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### Congratulations Jim and Patty

Eagles from across the jurisdiction gathered at Omaha #38 September 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> for the 2020 West Central Regional Conference. Presiding over the conference were West Central Regional Presidents Jim Burnett, LeMars Iowa #1381 and Patty Welch, York Nebraska #3990.

Guests representing the Grand Aerie and Auxiliary were Grand Aerie Worthy President Dave Smith, Penticton, British Columbia #428, Grand Madam President Jacque Marble, Sunnyslope, Arizona #2957, Grand Worthy President-Elect Brian Rogers, Sunnyslope Arizona #2957, Grand Madam Outside Guard Heather Callahan, Coeur d'Alene Idaho #486, Grand Worthy Inside Guard Ray Measel, Bellevue Nebraska #3912, Grand Madam Trustee Kim Haidsiak, Red Oak Iowa #2715, Assistant to the Grand Worthy President Scott Houghtaling, Bellevue Nebraska #3912 and Grand Aerie Field Service Manager David "Hondo" Locke, South Omaha Nebraska #154.

The weekend was packed with fundraising for the Iowa State Charity, Special Olympics, the Nebraska State Charity, Alzheimer's, learning opportunities, fun and fraternalism.

During the conference, Nebraska State President's Larry Mora and Teri O'Connor presented Grand Worthy President Dave Smith and Grand Madam President Jacque Marble \$10,000.00 for their Special Charity, Bridge to the Cure. West Central Regional Presidents Jim and Patty awarded \$2,500.00 to the Jack Young Memorial Foundation and \$2,500.00 to the LeMars Backpack Program.

Four talking points were covered during the conference:

- Inspire-DRC Bridge to the Cure
- Inform – Training & Communications
- Invite – Membership Efforts and
- Include – Membership Retention

The conference will return next year, the third weekend in September, to Omaha #38.



West Central Regional Presidents Patty Welch and Jim Burnett



Nebraska State Madam President Teri O'Connor and Nebraska State Worthy President present Grand Worthy President Dave Smith and Grand Madam President Jacque Marble \$10,000.00 for the Fraternal Order of Eagles Bridge for a Cure.



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My Brothers and Sisters,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Labor Day holiday weekend.

It was an amazing time in Garden County with their annual State President Golf Tournament. \$2,351 was raised!

At West Central Regional Conference in Omaha 38 it was with great pleasure that Teri and I got to present \$10,000 to GWP Dave Smith and GMP Jacque Marble for the Bridge to the Cure. It was an amazing conference. WCR presidents Patty Welch & Jim Burnett did a great job & the conference was very well attended.

The gun bash is set for November 14th at Omaha 38. If you want to purchase some tickets, they are going fast. You can get a hold of any State Officer to purchase them. You do not need to be present to win. This year we are partnering with Scheels. If your name is drawn for a gun, you may decide to get a gift card for the price of the gun. Scheels will be handing out gift cards the evening of the gun bash drawing. You can use them to purchase the gun or whatever you would like from Scheels.

If your Aerie or Auxiliary is having a State President charity fundraiser, please notify Teri or I if you want us to attend. We are going to try and attend as many functions as we can together, but we know it will not always work. Please notify us as soon as you can so we can get it on our calendars.

The cone posts are going strong. It is another way for people to get involved and raise money for state charity, the Alzheimer's Association. It's a contest to keep count of the number of cones that left at my house by Hoyt Williams. I will take a photo of the cone and repost on my Facebook page and Nebraska State Aerie and Auxiliary 2020-2021 Facebook page. The person closest to the right number at state convention wins a prize.

Again, I'm looking forward to having an awesome year with my brothers and sisters.

Fraternally Yours

Larry Mora

Nebraska State Worthy President





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Sisters and Brothers,

The colors of fall are beginning to show which means cooler weather, fall sports and plenty of reasons to raise money for our charities!

August 29<sup>th</sup> Larry and I traveled to Central City #3795 for Show Me the Money! What a wonderful day we had. The Aerie and Auxiliary did an awesome job of their hospitality, food, friendship and of course, supporting the State Charity. The Auxiliary also presented me with the most beautiful mum that is thriving on my deck. It is gorgeous, and I look forward to watching it for many years to come. Thank you for such a beautiful gift.

