



MINNESOTA STATE AERIE

“EAGLES ARE ... PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE”

MINNESOTA MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT



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MEMBERSHIP CHAIR TERRY LUBITZ

Sing it Loud-Stop the Leak. Think about it. **Stop. The. Leak.** It is time to reprint the Drop list at all our MN Aerie. Look at it, call or visit our brothers that found a reason not to pay their dues. Maybe they forgot or maybe they had another reason. Talk to them. Listen to what they have to say. Work with them. They were a member for a reason. Get them back. We are Eagles- Stop the membership LEAK! Sing it Loud”- Be Eagles proud. Talk to others about all the good that we do as Eagles. People like to be part of good, positive things that are happening. Be a friend and sign them into our Eagles family. 243 Brothers have signed in one member. Just one more and they will receive Worth State President Mike Hadel’s pin. Signing that first member shows that you care about others and are willing to share what we have as Eagles. 50 Brothers have signed 5 or more members and will receive Mike’s knife prize. “Net gain”- we need to grow as an organization. At this time we have only 6 Aeries with more members than they had last year. Farmington #4031 with 13.5% more than last year. Litchfield #3424 11.2%, Winona #1243 5.8%, Northfield #2242 3.1%, Warroad #4195 2.4%, Hallock #2617 2.1%. St. Paul #33 and Laverne #3403 need one more member to be even to last year.

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,
Another month has gone by, and we are slowly getting closer to Spring. Waiting for the cold weather behind us and warmer days ahead. January 16th to the 18th Annie and I had the honor of being able to both attend the 5th District Cancer Telethon and to volunteer as well. We are hooked and look forward to volunteering again next year. It was like the scene in the Wizard of Oz where you look behind the curtain to see what is going on. The Volunteers starting with the On Air Hosts, and right on down the line do this not as just another job, but with a deep respect and love for what they are doing. No one is paid and even the performers donate their time and talent. With three stages there are constant things going on behind the scenes and miraculously it all works like a well-oiled machine. Sunday at 2pm there is a segment where cancer survivors come up on the stage and share their stories if courageous enough. As a survivor of Prostate Cancer, I was there along with others who were survivors for just a few years, and as long as 27 years. I was touched by the host who stood next to me and fought back tears the whole time. Last year the Telethon raised \$1,028,000 until the start of this Telethon, and this year they went off air at 4pm with \$728,000 raised in just 20 hours. The donations will continue to roll in all year culminating with the grand total raised announced at the beginning of the next telethon. The monies raised go for research at the Mayo Clinic, Hormel Institute, and Masonic Cancer Center.

Big Congratulations to our own State Officer Brett Carlson who is the Telethon Director and his wife Gina Carlson who was working just as hard behind the scenes to make things work the whole time. I can certainly see why it is such a big honor each year for the Current State President to attend and participate.

I hope now that January is behind us the business and activities at our clubs will pick up and thrive. If you put nothing into your efforts expect nothing in return.

The second meeting in April is an important one as that is when we elect new Officers for the ensuing year. Start asking yourself if it is time to step forward and become an Officer. On the Grand Aerie Members Only section there is a great power point presentation that explains each of the offices, and what is expected. I have learned a lot since becoming an Officer at my local Aerie and have also met a whole lot of nice people, as well as adding friends.

Volunteering is another good way to get involved and help. What seems like a small group is really a small group that will also welcome a new person.

I look forward to seeing you down the road at Eagles Functions.

Remember to "Sing It Loud, We're Eagles Proud!!"

