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*Christmas magic is powerful, but the power in our hearts is even more magical. Our ability to love one another, to renew our faith and bring hope into our lives and the lives of others, are the greatest of gifts to bestow and receive.*

*Christmas is indeed a time for sharing in gift giving and celebrating, too. And yet, the greatest gifts are not those wrapped in fine papers or dressed in colorful bows. They are those given with an open heart, one wrapped in the lovely ribbons of faith, hope, and love.*

*Lillie Leonardi*

*Wishing you a magical Christmas.*





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My Brothers and Sisters,

I hope everyone is enjoying the holidays and staying safe and healthy.

We have had a few functions cancelled; Western Zone in McCook & State Darts in Kearney due to COVID-19.

The gun bash was held at Omaha 38 on November 14th. Our numbers were down for attendance but the State Charity team of Becky, Diane, Ray, and Dave and all the State Aerie and Auxiliary officers, past and present, that were in attendance did a great job. Thank you to Patty and Bobbie for awesome job on the booze wagon tickets, Creighton and Andy from Vermillion S.D. for cooking meat, Rhonda and Francye for everything you did the whole weekend. Thank you, Omaha 38, for your awesome hospitality. Thank you, Sean Trobaugh, for helping me sell tickets. Each and every one of you knocked it out of the park. We didn't sell all 2000 tickets, but we did sell the most tickets to date -1831. It's a win-win for the State Charity; Alzheimer's.

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.

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

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

Have a Merry Christmas & a blessed New Year!

Fraternally yours,  
Larry Mora  
Nebraska State Worthy President



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Brothers and Sisters,

Where did the time go? It is hard to believe that we are almost ½ way through our Eagle year.

November found Larry and I at Omaha 38 on the 13<sup>th</sup> for their State Charity Night and the 14<sup>th</sup> for the Gun Bash.

Oh, my goodness, if you have not been able to participate in Cornish Hen Bowling, you really should. What a great time and a great way to raise money for the charity. (And Noisy!) SWP Larry of course beat all of us and I do believe that one of our State Auxiliary Trustees managed to put a hole in the wall with her hen????? Great job by Omaha 38 and all their volunteers. Thank you for your hospitality, your friendship, and a great weekend of fun and food!

Saturday was the Gun Bash also held at Omaha 38. Although the number of people that attended was down along with the participation of the festivities, I do believe that overall ticket sales were up. I want to thank each person that sold tickets, purchased tickets, donated for the booze wagon, prizes, auction items, all of the state officers and our charity chairmen for their hard work and efforts that they put forth to make this a very successful event.

November has been rather sad as we said goodbye to PSMP Penny "Lee" Cottingham, PSO Cathy Menish, PSWP Nels "Butch" Peterson, and Iowa PSWP Steve Zimmerman. It has given me pause to reflect on all that I am thankful for.

As we roll into the holidays, please remember that we all need to do our part to slow the spread of Covid-19. We have had many friends, brothers and sisters and family members that have become ill and too many have lost their battle. Please cooperate with the decisions being made by your board of trustees. Their job is not easy as they are getting it from all sides on what they should or should not be doing. Remember, they are trying to do what is in the best interest of the Aerie, the employees, the members, and our guests. Together we will get through this.

Wishing each of you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Please be safe.

Teri O'Connor  
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Hello brothers.

It's been a busy couple of months with corn harvest going on. I hope all the farmers out there have a great harvest.

Gun bash has come and gone thank you to everyone who made this a successful charity event. Good luck to all that have supported this great charity.

So many things have been canceled this year due to COVID it's hard to keep a positive attitude but that's what we do as Eagles; stay positive and make a lot of money for a lot of charities.

With the Holidays up on us please travel safely and enjoy spending time with family and friends.

It's time to give the winners of the drawings. The reenrollment winner for September is Larry Biss from North Platte #2839 and the October winner is Lynn Lambert from Elkhorn #3943. The New Membership winner for September are Dick Fankhauser from Alliance #136 and the October winner is William Scribner from Platte #1834.

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

It's Call-A-Thon month and we need to encourage our dropped members to come back. We have so much to offer our members. Besides just being a great place to gather, the membership dollars are also supporting our charities. Supporting our motto of "People Helping People" and "lessening the ills of those less fortunate. Include the Aerie Brothers to see who can get the most re-enrollees between your Aerie and Auxiliary. The Aerie Home is our place to gather both Aerie and Auxiliary. Keep it strong by working together. There will be prizes for the top 3 producers of the Auxiliaries across the State. Anyone that is recorded in MMS as a re-enrollee between Dec 5-12, their proposer is eligible for the prizes.

This is the last month that the Grand Aerie will waive the re-enrollment fee for those that were dropped in July. They will also get to keep their years of service, so the time is now!