September 11<sup>th</sup> Larry and I traveled to Oshkosh #4283 for a Charity Golf Tournament. The day was beautiful, the players were ready, and the course was in fine shape. I did not play as I stayed back at the 19<sup>th</sup> hole and did some work that I needed to take care of. We moved over to the Aerie following golf and enjoyed a wonderful steak dinner prepared by the wonderful volunteers of Garden County. A silent auction, raffles and of course the prizes were then awarded. The Auxiliary presented me with a lovely basket with fruit and all sorts of goodies. Thank you to all the members for such an enjoyable day.

September 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> found us at the West Central Regional Conference at Omaha #38. This year our Grand Reps were Brian Rogers and Heather Callahan. We were fortunate enough to also have Grand Worthy President Dave Smith and Grand Madam President Jacque Marble in attendance. As many of you know, Larry and I are raising money for 2 charities. The first \$10,000 is going to Bridge to the Cure which is also the grand president's joint charity. During the conference Larry and I had the honor of presenting Dave and Jacque with \$10,000 that has been raised. Way to Go Nebraska! WCR Presidents Jim Burnett and Patty Welch did a fantastic job setting up workshops that were meaningful and provided us with valuable information. Congratulations to both. If you have not attended this conference, it is well worth checking out. It is a joint conference with our brothers and sisters from Iowa sharing information that the Grand Presidents would like shared across the jurisdiction.

September 25<sup>th</sup>. I traveled to North Platte #2839 for a Hog Roast for the State Charity. Saturday, Larry unfortunately had me as a partner for a Charity Pool Tournament. But I had a wonderful time and Larry was a good sport about my inabilities.....! (I also had just come down with a cold and was working hard at remaining social distanced.) On Sunday, Larry, Patrick, Diane, and I went to Cody Park to see Tommy Camargo start his annual walk for Alzheimer's. Thank you, Tommy, for your continued support

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Hello brothers and sisters.

Well another month is in the books. Some of the things that have been going on in last month or so, Garden County hosted a golf tournament for the State Charity. What a great time that was. West Central Regional was in Omaha 38 looks like that was also a great time.

A big thank you to both Larry and Teri for all the great work they are doing.

It's time to give the winners of the August drawing. The reenrollment winner is Bob Shores from Alliance #136 and the New Member winner is Mathew Shoup from Kimball #3889.

Once again, I would like to thank everyone on all the hard work you do to make this Order even stronger.

Carry on  
Jay Blauvelt

Happy Fall Y'All! Oh how I love this time of the year. Hoodies, campfires, and the many colors! We have so many opportunities to become better educated in the Fraternal Order of Eagles. I'm not just talking about conferences, but the fun stuff also. Anytime we all get together it's a learning experience. We typically don't discuss our jobs, the weather or even our political views—we talk Eagles!!! The many networking opportunities coming up are good for new ideas, old ideas that have been freshened up or experiences with a new prospective member.

WE have an opportunity to get back the members we lost in July with no additional fees. So, get your committee, make a plan and let's have a December 5th Call-A-Thon. Get your Auxiliary Sisters together, have the Secretary pull a dropped member list and start making those calls—WE WANT YOU BACK! Have a brunch, lunch, or tailgate food. Keep a running tally of how many you get. This is about having fun! Take some pictures and post them for all to see. All re-enrolled members entered into MMS between Dec 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, their proposer will be eligible for prizes! We will be giving away the prizes for the top 3 across the state! Don't be left out.

Congratulations to Pine Ridge Auxiliary-Crawford, NE for being the quarterly net gain Auxiliary. Everyone of their Auxiliary members paid their dues! That's loyalty to the FOE, the community and their mission.

We signed 26 members in August. Here are the target numbers to reach net gain at the end of the Eagle year. We must sign 13 new or re-enrolled members each week across the State of Nebraska. We had a bit of a slow start so we need to shoot for 20 per week and that should also cover our 2% above net gain. We need to knock the socks off of our Aerie brothers, so let's get busy and just ask the question—**Would you like to join the Fraternal Order of Eagles?**

Until next month,  
Rhonda Schafer



The Fraternal Order of Eagles stands strong behind the men and women who serve and protect us. To show our gratitude, we've created the Those Who Serve program, offering the first year of membership free to:

- Active and retired Law Enforcement Officers
  - Firefighters
  - Emergency Medical Technicians
  - Correctional Officers
- Active Military including National Guard and Reserves
  - Volunteer Firefighters and EMTs
  - Honorably Discharged/Retired/Inactive Military





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## Dementia vs. Alzheimer's Disease: What is the Difference?

