



## MN State Aerie & Auxiliary Newsletters

May 2026



### MN State Aerie Officers 2025 - 2026

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Back Row: Jake Fee, Jeff Allen, Brett Carlson, Weasel Henry, Scott Larson, Doug Boser, Scott Knepper

Front Row: John Batchelder, Jim Giesen, Mike Hadel, Doug Lind, Larry Swiers, Gaylen Dvorsak

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## MN State Auxiliary Officers 2025 - 2026

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Back Row: Crystal Cabana, Tina Giesen, Nancy Johnson, Diane Hass, Susan Johnson, Tandra Landman, Tricia Tobin, Laurie Johnston

Front Row: Ellie Fee, Tina Haugen, Linda Connell, Diane Hinkemeyer, Carolyn Skogstad

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**F E**

*International*  
**CONVENTION**

**THEMES**

FOR HOME AND FOR GOD  
AUXILIARY  
FOR COUNTRY

*Monday* ★ **Patriotic - RED, WHITE & BLUE**

*Ladies NIGHT OUT* **Roaring '20s**

*Tuesday* 🌸 **Easter Dress & Bonnet**

*Wednesday* ♥ **Grand Madam President's Colors - Red & Black**

*Thursday* ☮️ **Grand Madam President-Elect's Colors - Hippie, Tie Dye, & Bell Bottom Pants**

★ *Dress up, have fun, and show your Eagle pride all week long!* ★

If you are interested in attending Ladies' Night Out at the International Convention in Texas this year, contact Judy Spencer to register. It's \$70 and a whole lotta fun! 507-995-3973



We are now 1 month away until our next State Convention in Crookston! All communications can be found on our [state website](#). Check frequently for updates.

Fraternal Order of Eagles

# STATE CONVENTION CHECKLIST



FOR HOME  
AUXILIARY  
AND FOR GOD  
FOR COUNTRY



LIBERTY TRUTH  
JUSTICE EQUALITY  
F O E



Make your room reservation



Sign up for the Golf Outing Tuesday



Join the fun with the themes:



Wednesday Night: Dress as a musical artist or group with friends!



Thursday Meeting: Sports



Friday Meeting: Patriotic



Saturday Meeting: Pink Camo (ISMP Tina Haugen) or Red (ISWP Jim Giesen)



Bring a lawn chair for parking lot parties or if coming Tuesday, a pool party!



Check the state website for updates



**DO NOT FORGET YOUR DUES RECEIPT!**

Date/Time	Events	Location	
<b>Wednesday June 17, 2026</b>			
10 am	Auxiliary Audit	Crookston Inn	North Shore
1:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Registration	Eagles Club	
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Auxiliary State Officers Meeting	Eagles Club	Banquet Hall
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Aerie State Officers Meeting	Eagles Club	Back Room
5:30 pm	Joint State Officers Social Hour	Eagles Club	Banquet Hall
6:30 pm	Joint State Officers Banquet	Eagles Club	Banquet Hall
7:30 pm	Auxiliary Committee Meetings	Eagles Club	Banquet Hall
8:30 pm	Entertainment: Stars in Bars Karaoke	Eagles Club	Bar
<b>Thursday June 18, 2026</b>			
7:00 am - end	Ritual Competition	Trinity Lutheran	205 S Broadway
8:00 am - 1:00 pm	Aerie Registration	Eagles Club	
8:00 am - 1:00 pm	Auxiliary Registration	Crookston Inn	Banquet Room
9:45 am - 12:00 pm	Auxiliary General Business, 1 <sup>st</sup> Session	Crookston Inn	Banquet Room
9:00 am	Aerie Past Eagle of the Year Breakfast	Irishman's Shanty	1501 S Main St.
12:00 pm	Auxiliary Luncheon	Crookston Inn	Restaurant
12:00 pm - 1:45 pm	Aerie General Business, 1 <sup>st</sup> Session	Eagles Club	Banquet Hall
1:00 pm	Auxiliary Membership Meeting	Crookston Inn	Banquet Room
2:00 - 3:00 pm	Gambling Meeting	Eagles Club	Banquet Hall
3:15 pm	Athletic Committee Meeting	Eagles Club	Upper Room
5:00 pm	Joint Awards Banquet Social Hour	Eagles Club	Banquet Hall
6:00 pm	Joint Awards Banquet Dinner	Eagles Club	Banquet Hall
6:45 pm	Joint Awards Program	Eagles Club	Banquet Hall
8:30 pm - 10:30 pm	District Hospitality Room	Eagles Club	Banquet Hall
8:30 pm	Entertainment: Terry Mackner	Eagles Club	Bar
<b>Friday June 19, 2026</b>			
7:00 am - end	Ritual Competition (if needed)	Trinity Lutheran	205 S Broadway
8:00 am - 1:00 pm	Aerie Registration	Eagles Club	
8:00 am - 1:00 pm	Auxiliary Registration	Crookston Inn	Banquet Room
9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Auxiliary General Business Meeting & Elections	Crookston Inn	Banquet Room
9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Aerie General Business, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Session	Eagles Club	Banquet Hall
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Aerie Past State Presidents Luncheon	Drafts Sports Bar	925 Fisher Ave
12:30 pm	Auxiliary PSPs, Mother, Grandmother Luncheon	Crookston Inn	North Shore
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Auxiliary Local Secretary Q&A	Eagles Club	Upper Room
1:30 pm	State Incoming President Meeting w/ Aerie Pres.	Eagles Club	Back Room
6:30 pm	Parade of Champions/Memorial Service	Eagles Club	Banquet Hall
8:30 pm - 10:30 pm	Incoming Presidents' Hospitality Room	Eagles Club	Banquet Hall
8:30 pm	Entertainment: Bad Campers	Eagles Club	Bar
<b>Saturday June 20, 2026</b>			
8:00 am - 9:00 am	Registration	Eagles Club	
8:00 am - 9:00 am	Aerie Election of Officers	Eagles Club	Back Room
9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Auxiliary General Business Meeting	Crookston Inn	Banquet Room
9:00 am - 11:45 am	Aerie General Business, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Session	Eagles Club	Banquet Hall
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	State Officers Pictures	Eagles Club	Banquet Hall
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Installation of State Officers	Eagles Club	Banquet Hall
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Auxiliary State Officers Meeting	Eagles Club	Banquet Hall
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Aerie State Officers Meeting	Eagles Club	Back Room
8:00 pm	Entertainment: Stars in Bars Karaoke	Eagles Club	Banquet Hall



