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The Fraternal Order of Eagles How It Began



On February 6, 1898, six of Seattle's most prominent theater owners gathered to discuss how to handle an ongoing musicians' strike. John Cort, brothers John W. and Thomas J. Considine, H.L. Leavitt, Mose Goldsmith and Arthur G. Williams headed down to the Moran Brothers' shipyard on South Charles Street to make a plan. According to most popular accounts, after deciding to work together to settle the strike by using piano players to replace the musicians, the men began to discuss life. At that moment, the Order of Good Things was born.

As their numbers grew, the Order chose the Bald Eagles as their official emblem and changed the name of the organization to "The Fraternal Order of Eagles, with a goal to "make human life more desirable by lessening its ills and promoting peace, prosperity, gladness and hope."

Touring theater troupes are credited with much of the Eagles' early growth. Most members were actors, stagehands and playwrights who carried the Eagles story from town to town as they traversed the United States and Canada. The group's early motto, "Skin'em," became the secret password to identify members while the official motto was changed to "Liberty, Truth, Justice and Equality."

Within 10 years of its inception, the organization boasted more than 1,800 Aeries scattered throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico with a membership exceeding 350,000. Members received free medical attention for themselves and their families, weekly payments in case of sickness and a funeral benefit - all valuable services before the widespread availability of medical, disability and life insurance.

The organization quickly became a leader in influencing national politics, pushing to create Mother's Day and eventually Social Security, Medicare and more. The Eagles' growing membership, comprised of many prominent local figures, held a position of great influence in communities everywhere.



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My Brothers and Sisters,

I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays.

On January 8th, I attended Kearney #2722 soft reopening. They are on the right track to be even better.

On January 9th, the Nebraska State Aerie held the state board meeting at Kearney #2722.

On January 22nd, I had my official visit to South Omaha #154 with a wonderful dinner. They presented the Nebraska State Charity with \$100 check. Diane Wilken presented \$2,000 grant check to the state charity.

January 23rd was my official visit to Papillion 4029. It was amazing evening with a live auction, silent auction, and a whole lot of cones. Papillion made a check presentation to the State Charity of \$8,681.50, the most they had ever raised for a state charity. Awesome job Papillon!

We were honored to have Grand Worthy President Dave Smith start his Nebraska visits with Papillon State Charity Night.

The mad coner struck Madam State Auxiliary President Teri O'Connor's house with cones.

On January 24th, Grand Worthy President Dave Smith and I were partnered in a mini triathlon in Columbus. Raised \$600 for the GWP Charity the Bridge for the cure.

State Darts is scheduled for January 30-31st in Central City. Hope to see as many of you as we can.

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. I know with covid a lot of thing were cancelled. As things start opening up, we are going to get as many visits as possible done.

Feels great to be back on the eagle trail. Yes, Brother Hoyt Williams and B (Braxton) got to cone our place. 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 are 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.

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Brothers and Sisters,

It is hard to believe January is over, and we are into the final months of this Eagle year. February through June are always busy and exciting times in the Eagle year. Unfortunately, we are missing a few activities due to concerns over the safety and welfare of our members and guests.

January 22nd Larry and I were able to visit Omaha #154 and enjoyed a wonderful dinner, hospitality, gifts, and donation to our charity but most importantly their friendship. We were both humbled by the new friends that we met and the friends that came out that night to enjoy the evening with us.

January 23rd Larry and I attended Papillion #4029 state charity fund raiser and dinner. Grand Worthy President Dave Smith and his special friend Brenda were also in attendance. What an evening! Again, both Larry and I were amazed at the number of people that attended and their generosity for both Dave's charity along with the state charity. For being such a small group, they show what working together can accomplish. The food was delicious, the auction and raffles were amazing, and in true Papillion style, they even set a record for fund raising.

Thank you to both Omaha #154 and Papillion #4029 for all that you do every single day!

January 29-31 will be State Dart Tournament in Central City #3795. As I am still under travel restrictions for work, I will be unable to attend. I know a great time will be had as we continue to create more memories and raise money for the state charity.

February 7th will find the Super Bowl party and shenanigans in Beatrice.

Unfortunately, the state shuffleboard tournament has been cancelled in Alliance.

Hopefully, March will find less restrictions and we can begin to travel more. March 20th is Putt Putt in Fairbury and March 27th is Eastern Zone Conference in Bellevue. Remember, if you have an event that you would like Larry or I to attend, please let us know so that we can get it on our calendars. We look forward to seeing you along the state eagle trail.

