

# Feather Facts



May 2026

Minnesota FOE Website: [mn-eagle.com](http://mn-eagle.com) OR [minnesotaeagles.com](http://minnesotaeagles.com)

## MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN DEBRA HENRY

It's hard to believe the year is almost over; we have just a few more weeks to make the push on membership. Our numbers are looking pretty good!!! Congratulations to our Sisters in the running for the last challenge of the year, we are excited to announce our great efforts during the membership meeting at State Convention, please come so you don't miss out. Thank you for all your hard work; it has been an honor to serve as your State Membership Chair. As of today we have 820 tickets turned in out of 2000, so we have lots of tickets still out there for the Confidence Learning Center raffle. I hope all are sold!!! That would be awesome. I am requesting anyone that has tickets to please email me with the status of them. We have no more left to send out to Auxiliaries' that are sold out. I do believe the Aerie has some we can get if we are completely sold out. My email address is: [debrahenry@hickorytech.net](mailto:debrahenry@hickorytech.net). Please let me know that way if you have tickets remaining or have them sold. Thank you so much for all you are doing to make this a successful fundraiser for Camp Confidence and

your State Madam President Linda!!!!  
Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your State Madam President's Chair for the Confidence Learning Center.  
Eagle Love, Debra Henry

**Fraternal Order of Eagles**  
**STATE CONVENTION CHECKLIST**

- Make your room reservation
- Bring items for the Promotions table
- Sign up for the Golf Outing Tuesday
- Swim suit for the pool party 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 or Red (Incoming Presidents' Colors)
- 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!**

*"So hold your head up, girl, and you'll go far. Listen to me when I say. I'm beautiful in my way 'cause God makes no mistakes" – Lady Gaga*

As of April 30, 2026 for the Fiscal Year

	Member Count	Net Gain	% of Net Gain
<b>District 1</b>			
351 Bemidji	399	-26	-6.12%
2469 Grand Rapids	337	-26	-7.16%
	736	-52	-6.60%
<b>District 2</b>			
873 Crookston	163	2	1.24%
2342 Detroit Lakes	90	-16	-15.09%
2368 Thief River Falls	129	-10	-7.19%
3882 Roseau	94	-11	-10.48%
4195 Warroad	66	-18	-21.43%
	542	-53	-8.91%
<b>District 3</b>			
287 Brainerd	221	-24	-9.80%
620 Morris	90	-7	-7.22%
622 St. Cloud	227	-25	-9.92%
2334 Willmar	31	-2	-6.06%
3063 Alexandria	128	-7	-5.19%
3424 Litchfield	46	-3	-6.12%
	743	-68	-8.38%
<b>District 4</b>			
2212 Hastings	62	-9	-12.68%
3718 New Brighton	247	-11	-4.26%
4120 Shakopee	58	-5	-7.94%
	367	-25	-6.38%
<b>District 5</b>			
269 Mankato	154	-8	-4.94%
703 Austin	106	-4	-3.64%
1791 Owatonna	307	-56	-15.43%
2228 Rochester	306	-36	-10.53%
2258 Albert Lea	270	-32	-10.60%
	1143	-136	-10.63%
<b>District 6</b>			
3282 Worthington	44	-2	-4.35%
3394 Fairmont	13	-8	-38.10%
3405 Marshall	18	-10	-35.71%
3420 St. James	62	-6	-8.82%
	137	-26	-15.95%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3668</b>	<b>-415</b>	<b>-10.16%</b>

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

**International Convention**  
August 8–13, 2026  
Dallas, TX

**North Central Regional Conference**  
September 18–20, 2026  
Valley City, ND

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

**International Convention**  
August 7–12, 2027  
Orlando, FL

**MINNESOTA STATE CONVENTION ASSIGNMENTS:**

**Officially Assigned, Leslie Franklin, Grand Madam Inside Guard**

**Auto Assigned, Deb Henry, Grand Madam Trustee**

**Auto Assigned, Gwen Stallkamp, Past Grand Madam President**

**Auto Assigned, Mary Lee, Regional Madam President**



**Leslie Franklin**  
GRAND MADAM INSIDE GUARD  
Jefferson City, Missouri #2693




Happy Spring! As we are now one month away from the state convention, I have a couple items to address. The state officer's meeting was cancelled in March due to weather and was not rescheduled. We use this meeting to prepare for the convention however I feel like we have made things work. Delegate forms were mailed out to local secretaries. I am waiting on just 3 to respond so thank you for your quick response. The deadline is May 15 every year to give the SMP time to look it over and pick committees. If you are selected to a committee, you MUST attend Wednesday night. This is vital to the running of the state convention. More info has been posted on the state website for the convention. Check there often for updates. I can tell you I have changed the itinerary multiple times already. The deadline for the Convention Book Ads has been extended to June 1st.

Crystal Cabana has resigned from state office. Past State Madam President Garnet Karau will finish out her term. Please advise there will be discussion on this at the convention.

SMP Linda and SWP Mike picked the themes for the convention. Standing together, singing loud, the Aerie and Auxiliary have the same dress suggestions. We made up some flyers with more to come! I have had people ask when to wear Linda's shirt. I suggest on Friday as her shirt is the color blue! There will not be another feather facts before the convention, however, we do plan on sending out an email a week prior for reminders and anything new.

I am just getting over pneumonia. I had it for two weeks and am on my second round of antibiotics. I apologize if I have not responded to your messages but I haven't done much of anything. I will be replying shortly.

