

Feather Facts



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STATE MADAM PRESIDENT LINDA CONNELL

Hello Sisters! Well January sure flew by, I hope everyone managed to keep warm! I only had one visit, and it was one of the highlights of my year so far! I attended the 72nd Annual 5th District Cancer Telethon in Rochester. Boy, what an event! The Executive Director, Brett Carlson and his lovely wife, Gina, were such gracious hosts. Ed and I were very well taken care of - the room at the Hilton, the luncheon at the Mayo Foundation House, the tour of the Andersen Building to see the building of the Gantry for proton cancer treatment, the kickoff dinner with the live and silent auctions, the check presentation of last year's proceeds of \$920,000 (that was amazing), all the talent on stage, lighting of the candles for the deceased Eagle's cancer telethon members to Sunday's breakfast and signing off with proceeds totaling \$728,364! A lot of hard work by a lot of dedicated people. I was very impressed. Thank you, 5th District Eagles and all the volunteers, for making this another successful year and my visit most memorable! Must add that 5th district Presidents were also in attendance, Diane Haas and Neil Rothbarth along with Elaine Rothbarth and Judy Spencer (State Grammy). We all had a fun weekend together with WSP Mike and Anne Hadel too. Debra Henry - Grand Madam Trustee and State Membership chairman was there to help with registration at the telethon. Don't forget to sell your raffle tickets and get them turned in to Debra Henry, also find a few more new or re-enrolled members for us too, please. That's all for now. Until next month.

Linda Connell - State Madam President

"Stand Tall with Me for the FOE"

"Sunflowers end up facing the sun, but they go through a lot of dirt to find their way there -

J.R. Rim

DISTRICT MEETING 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

As of January 31, 2025 for the Fiscal Year

	Member Count	Net Gain	% of Net Gain
District 1			
351 Bemidji	392	-33	-7.76%
2469 Grand Rapids	331	-32	-8.82%
	723	-65	-8.25%
District 2			
873 Crookston	158	-3	-1.86%
2342 Detroit Lakes	89	-17	-16.04%
2368 Thief River Falls	128	-11	-7.91%
3882 Roseau	97	-8	-7.62%
4195 Warroad	64	-20	-23.81%
	536	-59	-9.92%
District 3			
287 Brainerd	221	-24	-9.80%
620 Morris	91	-6	-6.19%
622 St. Cloud	228	-24	-9.52%
2334 Willmar	32	-1	-3.03%
3063 Alexandria	125	-10	-7.41%
3424 Litchfield	47	-2	-4.08%
	744	-67	-8.26%
District 4			
2212 Hastings	61	-10	-14.08%
3718 New Brighton	245	-13	-5.04%
4120 Shakopee	58	-5	-7.94%
	364	-28	-7.14%
District 5			
269 Mankato	152	-10	-6.17%
703 Austin	106	-4	-3.64%
1791 Owatonna	297	-66	-18.18%
2228 Rochester	305	-37	-10.82%
2258 Albert Lea	256	-46	-15.23%
	1116	-163	-12.74%
District 6			
3282 Worthington	44	-2	-4.35%
3394 Fairmont	13	-8	-38.10%
3405 Marshall	19	-9	-32.14%
3420 St. James	62	-6	-8.82%
	138	-25	-15.34%
Total	3621	-462	-11.32%

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

State Membership Rewards:

- 1 New or Re-enrolled—Lapel Pin
- 3 New or Re-enrolled—Sunflower Beaded Keychain
- 5 New or Re-enrolled—Sunflower Makeup Bag
- 10 New or Re-enrolled—Sunflower Blanket

Net Gain Rewards:

- \$100 to top Auxiliary in each class
- Class A: 1—100
- Class B: 101—200
- Class C: 201 and up
- \$50 to Top Producer in each District

Sunflower Centerpiece:

- Must include: Stand Tall with Me for the F.O.E.
- No limitations—Be Creative!!
- Put name of person making it and Auxiliary in an envelope
- Place centerpiece in a black garbage bag
- Tape the envelope to the bottom of a black garbage bag
- Prizes:
 - 1st: \$50.00
 - 2nd: \$30.00
 - 3rd: \$20.00
- Centerpieces will be put on a live auction during the district hospitality room
- All proceeds go the Confidence Learning Center

Goal:

Make Net Gain

District Directors:

- 1—Sherry Peters
- 2—Mary Lee
- 3—Sara Hesse
- 4—Ann Hadel
- 5—Vicki Schoonover
- 6—Linda Connell





Grand Madam President
Rebecca Pelkey's Charities
Milton, Vermont #4218

Cancer Fund

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

Brattleboro Retreat

The Brattleboro Retreat is a not-for-profit, regional specialty mental health treatment center that was founded in 1834. They provide a full range of diagnostic and treatment services for individuals of all ages. Nationally recognized as a leader in the field of psychiatry, the Brattleboro Retreat offers a high-quality, individualized, comprehensive continuum of care.

All donations can be sent to:

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

Please put either GMP - Cancer Fund or GMP - Brattleboro in the memo line.

Minnesota State Officers

Past Madam President	Diane Hinkemeyer	#622
Madam President	Linda Connell	#3420
Madam Vice President	Tina Haugen	#2368
Madam Chaplain	Tina Giesen	#1791
Madam Secretary	Ellie Fee	#873
Madam Treasurer	Carolyn Skogstad	#3882
Madam Conductor	Crystal Cabana	#873
Madam Inside Guard	Diane Haas	#269
Madam Outside Guard	Nancy Johnson	#351
Madam Trustee	Susan Johnson	#1791
Madam Trustee	Tandra Landman	#873
Madam Trustee	Tricia Tobin	#269
Madam Trustee	Laurie Johnston	#287

District Directors

Sherry Peters	District 1	#351
Mary Lee	District 2	#2342
Sara Hesse	District 3	#620
Ann Hadel	District 4	#3718
Vicki Schoonover/Tricia Tobin	District 5	#2228
Linda Connell	District 6	#3420

District Secretaries

Bina Silverthorn	District 1	#351
Carolyn Skogstad	District 2	#3882
Laurie Johnston	District 3	#287
Ann Hadel	District 4	#3718
Debra Henry	District 5	#1791
Marge Reinke	District 6	#3420

Minnesota State Auxiliary Office

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

Proudly hosted by Crookston #873 Aerie & Auxiliary ♦ 105 S Broadway, Crookston, MN 56716
(218) 281-3881 ♦ Website: www.crookstoneagles873.com
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.

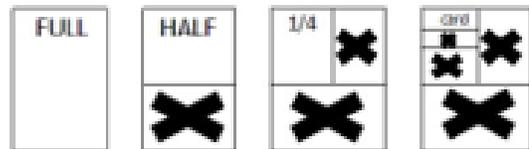
- ¼ page advertisement: (approx. 3.25" x 4.5")\$110

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

DEADLINE:
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