



# MINNESOTA STATE AERIE

“EAGLES ARE ... PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE”

## MINNESOTA MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT



January 2026

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

### MEMBERSHIP CHAIR TERY LUBITZ

Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year! Let's celebrate by “Singing it Loud we're Eagles Proud”. We are into the second half of President Mike's year and it's time to score another member. There have been a lot of member proposers getting an application and a pen out of their pockets to sign up their friends and families. 253 have signed up with one member and 118 have signed two. This is great to see more members in these groups. There is also a group leading our State with large numbers. Wes Skochenski has 80 members, Carmel Taylor with 45, Larry Silverthorn 31, Steven Oleheiser 28, Diane Housman 26, Robert Baumann 25, Stephanie Harr 24, Tom Minehart 23, Rosalie Selvina 21, Doug Lind 20, Jeremy Trulock 19, Nicole Newenhouse 17, Kevin Hanson 16, and Dale Hanson 16. Yes, we are led by some of the Aerie Secretaries being our leaders. Of the proposers with 6 or more members, 15 are Secretaries but 27 are not and have brought in a great list. This shows that we are proud of our great Eagles and want it to keep being a leader in our communities, large or small. Each member needs to be proud of who we are. Keep it up!

Terry Lubitz, 2025-26 State Membership Chair

Minnesota State Convention  
June 17 – 20, 2026  
Crookston, MN

International Convention  
August 8–13, 2026  
Dallas, TX

Minnesota State Convention  
June 23–26, 2027  
Alexandria, MN

### DISTRICT MEETINGS 2025–2026

#### District 1

Grand Rapids #2469 - 10/11 @ 1pm  
Bemidji #351 - TBD

#### District 2

Roseau #3882 – 9/20 @ 12pm  
Hallock #2617 – 10/11 @ 12pm  
Thief River Falls #2368 – 11/22 @ 12pm  
Detroit Lakes #2342 – 12/13 @ 12pm  
Crookston #873 – 1/10 @ 12pm  
Warroad #4195 – 2/21 @ 12pm  
Karlstad #3486 – 3/21 @ 12pm  
E. Grand Forks #350 – 4/18 @ 12pm

#### District 3

Willmar #2334 – 9/6 @ 1pm  
Alexandria #3063 – 11/1 @ 1pm  
Litchfield #3424 – 1/10 @ 1pm  
St. Cloud #622 – 3/14 @ 1pm  
Brainerd #287 – 4/11,12 @ 1pm

#### District 4

New Brighton #3718 – 10/11 @ 1pm  
New Brighton #3718 – 1/10 @ 1pm  
New Brighton #3718 – 3/14 @ 1pm  
New Brighton #3718 – 4/25 @ 11am

#### District 5

Mankato #269 – 9/21 @ 1pm  
Faribault #1460 – 10/19 @ 1pm  
Albert Lea #2258 – 11/9 @ 1pm  
Owatonna #1791 – 2/15 @ 1pm  
Northfield #2242 – 3/15 @ 1pm  
Rochester #2228 – 4/11-12 @ 1pm

#### District 6

Worthington #3282 – 9/6 @ 1:00  
Tracy #3918 – 11/8 @ 1:00  
Marshall #3405 – 12/13 @ 1:00  
Fairmont #3394 – 1/10 @ 1:00  
St. James #3420 – 3/28 @ 1:00

*“You can cage the singer but not the song.” – Harry Belafonte*

## STATE WORTHY PRESIDENT MIKE HADEL

Greetings to All my Eagle Brothers and Sisters!

