



MINNESOTA STATE AERIE

“EAGLES ARE ... PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE”

MINNESOTA MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT



March 2026

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

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR TERRY LUBITZ

Sing it loud we're eagles proud. As you all know the MN Aerie needs members. As of this week's report we now need less the 1,100 to be even with last year. First we need to find our brothers that did not renew this year and sign them up so they keep the past years. As long as they are entered in the system as paid before June 1, 2026 their years continue. Talk to your secretary for the dropped members list and offer to help contact them. Next, make sure that all new members get a formal invitation as the eagles does not use a short form in the bar. We can read the parts out of the book. Our organization is worth the effort. We need to remember to get these members to help with things eagles do at our eagles homes, like fundraising or benefits that help others. We need to Be Eagles Proud and help keep the Eagles an organization that is true People helping people. Many times we are in the social room and the people we are sitting with are not a member, and it's because no one has asked. Take a chance and ask. Someone asked you. Pass it on. Remember we are all eagles so keep our Auxiliary applications handy and ask one of your sisters to be the sponsor.

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

International Convention
August 8 – 13, 2026
Dallas, TX

North Central Regional Conference
September 2026
Valley City, ND

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

DISTRICT MEETINGS 2025—2026

District 1

Grand Rapids #2469 - 10/11 @ 1pm
Bemidji #351 - 4/4 @ 12pm

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 #2228–4/18-19 @ 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

"Your voice is a unique instrument that has the power to move souls and touch hearts." – Unknown

STATE WORTHY PRESIDENT MIKE HADEL

Eagle Greetings to all my Brothers and Sisters! It is hard to believe that I am 8 months into my year as your Worthy State President. I am humbled every time I think about it and only wish my parents who were Past Presidents of Minneapolis #34, could have been alive to see this.

Sunday February 22nd Annie and I had the Honor of attending St Cloud Aerie #622's Anniversary Celebration. A Big Thank You for the Sweatshirts and fun time that was enjoyed by all that attended.

Numbers wise we are still lagging and undoubtedly will not recover all the members that we lost on the July 18th drop. The Grand Aerie PCT increase of \$8 hurts a lot of clubs, and with today's economy money is tight for many people. Remember to look at those family members as potential candidates. Every new face that walks through your Aerie's doors is a potential new member. We are the "Best Kept Secret." We have three family members that we gladly pay dues for. Do not forget the Memorial Foundation! An excellent added benefit, for our younger Aerie and Auxiliary Members.

One of the things that's done by many clubs is to conduct Initiations on non-meeting nights, to accommodate those with scheduling conflicts. If you do the initiation, with all the stations it is permissible. I was asked to help this past week with initiation, at my Aerie when they were short of people, and it was a real honor, to be able to help initiate a new member. Just be sure that the name and date of that person(s) initiation is

entered into your secretaries' minutes.

With Spring in sight and the freezing days getting less we can again look at getting out more and traveling more. I look forward to getting out and traveling to more Aeries.

Your District meetings are a good way to meet other good Eagles and find out what they are doing in their clubs to survive and recruit new members. District Conventions will be held starting the last weekend in March and ending the last weekend in April. The District Conventions are attended, as well, by at least two current State Officers, and it's a good way to find out about the latest updates from the State and Grand Aerie. Each District also has their election of Officers for the ensuing year, and it is another good way to get involved. Many of the Districts struggle to fill in all the Officer chairs, and you could become a much-needed Officer and expand your list of friends as a bonus.

Remember "Sing it Loud, We're Eagles Proud" is more than just this year's theme. It is who we are and what we do!



As of February 28, 2026 for the Fiscal Year

	New	Re-Enrolled	Member Count	Net Gain	% of Net Gain
District 1					
351 Bemidji	1	0	513	-72	-12.31%
1163 Cloquet	0	0	102	-8	-7.27%
2469 Grand Rapids	0	0	695	-74	-9.62%
4456 Hibbing	0	0	39	0	0.00%
Total			1349	-154	-10.25%
District 2					
350 East Grand Forks	0	0	215	-17	-7.33%
873 Crookston	6	3	353	-29	-7.59%
2342 Detroit Lakes	0	0	142	-26	-15.48%
2368 Thief River Falls	7	0	326	-12	-3.55%
2617 Hallock	0	0	298	7	2.41%
3486 Karlstad	0	0	68	-13	-16.05%
3882 Roseau	0	0	41	-7	-14.58%
4195 Warroad	6	0	387	15	4.03%
Total			1830	-82	-4.29%
District 3					
287 Brainerd	5	1	257	-36	-12.29%
620 Morris	0	0	178	-8	-4.30%
622 St. Cloud	10	1	1185	-117	-8.99%
2334 Willmar	1	0	650	-46	-6.61%
2339 Fergus Falls	1	0	319	-26	-7.54%
3063 Alexandria	0	0	253	-42	-14.24%
3424 Litchfield	5	0	251	28	12.56%
Total			3093	-247	-7.40%
District 4					
33 St. Paul	7	1	109	10	10.10%
34 Minneapolis	14	1	323	-80	-19.85%
94 Stillwater	0	0	0	0	0.00%
2212 Hastings	3	0	117	-16	-12.03%
3208 Bloomington	1	0	274	-55	-16.72%
3264 Elk River	0	0	205	-17	-7.66%
3718 New Brighton	2	1	305	-30	-8.96%
4120 Shakopee	0	0	127	-12	-8.63%
Total			1460	-200	-12.05%
District 5					
269 Mankato	0	0	338	-15	-4.25%
703 Austin	0	0	446	-69	-13.40%
1243 Winona	7	3	393	30	8.26%
1460 Faribault	0	0	175	-25	-12.50%
1791 Owatonna	6	7	624	-143	-18.64%
2228 Rochester	2	2	1030	-55	-5.07%
2242 Northfield	0	1	68	3	4.62%
2258 Albert Lea	0	2	561	-65	-10.38%
4031 Farmington	0	0	42	5	13.51%
4486 Blue Earth	0	0	42	-2	-4.55%
Total			3719	-336	-8.29%
District 6					
3282 Worthington	1	0	139	-4	-2.80%
3394 Fairmont	2	0	43	-19	-30.65%
3403 Luverne	1	1	83	1	1.22%
3405 Marshall	0	0	24	-7	-22.58%
3420 St. James	0	0	140	-16	-10.26%
3918 Tracy	0	0	177	-30	-14.49%
Total			606	-75	-11.01%
Totals	88	24	12057	-1094	-8.32%

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

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:



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.

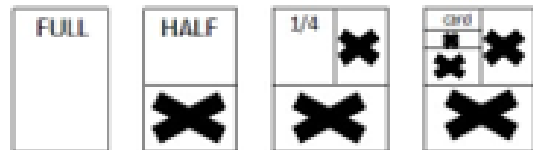
- ¼ page advertisement: (approx. 3.25" x 4.5")\$110

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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Completed form, all content for ad and payment must be received by
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