A friendly reminder that if you have a complaint about your Auxiliary or sister, you can feel free to call me and vent. However, State or Grand Aerie action cannot be taken without a formal, written complaint, and approval of the State Auxiliary. This time of year gets hectic; remember to read your rules and regulations if you have any questions regarding any matter. Review your bylaws and follow them. Not following any of these will result in consequences for your Auxiliary and your own membership in the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Your state per capita tax must be paid by the start of the convention. There is plenty of time to mail it to me prior to the start or please get it to me by Wednesday night of the convention. Last year we didn't have any problems so kudos to you all!

I have received the information for the Grand Madam President Kim Haidsiak's travels to Minnesota. She will be coming Thursday September 3rd from Wisconsin, and leaving for the Dakotas Monday September 7th. PLEASE consider hosting our GMP! We have until July 17th to turn in our travel plans for her visit. If your Auxiliary is interested, please reach out to me asap. We will finalize at the state convention. She loves to collect penguins.

See you all soon!



## DISTRICT MEETINGS 2026—2027

### District 1

Bemidji #351 – 10/17 @ 1pm

Cloquet #1163 – 4/3 @ 12pm

### District 2

Not Submitted

### District 3

Morris #620 – 9/12 @ 1pm

Alexandria #3063 – 11/14 @ 1pm

Willmar #2334 – 1/9 @ 1pm

St. Cloud #622 – 3/13 @ 1pm

Litchfield #3424 – 4/10,11 @ 1pm

### District 4

New Brighton #3718– 10/10 @ 1pm

New Brighton #3718 – 1/9 @ 1pm

New Brighton #3718 – 4/24 @ 11am

### District 5

Not Submitted

### District 6

St. James #3420 – 9/12 @ 1:00

Worthington #3282 – 10/3 @ 1:00

Tracy #3918—11/7 @ 1:00

Marshall #3405 – 3/6 @ 1:00

Fairmont #3394—4/10 @ 1:00

## 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	Garnet Karau	#3420
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

## Minnesota State Auxiliary Office

Ellie Fee, Secretary  
308 Houston Ave.  
Crookston, MN 56716  
(763) 913-4473  
mnstateaux@gmail.com



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](http://www.crookstoneagles873.com)  
State Website: [www.minnesotaeagles.com](http://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:

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

### 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.

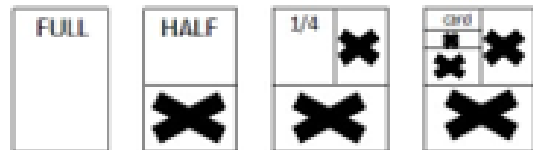
- ¼ page advertisement: (approx. 3.25" x 4.5") .....\$110

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](mailto: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:

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

State Convention Committee  
308 Houston Ave  
Crookston, MN 56716

**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.

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

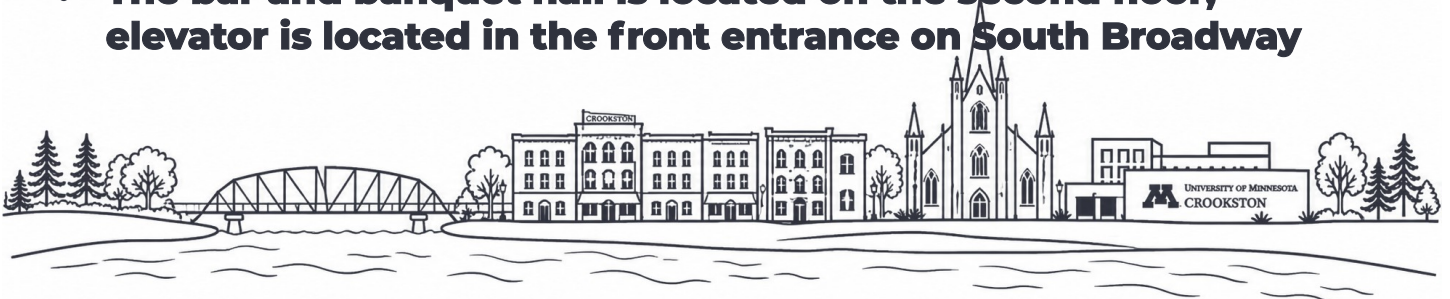
- **Aerie & Auxiliary Meeting Theme: Patriotic**
- **Pizzas served all day; Deep Fried Food Baskets available 12-2pm; Pulled Pork Sandwiches available 5-7pm**
- **Incoming President's Hospitality Room**  
**Must attend the Parade of Champions and Memorial Service**  
**Taco in a Bag—Casino Night!**
-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





# 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**

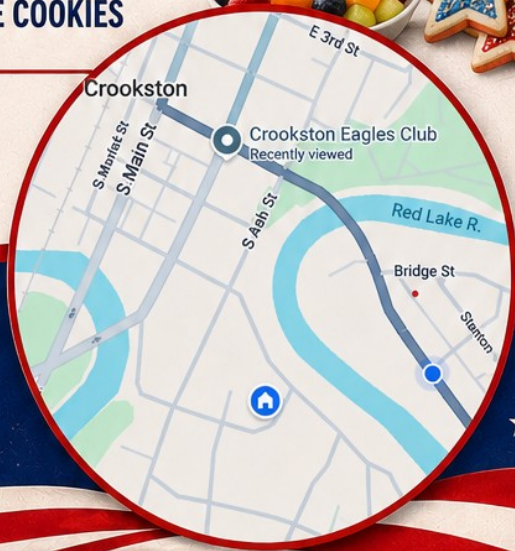


**FOOD & BEVERAGES**  
**PROVIDED**



**COURTESY VEHICLES**

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



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



# Grand CONVENTION

## THEMES

Monday  
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Patriotic –  
RED, WHITE & BLUE  
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Ladie's  
NIGHT OUT

Roaring '20s



Tuesday  
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Easter Dress  
& Bonnet



Wednesday  
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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!  
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Ladie's Night out \$70—Contact Judy Spencer to register: 507-995-3973