Dementia is a general term for a decline in mental ability severe enough to interfere with daily life. Alzheimer's is the most common cause of dementia. Alzheimer's is a specific disease. Dementia is not.

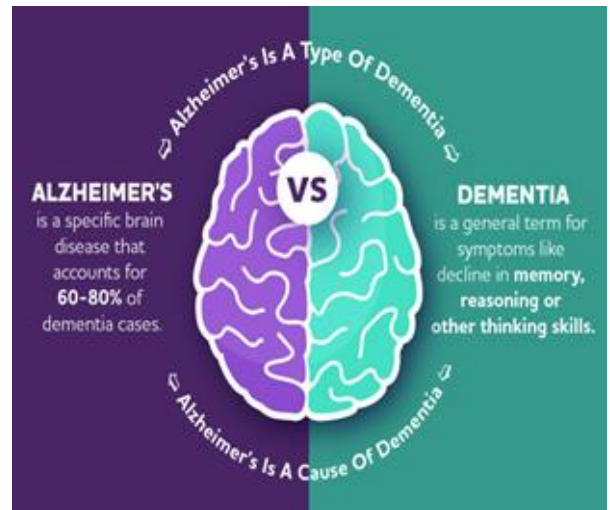
Learning about the two terms and the difference between them is important and can empower individuals with Alzheimer's or another dementia, their families, and their caregivers with necessary knowledge.

### Dementia overview

Dementia describes a group of symptoms associated with a decline in memory, reasoning, or other thinking skills. Many different types of dementia exist, and many conditions cause it. Mixed dementia is a condition in which brain changes of more than one type of dementia occur simultaneously. Alzheimer's disease is the most common cause of dementia, accounting for 60-80% of dementia cases.

Dementia is not a normal part of aging. It is caused by damage to brain cells that affects their ability to communicate, which can affect thinking, behavior, and feelings.

**The Alzheimer's Association leads the way to end Alzheimer's and all other dementia - by accelerating global research, driving risk reduction and early detection, and maximizing quality care and support.**



### Alzheimer's overview

Alzheimer's is a degenerative brain disease that is caused by complex brain changes following cell damage. It leads to dementia symptoms that gradually worsen over time. The most common early symptom of Alzheimer's is trouble remembering new information because the disease typically impacts the part of the brain associated with learning first.

As Alzheimer's advances, symptoms get more severe and include disorientation, confusion, and behavior changes. Eventually, speaking, swallowing, and walking become difficult. There is no way to prevent, cure or even slow Alzheimer's disease.

Though the greatest known risk factor for Alzheimer's is increasing age, the disease is not a normal part of aging. And though most people with Alzheimer's are 65 and older, approximately 200,000 Americans under 65 have younger-onset Alzheimer's disease

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of this charity. A big shout out to all the volunteers and members that worked so very hard not only with the food and the tournament but the silent auction and live auction! A special thank you to PSWP Hoyt William for being the auctioneer for us. The Auxiliary presented me with a beautiful carousel horse and a travel cup decorated with the carousel horse and my motto of "Grab the Brass Ring." Becky Mora, I do not know how you did it, but you made sure that it was an amazing weekend. A very special shout out to our Charity Chairmen, Ray Measel, Diane Wilken, Dave Hodges and Becky Mora for working the entire tournament selling 50/50's, challenge coins, tee shirts, hats, gun bash tickets and raffle chances and helping with the auction and other stops along the road. You four keep Larry and I rocking!

October 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> we will be in Norfolk for Triathlon

October 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> we will be in McCook for Western Zone Conference

October 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> we will be in Kearney for State Dart Tournament

Until next month, remember to be kind to one another as you do not know what the other person is going through. Check on our elderly family, neighbors, and friends. Make sure that they are not in need of anything and cannot get out to get it. We are Eagles, we are People Helping People.