Remember to check on your people, be kind to everyone and realize that when God gives you another day—it is a gift. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and nothing but good things in 2021.

All you have to do is commit to riding the Carousel and grabbing the Brass Ring for Nebraska and Teri.

Until next month,

Rhonda Schafer

# Membership is the lifeblood of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.



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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We hope that everyone is staying warm, safe, and getting ready for the holidays.

Even though the numbers were down for the attendance of the annual Gun Bash it was a huge success, people really loved the options this year with our partnership with Scheels. All lucky winners have been notified and are extremely happy. Teri, Larry, and the charity team would like to Thank everyone who bought or sold tickets and came out to help that night with the festivities we greatly appreciate all that you do for the charity and Nebraska. A special thanks to our brothers from the north that put in many hours to smoke and prepare that delicious meat for the dinner, it was wonderful, and to all the volunteers from Omaha #38 for graciously taking care of everyone.

We currently do not have any state functions planned this month but hope that you are doing some exciting things at your local clubs for our charities. T-shirts, state pins, coins, wrist bands, etc are still available for purchase so please contact us and we will make arrangements to get them to you. We also still have some squares available on the gun safe and the beautiful wooden gun box, if interested let me know. Once those boards are filled, we will draw for the winner.

Wishing you all a very blessed holiday season, share your talents and gifts with others to brighten both of your day. Remember we all have the ability to make a positive impact on this world. May the coming year bring you Peace and Prosperity and I look forward to seeing you all soon down the Eagle Trail.

Diane Wilken and the charity team



### *Do Not Ask Me to Remember an Alzheimer's Poem*

*Do not ask me to remember,  
Don't try to make me understand,  
Let me rest and know you're with me,  
Kiss my cheek and hold my hand.  
I'm confused beyond your concept,  
I am sad and sick and lost.  
All I know is that I need you  
To be with me at all cost.  
Do not lose your patience with me,  
Do not scold or curse or cry.  
I can't help the way I'm acting,  
Can't be different though I try.  
Just remember that I need you,  
That the best of me is gone,  
Please don't fail to stand beside me,  
Love me 'til my life is done.*

*– Owen Darnell*

# In Memoriam



Nels Jr. Butch Petersen  
passed November 4, 2020

Nebraska State  
Worthy President 2006-2007

## 2020-2021 Nebraska State Auxiliary Membership Program

SMP Teri O'Connor

Membership Rhonda Schafer

1. In addition to the GA prizes we are offering prizes for producers
  - a. 1 member-ornament
  - b. 5 members-Mason Jar Gift
  - c. 10 members-Memories Matter bracelets
  - d. 15 members-One year's dues
  - e. 20 members-Tablet
2. Quarterly drawings for the proposer for each member signed
3. Quarterly prize for the highest net gain Auxiliary
4. Monthly Membership updates in the State Newsletter
5. Membership discussion and promotion at West Central Regional, all Zone meetings, state board meeting and State Convention.
6. 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in December will be a re-enrollment Call-a-Thon. Prizes for the top 3 for the most re-enrollee signed from Dec 5-12.



**\$8.00 DONATION**  
**HAMBURGER -BAKED BEANS**  
**POTATO SALAD & WATERMELON**

100% PROCEEDS DONATED TO PEYTON PARKER LANE PLAYGROUND

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York Eagles Ladies Auxiliary #3990 recently presented the York Community Foundation a check for \$12,289.17 to be used for the Peyton Parker Layne Playground.

Peyton Parker Layne Playground will be an all-inclusive playground that addresses the needs of all people – of all ages, abilities, and disabilities with the objective to include everyone. It has been thoughtfully designed to remove physical and social barriers so all children, and adults alike, with and without disabilities and/or critical illnesses, can play side by side in a sensory enriched environment along with their peers and families.

The new playground will connect to the existing equipment at Mincks Park in York Nebraska. With a price tag of close to one million dollars, the project will be 100-percent funded by donations. Construction is anticipated to begin in the Spring of 2021.

In September York Eagles Auxiliary held a hamburger feed fundraiser for the playground project. Over 400 hamburgers were sold in 2 ½ hours and raised \$5,789.17. In addition, the Auxiliary acquired \$6,500.00 in grants from the Fraternal Order of Eagles International Memorial Foundation Children's Fund, Spinal Cord Injury Fund and the Muscular Dystrophy Fund for the project.



