	-3.01%
3918 Tracy	6	0	217	25	13.02%
Total			677	47	7.46%
Totals	151	24	13415	-245	-1.79%



CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

APRIL

East Grand Forks	4/4/1903
Albert Lea	4/29/1937
Tracy	4/20/1980
Hibbing	4/12/2003

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.