My Bad for letting December get away with no newsletter article! I want to start by dedicating this article to our MN State Great Grandpa Tom Klotz who passed away on December 1st . Tom's funeral was on December 10th and was buried at Ft Snelling National Cemetery per his wishes. We will be having a Celebration of Life for Tom towards Spring when many of his friends around the State can come Celebrate Tom's life at New Brighton #3718. We did not have any official visits during December but look forward to attending and participating in the 5th District Eagles 72nd Annual Cancer Telethon in Rochester on January 16th to 18th . Our own State Inside Guard Brett Carlson is the Executive Director for the Telethon and is assisted by his wife Gina as well as many, many others. I was amazed to learn that this Telethon is a year-round event for the donations aspect and takes in around 1.1 million for cancer research each year. My thoughts are with each Eagles Club around the State as we all face the daily struggles of increased costs to keep our clubs alive, and a dwindling number of volunteers and people willing to be Officers. We are also experiencing the challenge of trying to retain members with the increased PCT placed on us by the Grand Aerie. Go to the meetings and ask your questions, or raise your concerns, but let us not try to run the club from a barstool. Your State Officers are a valuable resource if you have questions or concerns. It is not a badge of shame to ask, and it will not put your club in the bullseye as being in trouble. I am a secretary with 18 years of experience and welcome calls or emails with questions on how to do something with the MMS System, or how to be a

better secretary. The Trustees are running a business and are often not prepared or trained as business managers and are learning as they go. Help them and thank them for their efforts. There are things going on behind the scenes that most never get to see. Volunteers are a big part of our club as well and let us not forget to say Thank You to them as well. Mentor the new volunteers, and do not criticize if they have a separate way of doing things. Do not forget to make our clubs a fun, and friendly place to be. If you see a new face, go out of your way to welcome them, and potentially sign up a new member. Jake Fee just released the latest numbers, and it does not look good for us in making the Grands membership goals. Currently we will finish the year down 600 members. The Incentives from the State President should not matter if you sign up a new member or get a dropped member to re-enroll. Do it because you care as an Eagle Member for both yourself, and for your club. Our clubs do such remarkable things on a local level. Many of us had donations for TOYS FOR TOTS, or local food shelves. At New Brighton #3718 my heart was warmed to see 4 boxes heaping over with donations for the Toys for Tots. Minneapolis #34 hosted the Annual Tunes for Tots, and this year was even larger in attendance. Cash and TOYS FOR TOTS donations were also larger as well. St Paul Aerie #33 turned their club into a Jingle Bar and was featured in 3 different newspaper articles as a place to go for the Holidays. Check out the St Paul Pioneer Press for the article and pictures. They as well hosted local neighborhood kids with a Christmas Party and goodies. Statewide you all touched a lot of lives this past holiday season and are to be applauded for your efforts.

“Sing It Loud, We’re Eagles Proud!”