# 2020 Gun Bash Winners!



## \$50.00 drawings

First \$50.00 Larry Mora  
 Second \$50.00 Peggy Goss  
 Third \$50.00 Brenda Johnson  
 Fourth \$50.00 Jack Charvet  
 Fifth \$50.00 Bill Primrose

1	Remington 870 20 GA	\$330	Mary Leman
2	Traditions Buckstalker Muzzleloader w/scope	\$230	Mel Luft
3	Howa 1500 Gameking 6.5 Creedmoor w/scope	\$450	B Scheppen
4	CZ457 Lux 22LR	\$470	Scott Houghtaling
5	Glock 43 9 MM	\$450	Lavern Niemand
6	Stoeger Condor 12 GA Single Choke Promo	\$300	Kenny Thompson
7	Howa 1500 Gameking 30-06 w/scope	\$450	Bob Beals
8	Henry Lever 22LR	\$300	Brad Stithem
9	Smith and Wesson EZ 380	\$360	Creighton Thurman
10	Henry Single Shot 410	\$390	Jami McDaniel
11	Howa 1500 Gameking 308 WIN w/scope	\$450	Creighton Thurman
12	CZ 455 Training Rifle 22LR	\$420	Sue Houghtaling
13	Henry Single Shot 20 GA	\$390	Steve Heitz
14	Ruger American Predator 6.5 Creedmoor	\$430	Mike Carr
15	Ruger American Go Wild Camo 22LR	\$375	Samuel Hersender
16	Stoeger M3000 12 GA	\$450	Francye Thorpe
17	Remington 783 243 WIN w/scope	\$320	Joy Kastens
18	Stoeger M3020 20 GA	\$450	Matthew Hiller
19	Ruger American 30-06 w/scope	\$520	Bryce Kallhoff
20	Henry Survival 22 LR	\$230	Jim Epp
21	Ruger SR22 22 LR	\$360	Lynn Hedell
22	Stoeger Condor 12 GA	\$370	Chuck Hamby
23	Savage Axis XP 6.5 Creedmoor w/scope	\$320	Larry Mora
24	Savage 93R17 17 HMR w/scope	\$270	Russ Flock
25	Taurus Tracker 357 MAG 6.5 SS	\$420	Rhonda Lanphier
26	Winchester SXP 12 GA	\$300	Charles Lovell
27	Ruger AR556	\$500	Chuck Sawyer
28	Savage BMAG SS 17WSM	\$330	Tony Ostrander
29	Mossberg 500 12 GA	\$300	Keith Taute
30	Marlin 336W 30-30 w/scope	\$500	Jeff Hilsabeck
31	Ruger American 17HMR	\$300	Bill Abbott
32	Savage 10 Engage 270 w/scope	\$500	Darren Keller
33	Savage Axis II XP 6.5 Creedmoor w/scope	\$400	Chuck Milne
34	Savage A17 17HMR	\$380	Dan White
35	Stoeger F3000 12 GA	\$230	Larry Mora
36	CVA Optima V2 50CAL Muzzleloader	\$250	Charity Farlen
37	Winchester XPR 270 WIN	\$450	Chad Schnieder
38	Henry Goldenboy 22LR	\$450	Curtis Rieken
39	Smith and Wesson 642 38SPCL	\$400	Anthony Kuchn
40	Savage Axis II XP w/scope 308WIN	\$400	Carl Martin
41	Ruger Precision Rimfire 22LR	\$400	Steve Daugherty
42	Ruger Security 9 9MM	\$300	Steve Earlywihe
43	Savage Axis II Wood 30-06 w/scope	\$420	Jim Strickland
44	Mossberg Patriot 243WIN w/scope	\$400	Mark Williams
45	Smith and Wesson MP15 Sport II	\$550	Ryan Knutson
46	Henry Goldenboy 22 MAG	\$480	James Myers
47	Remington 783 270 w/scope	\$320	Jim Cacy
48	Ruger PC Carbine9MM	\$500	Gaylord Trobaugh
49	Savage 10 Engage 300WIN MAG w/scope	\$500	Valley Amo & Guns
50	Henry Goldenboy 17HMR	\$500	Mary Bond



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### Save the date.....

- January 9, 2021  
State Board Meeting
- February 27 & 28, 2021  
State Shuffleboard Tourney-Alliance #136
- March 20, 2021  
State Charity Putt-Putt-Fairbury NE
- March 27, 2021  
Eastern Zone Conference-Bellevue #3912
- April 10, 2021  
MINK Conference-Omaha NE
- April 16-18, 2021  
State Pool Tourney-Columbus #1834
- 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.

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Next summer, join the Fraternal Order of Eagles in beautiful Phoenix, Arizona, as we head west for the 2021 International Convention at the JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort, July 31-August 5. The JW Marriott Desert Ridge will host all Convention related functions including Aerie & Auxiliary session, evening events, Ritual, Eagle Offices, hospitality rooms and more. Rooms are available now at a rate of \$129 + tax/night.