Remember to be kind to one another. We do not know what the other person is going through. That moment of kindness just may make the difference in someone's life.

Until next month,

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Hope all is well I would like to thank all of you for the hard work you have been doing.

Going forward we need to keep trudging through I know how hard it is with COVID-19 still hanging on. But I'm sure if we all stick together, we can and will make our Order even STRONGER.

With that I would like to announce the November and December's membership winners. Congratulations to Daniel Saul from North Platte Aerie # 2839 and Nathan P Schuelke from Fremont Aerie # 200. Thank you both.

Please keep up all your hard work.

Carry on!

Jay Blauvelt

It's the month of Love! Love for each other as Brothers and Sisters. Love for our Aerie homes as we always have a place to go. Love for our charities that we support all year long. These are great reasons to ask someone to join the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

I'm challenging every Auxiliary to grab those brass rings and let's have a record month in February. Maybe consider dropping the initiation / re-enrollment fee for this month. Have a membership drive and invite prospects to the Aerie home. Whichever Auxiliary signs up the most members in February will win a prize. Let's kick up the speed on the carousel and sign up those members. Be sure that your secretary gets them all reported in February.

The rest of the year is full of great activities to get new folks involved in. We will have the Charity Putt-Putt, Eastern Zone Conference, MINK Conference, State Pool and many more charity functions. The fun we have alone is a great reason to join us in our mission—People Helping People.

Congratulations to the 4 Auxiliaries that are already at a net gain—Beatrice, Crawford, Central City and Bellevue. Everyone else needs to keep your eye on the brass ring as we continue to ride the carousel. All you need to do is grab it!

Thank you for your commitment to riding the Carousel and grabbing the Brass Ring for Nebraska and Teri.

Looking forward to seeing many of you along the Eagle trail.

Rhonda Schafer

The Coner Strikes Again!



The cone fairy found "HER" way to Teri's house while they were at Papillion #4029 for the state charity fundraiser!

And, Larry forgot to few things after the Fundraiser, so Papillion had them delivered. Good thing for Grub Hub!





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Hello Brothers and Sisters,

Old man winter sure blew in with some snow and cold but hopefully you all are staying warm and safe.

A big thank you to Papillion for a successful charity night between the great food, games, and auction they raised \$8,681.50 for the state charity "Memories Matter for Alzheimer's" it just goes to show that when we work together, we can still accomplish great things and I know that Teri, Larry, and the charity team appreciate all that our members do to make a difference.

We did fill out the square board for the wooden gun box and had a lucky winner from McCook that Larry will be delivery to soon thanks to everyone that bought squares. We still have squares available for the gun safe and once that board is full, we will draw for that one as well; so, if you are interested please let us know.

There are several upcoming events in March and April that you can still purchase your charity items such as t-shirts, coins, pins, etc and we hope to see many of you at these events.

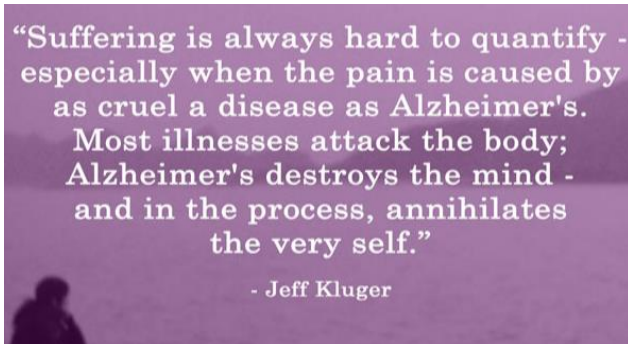
We would love to hear what your club has planned for upcoming events and attend if possible if you let us know.

I am still in need of crown royal bags for a charity project all sizes and colors are accepted, so if you have any that you would like to donate that would be greatly appreciated.

We only have a few months left to make an impact and I know you all want to help Teri and Larry finish strong for their charity, so please think outside of the box and come up with some fun creative ideas to do locally, everything you do is a win for the charity!!

Please let us know if you have any questions, need any items, want us to attend an event, and hope to see you all real soon down the Eagle Trail.

Diane and the charity team



OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM FOR THE **2021 NEBRASKA STATE EAGLES** **POOL TOURNAMENT**

AG Park – Columbus NE April 16 – April 18, 2021

AERIE NAME AND NUMBER:

TEAM NAME:

_____ # _____

NAME OF TEAM CAPTAIN:

PHONE

ADDRESS OF TEAM CAPTAIN:

Street:

City:

State: NE

Zip:

Email address of Captain: _____

All team members must be in good standing and have current paid MMS receipt. **Players without receipts will not be eligible to play.** Aerie per capita tax needs to be paid in order to be eligible for prizes. Any team found using illegal players will forfeit all games. *THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.*

Please list PRINT OR TYPE names below, as they would be paired.