# Minnesota State Convention Golf Outing

**Tuesday June 16, 2026**

**Minakwa Golf Course & The Ranch Bar and Grill  
901 Fisher Ave, Crookston, MN 56716**

**Registration begins at 10am  
Balls fly at 11am  
4 Person Scramble  
\$60 per Person—\$240 per Team  
Includes 18 Holes and Carts**

**RSVP to Ellie Fee  
(763) 913-4473 or mnstateaux@gmail.com  
Deadline is Friday June 12  
Singles or pairs will be placed on a team**



**Games and contests throughout the day!**





# Minnesota State Convention

## Food & Fun

### Tuesday June 16, 2026

- **Golf Outing at Minakwa Golf Course 11am**
- **Pool Party at Jake and Ellie's 2pm**
- **Deep Fried Food Baskets available at the Aerie**

### Wednesday June 17, 2026

- **BBQ Sandwiches and Chips available 5-7pm at the Aerie; Pizzas served all day; Deep Fried Food Baskets available 12-2pm**
- **State Officer's Only Banquet \$20**  
Pork Ribeye, Pasta Salad, Green Beans, & Apple Pie ala mode
- **Stars in Bars Karaoke 8:30pm**  
**CONTEST: Dress up as your favorite singer or musical group!**  
Winner gets the traveling trophy and bragging rights

### Thursday June 18, 2026

- **Aerie & Auxiliary Meeting Theme: Sports**
- **Pizzas available all day at the Aerie**
- **Joint Aerie & Auxiliary Social and Banquet 5pm \$25**  
Prime Rib or Hand-Breaded Walleye, Baked Potato, Glazed Carrots, Salad, Roll, and Cheesecake
- **District Hospitality Room: Game Day Snacks**  
Completely revamped with games and fundraisers for charity
- **One Man Band: Terry Mackner 8:30pm**





# Minnesota State Convention

## Food & Fun

### Friday June 19, 2026

- **Aerie & Auxiliary Meeting Theme: Patriotic**
- **Pizzas served all day; Deep Fried Food Baskets available 12-2pm; Pulled Pork Sandwiches available 5-7pm**
- **Incoming President's Hospitality Room**  
**Must attend the Parade of Champions and Memorial Service**  
**Taco in a Bag—Casino Night!**
- **Entertainment: Bad Campers 8:30pm**

### Saturday June 20, 2026

- **Aerie & Auxiliary Meeting Theme: Red and/or Pink Camo**
- **Following Installation and State Officer's Meeting**  
**President's After Party at the Aerie**  
**Sloppy Joe's and Pulled Pork Sandwiches**  
**Grand Convention Hospitality Room Planning Meeting**

### Additional Information

- **Courtesy Vehicles available Tuesday through Friday Night**
- **We are no longer a cash-only bar; debit and credit cards welcome**
- **The bar and banquet hall is located on the second floor; elevator is located in the front entrance on South Broadway**



Hello Fellow Eagles:

### **Remembering the Ritual**

\*The Ritual is the heart of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. It sets the tone for all members regarding expectations and requirements to be a great Eagle.