As of December 31, 2025 for the Fiscal Year

		New	Re-Enrolled	Member Count	Net Gain	% of Net Gain
<b>District 1</b>						
351 Bemidji	2	0		510	-75	-12.82%
1163 Cloquet	0	0		99	-11	-10.00%
2469 Grand Rapids	2	3		688	-81	-10.53%
4456 Hibbing	0	0		39	0	0.00%
Total				1336	-167	-11.11%
<b>District 2</b>						
350 East Grand Forks	4	0		215	-17	-7.33%
873 Crookston	3	2		344	-38	-9.95%
2342 Detroit Lakes	0	2		144	-24	-14.29%
2368 Thief River Falls	0	0		321	-17	-5.03%
2617 Hallock	0	2		297	6	2.06%
3486 Karlstad	0	0		68	-13	-16.05%
3882 Roseau	0	0		41	-7	-14.58%
4195 Warroad	0	0		381	9	2.42%
Total				1811	-101	-5.28%
<b>District 3</b>						
287 Brainerd	3	0		248	-45	-15.36%
620 Morris	0	0		177	-9	-4.84%
622 St. Cloud	19	7		1182	-120	-9.22%
2334 Willmar	0	0		640	-56	-8.05%
2339 Fergus Falls	4	1		316	-29	-8.41%
3063 Alexandria	0	0		248	-47	-15.93%
3424 Litchfield	3	0		246	23	10.31%
Total				3057	-283	-8.47%
<b>District 4</b>						
33 St. Paul	9	1		97	-2	-2.02%
34 Minneapolis	7	1		315	-88	-21.84%
94 Stillwater	0	0		0	0	0.00%
2212 Hastings	0	0		99	-34	-25.56%
3208 Bloomington	4	0		274	-55	-16.72%
3264 Elk River	9	0		199	-23	-10.36%
3718 New Brighton	4	2		299	-36	-10.75%
4120 Shakopee	0	0		121	-18	-12.95%
Total				1404	-256	-15.42%
<b>District 5</b>						
269 Mankato	0	0		332	-21	-5.95%
703 Austin	1	1		447	-68	-13.20%
1243 Winona	12	0		380	17	4.68%
1460 Faribault	6	1		174	-26	-13.00%
1791 Owatonna	0	0		609	-158	-20.60%
2228 Rochester	1	6		1026	-59	-5.44%
2242 Northfield	0	0		67	2	3.08%
2258 Albert Lea	3	4		554	-72	-11.50%
4031 Farmington	0	0		42	5	13.51%
4486 Blue Earth	0	0		41	-3	-6.82%
Total				3672	-383	-9.45%
<b>District 6</b>						
3282 Worthington	2	0		138	-5	-3.50%
3394 Fairmont	0	0		43	-19	-30.65%
3403 Luverne	0	0		81	-1	-1.22%
3405 Marshall	0	0		24	-7	-22.58%
3420 St. James	0	0		140	-16	-10.26%
3918 Tracy	5	2		176	-31	-14.98%
Total				602	-79	-11.60%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>11882</b>	<b>-1269</b>	<b>-9.65%</b>	

## State Aerie Officers

Past Worthy President	Doug Lind	#2258
Worthy President	Mike Hadel	#34
Worthy Vice President	Jim Giesen	#1460
Worthy Chaplain	Larry Swiers	#2342
Secretary	John Batchelder	#2469
Treasurer	Gaylen Dvorsak	#3063
Worthy Conductor	Jeff Allen	#3718
Worthy Inside Guard	Brett Carlson	#1791
Worthy Outside Guard	Weasel Henry	#873
Trustee	Scott Larson	#3063
Trustee	Doug Boser	#287
Trustee	Scott Knepper	#2368
Secretary of the Membership	Jake Fee	#873

## State Membership Committee

Terry Lubitz, Chairman	#2368
Jake Fee, Secretary/Treasurer	#873
Bruce Meyer, Advisor	#873

## District Directors

Larry Silverthorn	District 1	#351
Beth Melby	District 2	#350
Richard Wog	District 3	#2334
Mike Hanson	District 4	#3718
Travis Berg	District 5	#2258
Ed Connell	District 6	#3420

## District Secretaries

John Batchelder	District 1	#2469
Rick Holweger	District 2	#873
Keith Rende	District 3	#2334
Mike Hadel	District 4	#34
Gina Carlson	District 5	#1791
Ed Connell	District 6	#3420

## Minnesota State Aerie Office

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**FRIDAY** February 20<sup>th</sup> - 6 pm - 8 BALL SINGLES  
\$30 entry - Race will be determined by entries - Double Elimination  
**SATURDAY** February 21<sup>st</sup> - 9 am - 4 PERSON TEAM \$160  
RACE TO 8 - Limit 32 Teams - Double Elimination  
**SUNDAY** February 22<sup>nd</sup> FINISH IF NEEDED  
GREEN FEES ARE INCLUDED IN ALL ENTRIES

\*\* Saturday night Mini Singles as tables become available \*\*

**Paid Registration by February 1<sup>st</sup> 2026**

Entries forms can be found on Facebook event - Faribault Eagles State Pool Tournament 2026 page