A) _____
GAID# _____

AA) _____
GAID# _____

H) _____
GAID# _____

HH) _____
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L) _____
GAID# _____

LL) _____
GAID# _____

M) _____
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CLUB SECRETARY needs to verify players are in good standing.

SECRETARY SIGNATURE _____

- **Make checks payable to: Columbus Eagles Club**
- **Send this completed entry form and \$340 entry fee to Box 1336 Columbus NE 68601**
ATTN: Dennis Micek
- **First 120 paid entries will be accepted!** (Date determined by postmark)
- For further information contact Dennis Micek (402) 276-2603 email dmicek@eaglecom.net or Mike Whiting at (402) 276-4739 or Doug Wiese (402) 910-8233
- Returned checks will carry a \$30 fee and may cause team to not be entered.
- **NO** entries accepted via email! **NO** Refunds



MINK Conference

**A Pirates Life for Me-
Find a Treasure in
Every Member**

- Program Book Deadline is March 1st. Contact Lois Coe at loisvcoe@gmail.com.
- MINK Raffle for 2--\$200 Hilton Gift Cards. See a member of the committee for tickets.
- Registration Deadline is March 24th. Pre-registration is \$40 and at the door is \$50.00.
- If you pre-register and attend you could win 2 nights stay at the Embassy Suite for the weekend. One New Attendee and one Veteran Attendee will be awarded.
- Ritual Competition will be held.
- Lots of opportunity to learn and network

All monies, registration information and ad copy need to be sent to MINK Secretary, Lois Coe, 205 E Crocker St, Marceline, MO 64658.

Her email is loisvcoe@gmail.com

Join us for a fun and educational weekend!

CALLING ALL RITUAL WOMEN

Are you planning on attending MINK Conference, April 9-10, 2021?

MINK Ritual competition will be held on Friday, April 9, 2021.

The number of teams competing will determine the time of day we start.

If you are interested in competing or bringing a team to MINK, please contact me.

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

Fraternally yours,
Larry Mora
Nebraska State Worthy President

IOWA STATE AUXILAIRY CONVENTION

The Iowa State Auxiliary Convention will be held at the Holiday Inn & Suites on Merle Hay Road Urbandale Iowa June 15 – 20, 2021.

Room Reservations:

Phone: 1-515-278-4755

Online: [www.HolidayInn&SuitesDesMoines-Northwest](http://www.HolidayInn&SuitesDesMoines-Northwest.com)
Use code #E21 when making a reservation online.

Room rates:

Double - \$98.00 ++(tax currently 12%)

Junior King Suite or Executive Stay Suite - \$118.00 ++

2021 IOWA STATE AUXILIARY CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Iowa State Aux. Convention will be held at the Holiday Inn & Suites, Urbandale Iowa, June 15 – 20, 2021.

Name _____

Aux/Aerie Name & No. _____

Highest Office Held _____

Amount Due:

\$40.00 registrations postmarked by May 15, 2021.

\$45.00 registrations postmarked after May 15, 2021.

Membership Breakfast:

Friday, June 19, 2021 – 7:30 AM \$20.00

_____ Check if attending.

Send Auxiliary Registration form and money to:

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- February 7, 2021
Superbowl Party-Beatrice #531
- 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 9th -12th 2021
Nebraska State Convention-Norfolk #3611
- August 2nd – 5th 2021
International Convention-Phoenix AZ.

From the Editor....

Deadline for bulletin submissions is the 20th of the month.
Liz Scott
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Happy Birthday, Eagles!

On February 6th we celebrate the Fraternal Order of Eagles and 123 years of philanthropy!

Over the past century, our nonprofit organization has made a huge impact on thousands of communities across the United States and Canada. Some of our accomplishments include: founding Mother’s Day, creating the \$25 million F.O.E. Diabetes Research Center at the University of Iowa, serving as a driving force behind Social Security, helping to end age-based job discrimination with the Jobs After 40 program, distributing the Ten Commandments monoliths across the U.S., and donating millions of dollars to various charities and programs – all of which would not have been made possible without the camaraderie and support of our fellow Eagle members. Keep being the amazing and selfless ‘People Helping People’ you are.