### **Common Misconceptions**

\*There is NO short form of the Ritual!

\* If you were initiated via a short form Ritual, you are not legally a member of the Order

\*There are NO levels of membership that don't require Ritual!

\*We don't have a tier for social-only members. All members have to go through Ritual

### **Consequences**

\*If you have not gone through the full Ritual, your family can be denied benefits through the Memorial Foundation in the event you were to perish while on the job.

\*Your Aerie/Auxiliary could face consequences from liquor or lottery commissions or face denial of insurance coverage if it is discovered your patrons are not legal members of the organization.

*OK getting to what we really wanted to say*

\*The Ritual is the heart of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. It sets the tone for all members regarding expectations and requirements to be a great Eagle.

\*State/Provincial, Regional and International Conventions can provide individuals with the opportunity to compete for prizes.

\*If your Aerie/Auxiliary has a dedicated Ritual team and you know others in your area don't, offer to help with initiations and show their members how the ceremony should be performed and make yourself available for questions.

\*We're People Helping People and we should be helping our own people become better, stronger Eagles.

\*We are always looking for more Eagles to become ritual team members, if you're Aerie or Auxiliary does not have a team and you would like to join. Form a team from other Aeries/Auxiliary in your area, or ask to join a team that is already formed. Substitutes are in need more than you would think. Reading teams are excepted at our competitions and scored, but not eligible for Pins or prizes. Please contact us if you would like to compete in this year's Ritual Competition at the State Convention in Crookston.

### **And lastly**

WE NEED RITUAL JUDGES, please contact me Jeff Henry @ 507-327-1603 or Mary Lee @218-849-0370 and we will put you on our list and explain what is expected from our judges. Ritual competition starts the day of our first meetings.

### **Jeff Henry**

State Aerie Ritual Chair

### **Mary Lee**

State Auxiliary Ritual Chair

**STARS**  
IN  
**BARS**  
**KARAOKE**

**WEDNESDAY**  
**JUNE 17, 2026**

**8:30PM**

**CONTEST:**  
Dress up as your favorite singer or musical group!

**WINNER GETS THE**  
*traveling trophy*  
**AND BRAGGING RIGHTS!**

Bring in a non-perishable food items for the local  
*Care and Share*



**HOW TO PLAY**

BET ON YOURSELF TO WIN AGAINST YOUR OPPONENT.

★  
IF YOU SUCCEED, WIN DOUBLE YOUR BET IN TICKETS.



**NOT YOUR AVERAGE GAMES**

THERE WILL BE EVERYTHING FROM SKILL TO LUCK

★  
PHYSICAL TO MENTAL

★  
PICTURE NATIONAL LAMPOON'S VEGAS VACATION ON STEROIDS.



**NOT COMPETITIVE?**

THAT'S OK!

★  
YOU CAN PURCHASE TICKETS FOR \$1 EACH

★  
ENTER THEM INTO THE DRAWING.

**3 HUGE PRIZES!**



**WHEELBARROW OF BOOZE:**

VALUED OVER **\$700**



**LUCKY LOTTERY BASKET:**

VALUED OVER **\$500**



**TOBIE'S PONYTAIL:**

PRICELESS

★ ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO THE CONFIDENCE LEARNING CENTER ★

# EAGLES

## Pool Party



★ CELEBRATING ★  
**AMERICA'S**  
**250<sup>TH</sup>**  
**BIRTHDAY**  
★ ★ ★ ★ ★



**JAKE & ELLIE FEE**  
308 HOUSTON AVE



**TUESDAY, JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup>**  
ANYTIME AFTER 2PM



**FOOD & BEVERAGES**  
PROVIDED



**COURTESY VEHICLES**

- ★ BBQ CHICKEN SANDWICHES
- ★ POTATO SALAD
- ★ FRUIT
- ★ FESTIVE COOKIES



★ ★ **RED, WHITE & BLUE,** ★ ★  
**WE CELEBRATE YOU!**



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