Mail Entries to - Faribault Eagles Attn: Tina Francis, 2027 Grant St, Faribault Mn. 55021

Tournament questions contact Rich Arendts @ 507 838 7299

VNEA Rules - Open to all Eagles member in good standing - Compusport will be used

The club will offer shuttle service to these select hotels-  
Grandstay Suites Hotel - 1500 20<sup>th</sup> St NW, Faribault MN 55021 ph 507-334 2888  
Boarders Inn & Suites - 1801 Lavender Dr, Faribault MN 55021 ph 507-334 -9464



**Grand Worthy President**  
**David Woosters' Charities**  
**Flint, Michigan #629**

**Cancer Fund**

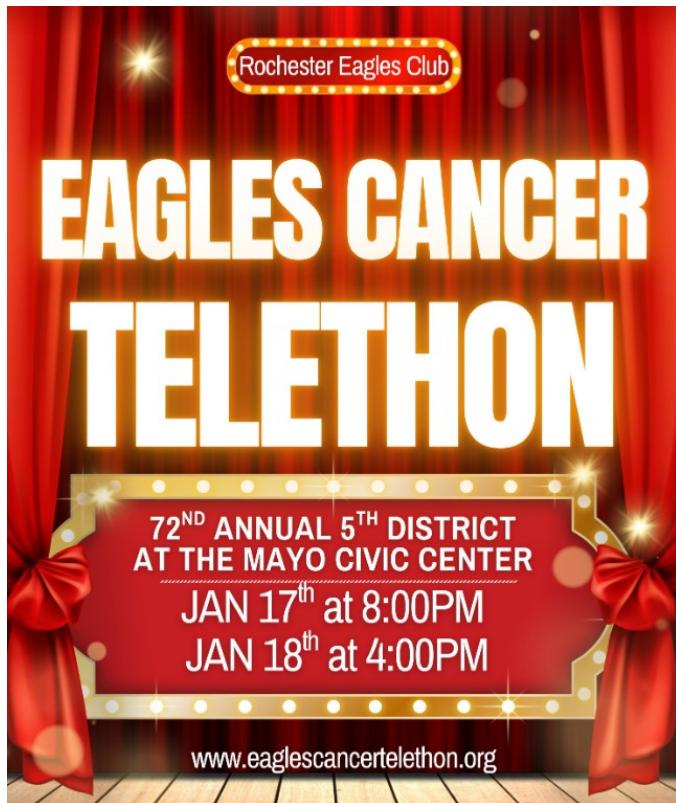
David will be raising money throughout the year for cancer research through the Fraternal Order of Eagles Charity Foundation Cancer Fund.

**Corewell Health Breast Cancer Research**

Corewell Health helps patients in Michigan by improving health, instilling humanity and inspiring hope. Their breast cancer program employs a team approach with highly qualified specialists who work hard to provide groundbreaking treatments to cancer patients.

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

Please put either GWP - Cancer Fund or GWP - Corewell Health in the memo line.



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# **“Sing It Loud, We’re Eagles Proud”**

## **MN State Worthy President**



**Sign up 2 Members  
Receive the  
President's Pin**

**2025-2026**

**Sign up 5 Members  
Receive the Presidents  
11 Function Pocket Knife**

**\$50.00**  
Top Producing  
Secretary in each  
District

**\$50.00**  
Top Producing  
Non-Secretary in  
each District

**\$50.00**  
Top Producer  
In the State

**\$50.00**  
To each NEW Aerie Ritual Team that  
competes at the 2026 State Convention in  
Crookston

**\$50.00**  
Aerie with Best  
Percentage of Net Gain

### **2025—2026 MEMBERSHIP GOALS**

1. Net Gain plus 5 MEMBERS
2. Recruit “Quality” Members over Quantity, Full initiations with RITUAL
3. Recruit from Your Own Family. Make it a Generational Thing!!
4. “STOP THE DROP” by giving your members a “Fun” reason to stay!

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