As of January 31, 2025 for the Fiscal Year

	New	Re-Enrolled	Member Count	Net Gain	% of Net Gain
District 1					
351 Bemidji	4	4	516	-69	-11.79%
1163 Cloquet	2	1	102	-8	-7.27%
2469 Grand Rapids	8	1	698	-71	-9.23%
4456 Hibbing	0	0	39	0	0.00%
Total			1355	-148	-9.85%
District 2					
350 East Grand Forks	0	0	215	-17	-7.33%
873 Crookston	0	0	344	-38	-9.95%
2342 Detroit Lakes	0	0	142	-26	-15.48%
2368 Thief River Falls	3	1	325	-13	-3.85%
2617 Hallock	0	0	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			1813	-99	-5.18%
District 3					
287 Brainerd	3	0	251	-42	-14.33%
620 Morris	1	0	178	-8	-4.30%
622 St. Cloud	8	0	1187	-115	-8.83%
2334 Willmar	8	0	649	-47	-6.75%
2339 Fergus Falls	2	0	318	-27	-7.83%
3063 Alexandria	8	7	253	-42	-14.24%
3424 Litchfield	4	0	248	25	11.21%
Total			3084	-256	-7.66%
District 4					
33 St. Paul	5	2	98	-1	-1.01%
34 Minneapolis	2	0	318	-85	-21.09%
94 Stillwater	0	0	0	0	0.00%
2212 Hastings	13	2	114	-19	-14.29%
3208 Bloomington	0	0	274	-55	-16.72%
3264 Elk River	6	0	205	-17	-7.66%
3718 New Brighton	7	0	305	-30	-8.96%
4120 Shakopee	6	0	127	-12	-8.63%
Total			1441	-219	-13.19%
District 5					
269 Mankato	9	0	338	-15	-4.25%
703 Austin	0	1	448	-67	-13.01%
1243 Winona	8	0	384	21	5.79%
1460 Faribault	1	0	175	-25	-12.50%
1791 Owatonna	5	4	620	-147	-19.17%
2228 Rochester	1	2	1028	-57	-5.25%
2242 Northfield	0	0	67	2	3.08%
2258 Albert Lea	3	3	559	-67	-10.70%
4031 Farmington	0	0	42	5	13.51%
4486 Blue Earth	0	0	42	-2	-4.55%
Total			3703	-352	-8.68%
District 6					
3282 Worthington	0	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	1	140	-16	-10.26%
3918 Tracy	1	0	177	-30	-14.49%
Total			603	-78	-11.45%
Totals	118	29	11999	-1152	-8.76%

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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“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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2026 MINNESOTA EAGLES
STATE CONVENTION BOOK
ADVERTISEMENT ORDER FORM
June 18-20, 2026 Crookston, MN

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State Website: www.minnesotaeagles.com

The 2026 MN Eagles State Convention will bring hundreds of Eagles members from all over Minnesota to Crookston. Perhaps you would like to share a message with our convention attendees or advertise your Aerie, District, business or service in our convention book!

Our 8½" x 11" convention book featuring colored front and back covers with color or black and white pages. Choose from one of four ad sizes to fit your needs and your budget:



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Here are the choices below:

- Full page advertisement\$250
- ½ page advertisement:.....\$175
- ¼ page advertisement:\$110
- Business Card Advertisement:.....\$65

Decided on an ad size? Great! Now complete the information on the back.

DEADLINE: Completed form, all content for ad and payment must be received by May 15, 2026. Submittals received after the deadline will not be included in the Convention Book.



2026 MN State Convention Book Advertisement Information

Please complete:

Business or Individual Name	
Aerie or Auxiliary Name	
Aerie Number	
Street Address	
City, State and Zip Code	
Ad Info Submitted By	
Contact Phone Number	
Email Address	

Choose Your Ad Size for the 8½" x 11" Convention Book

- Full page advertisement (approx. 7" x 9.5")\$250

Note: layout orientation should be portrait for best fit.

- ½ page advertisement: (approx. 4.5" x 6.75")\$175

Note: layout orientation should be landscape for best fit.

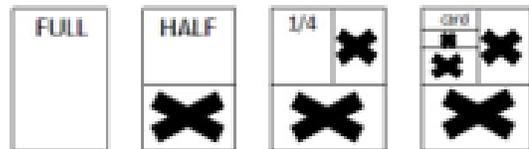
- ¼ page advertisement: (approx. 3.25" x 4.5")\$110

Note: layout orientation should be portrait for best fit.

- Business Card Advertisement (2.25" x 3.25")\$65

(Single sided only) Note: layout orientation should be portrait for best fit.

Use the illustration below for approximate size and ad placement reference (illustrations are not to scale). Ad placement, logos and text will be adjusted as needed to fit into the Convention Book.



**Note: you may choose portrait or landscape orientation for any space purchased. To maintain aspect ratio as best as possible, all ads will be adjusted to fit the space with as little distortion to the original image or graphics as possible.*

Choose How You Get Your Ad Copy/Photo or Business Card to Us

- I will email a color or black & white ready-for-print ad (JPEG) to ellieann308@gmail.com. This is the preferred method. If you have questions, please contact Ellie Fee at (763) 913-4473.

- Format my ad for me. I have enclosed or emailed the photo or business card that I wish to be used in my ad. (Submitted items will not be returned and ad layout will be created by the Convention Publications Chair. Sorry, no ad proofs will be provided.) I would like the following text included in my ad:

Make checks payable to Crookston Eagles and mail payment with this completed form to:

State Convention Committee
308 Houston Ave
Crookston, MN 56716

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