

Feather Facts



March 2026

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

STATE MADAM PRESIDENT LINDA CONNELL

Hello Sisters! Not much to report on February visitations. I did spend some time in warm sunny Arizona. Golfed in the Confidence Learning Center tournament on the 22nd. It was a lot of fun, Bina was my chauffeur on the course. Dawn Olson decorated her yellow golf cart with sunflowers and lights, so we were going in style! We also had JoEllen on our team. We didn't do too badly, of course there is only one winner and everyone else comes in second according to John Tobie! They had a record year for money from the tournament and so that means a record year for money for camp in the end. Thanks to John Tobie and crew for getting this lined up for the 14th year! Other golfers included Jeff Henry, Ed Connell, Larry Silverthorn, Jeff Olson and John Tobie. And of course, Ellie and Jake Fee participated too! Thanks to everyone that donated for banner and hole sponsorships, it is gratefully appreciated. Can't wait for next year; Sunday February 28, 2027. We are celebrating St. Patrick's Day at our State Officers Meeting in Litchfield on March 14th. So, officers dress in green for the day! Keep signing up members, sell the President's raffle tickets and keep smiling! That's all for now. Until next month.

Linda Connell – State Madam President
“Stand Tall with Me for the FOE”

*“Does she realize she looks like a sunflower,
ready to rain sunlight on all who look down
upon her” – Simone Elkeles*

DISTRICT MEETING 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

As of February 28, 2026 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	90	-16	-15.09%
2368 Thief River Falls	128	-11	-7.91%
3882 Roseau	94	-11	-10.48%
4195 Warroad	64	-20	-23.81%
	534	-61	-10.25%
District 3			
287 Brainerd	222	-23	-9.39%
620 Morris	90	-7	-7.22%
622 St. Cloud	229	-23	-9.13%
2334 Willmar	32	-1	-3.03%
3063 Alexandria	125	-10	-7.41%
3424 Litchfield	46	-3	-6.12%
	744	-67	-8.26%
District 4			
2212 Hastings	62	-9	-12.68%
3718 New Brighton	245	-13	-5.04%
4120 Shakopee	58	-5	-7.94%
	365	-27	-6.89%
District 5			
269 Mankato	151	-11	-6.79%
703 Austin	106	-4	-3.64%
1791 Owatonna	299	-64	-17.63%
2228 Rochester	305	-37	-10.82%
2258 Albert Lea	269	-33	-10.93%
	1130	-149	-11.65%
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	3634	-449	-11.00%

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

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



MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN DEBRA HENRY

Calling all Sisters!!! Time is running out. Now is the time to step up, and get that one member we pledged to sign every year for our Fraternal Order. With all the tools at our finger tips on FOE,COM under Members Only, our tool boxes should be overflowing with information. If your tool box is empty, please request your secretary to place an order for all the Pamphlets available. They are FREE. Share this wealth of information on the Memorial Foundation, the Eagle Village Foundation and our Charity Foundations, along with our Members Benefit program, there are also new pamphlets to check out. Use these tools at your functions in your Aerie, every function can become a membership drive. Now is the time to be thinking of getting an Earlybird campaign. Help our auxiliary soar higher by bringing in a new member and share the pride of being an Eagle. We will be stronger together, invite someone to join to keep or traditions going. Let's continue to stand tall and grow strong.



STATE OFFICER'S MEETING
SATURDAY MARCH 14, 2026
LITCHFIELD, MN @ 2PM
ST. PATRICK'S DAY THEME!

STATE SECRETARY ELLIE FEE

Well sisters, I will be the good news/bad news bearer this article.

Good news: the Grand Aerie & Auxiliary are coming out with a hard dues receipt card (it will look and feel like a credit card). That means no more paper! If you are a secretary, you are jumping for joy right now as you will no longer (after this year) be subjected to the perforation of paper receipts. The Grand will be sending these out directly. All Auxiliaries you belong to will be on one card, with a unique QR code on the back that when scanned will list every Auxiliary you belong to. This will also be used to get into closed clubs. More details to be announced at a later date.

Bad news: Not ONE Auxiliary has net gain this year. We are down around 450 members. This will be hard to budget as the State Convention is coming up and we were already projecting a loss. Let's get those members signed back up!! Secretaries, Treasurers, and others: You MUST be using a receipt book from the Grand Aerie. You are not allowed to use anything else such as a receipt book from Walmart. All monies collected must be in this receipt book. You can purchase them on the FOE website. We currently have 17 Auxiliaries NOT in compliance. Every single one is due to expired insurance or your 990 not being submitted. Don't forget to mail your copies of both to the Grand.

STATE CONVENTION & CHARITY PAPERWORK
COMING SOON!



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	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

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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.



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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.

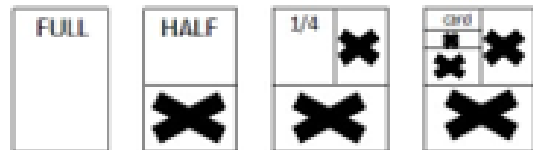
- ¼ page advertisement: (approx. 3.25" x 4.5")\$110

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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