Teri



### Report from Ray Measel, Grand Aerie Inside Guard

I would like to thank all my Brothers and Sisters from Nebraska Fraternal Order of Eagles on their support over numerous years going through the NE State Officer Chairs and for my next chapter going through the Grand Aerie Officer Chairs. I am honored and blessed to have this opportunity to represent the State of Nebraska and look forward to this journey. I thought I would let you know what is happening with the second year of that journey.

On August 21-23, I had the pleasure on attending JR Past Grand Worthy Presidents Ron Malz's Homecoming, Aerie #1460 Faribault, MN. It was a great and fun weekend with all of the Grand Aerie Officers, Past and Present, in attendance to welcome him home, Tim Hoyt John Tobie and others did a fantastic job on roasting Ron and the Brothers and Sisters from Aerie #1460 did an awesome job on hosting this event.

I had a Board of Grand Trustee's (BOGT) Meetings at the Embassy Suites, Omaha NE 14-17 September. Then Phyllis and I went a mile away to the Evan Hotel and Omaha #38 for the WCR Conference. What an awesome job Patty Welch and Jim Burnett did as WCR Presidents this year. My Hat off to Omaha #38 for host an Outstanding Conference.

My next assignment is the Western Conference in Fallon, NV, Aerie #1447, October 16-18. I am looking forward to having a great time with all the Brothers and Sisters in Nevada and California. October 23-25, I will be attending the Indiana Fall Conference in Lafayette Aerie #347. This will be my first time in Indiana. Not to be over for the fall, I will be attending a GA Board Meeting at the Hilton Riverside, New Orleans, LA, November 8-11.

Thank you again for your support and I will keep you updated on my future travel. Hopefully things will be better in 2021.

Fraternally,

Ray Measel

Grand Aerie Inside Guard







Beatrice Eagles Aerie 531 President Kenny Thompson(right) presents stacks of \$50 checks for first responders to (from left) Gage County Sheriff Millard "Gus" Gustafson, Beatrice Police Chief Bruce Lang and Beatrice Fire and Rescue Chief Brian Daake.

The Beatrice Eagles Club Aerie 531 recently donated \$50 checks to each first responder within Gage County.

Recipients of the checks include members of Beatrice Fire and Rescue, the Beatrice Police Department, and the Gage County Sheriff's Department.

In total, the amount of money donated to the three organizations totaled \$4,910.

Dick Genrich, a State Legislative Officer for the State Aerie and former 10-year Secretary and Auditor of the Aerie 531, presented the checks alongside current Aerie 531 President Kenny Thompson and other officers of the club.

They also included a letter to each department explaining the club's motto, which is "People helping People." "We realize the difficulties you first responders face on a daily basis during this time of turmoil and strife in our nation," Genrich explained in the letter. "Whether you're on the front lines or part of the support staff, you're an important part of Gage County. Please accept the enclosed \$50 check as a token of the Eagles Club's appreciation for your service."

Police Chief Bruce Lang said he appreciates the support the Eagles Club is showing to the community's first responders.

Sheriff Gustafson has been a long time Eagles Club member because of the club's laid-back atmosphere, but also because of the charitable things they do for the community.

### Central City #3795-Show Me the Money!



### Oshkosh #4283 State Charity Golf Outing



### North Platte #2839 State Charity Fundraiser





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- October 9<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup>  
Western Zone Conference-McCook #2769
- October 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>  
Eagles State Dart Tournament-Ft Kearney #2722
- November 14<sup>th</sup>  
State Charity Gun Bash-Omaha #38
- November 21<sup>st</sup>  
Holiday Craft Fair-Columbus Auxiliary #1834
- January 9<sup>th</sup>  
State Board Meeting
- June 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> 2021  
Nebraska State Convention-Norfolk #3611
- August 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> 2021  
International Convention-Phoenix AZ.

### Aerie or Lodge?

An aerie in nature is the lofty nest of any bird of prey, including eagles and hawks. In the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the term Aerie is the name of the building in which the members meet and hold events.

### From the Editor.... From the Editor....

This is your bulletin. Without your help with information I could not put it together. Please submit your event flyers and what you have done.

Please have all information to me by the 20th of each month. I will do my best to publish the following month but will prioritize when space is an issue.

Thank you,  
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