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The First Session of the 109th Annual California State Aerie Convention convened at 9:00 a.m. at the Bakersfield Marriott Hotel, Bakersfield, California, Thursday, June 28, 2012.

PAST STATE PRESIDENT DeVILLE: Good morning all of you Brothers.

UNIDENTIFIED BROTHERS (Collectively): Good morning.

PAST STATE PRESIDENT DeVILLE: My name is Butler "Frenchy" DeVille. I'm a Past California State President from Riverside Aerie #997. I am honored to be your Convention Chairman for this year, this convention, which is co-chaired with California Past State President and State Secretary Devere Dunham. If any of you has any problems or questions during this convention, feel free to call on me or Brother Devere, and we will assist in any way possible.

We're now going to open up the 109th FOE California State Aerie Convention here in Bakersfield, California. I will now present to you our State President, which will be presiding over this convention: "Big Batter" Brother Vic DeVries.

I wanted to make a comment before. I have two sons. I was Rodger's father and I'm his father. And believe me, I had two well-fed boys. And you're very healthy.

And by the way, I wanted to mention on Rodger, he's been brought this morning back to Riverside, and his prognosis is better than we thought was at the beginning. So we are thankful for that, and I think he's gonna be okay. They might just put him a pacemaker and defibrillator or something to control, so everything seems to be better for him. I don't have any word about -- not a word about Brother Darrell excepting that what we heard before, he's in a better place, a better hospital, in B.C., but he's still hanging in there, I think. Thank you, Brothers.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Thank you, Frenchy. One other thing, Brothers, while we're just talking about things, please silence your cell phones so that we don't disturb anybody else. That being said, let's get on with this show.

We're going to welcome you to the 109th California State Convention of the Fraternal Order of Eagles held here in Bakersfield. All of the Delegates be at order.

Brother Officers, take your places.
Inside Guard, the California State Aerie is about to open a business session. Will you notify all accredited Delegates to sit with us.

STATE INSIDE GUARD WEBER: Worthy President, your order has been obeyed.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Thank you.

Worthy chaplain. Lead us in prayer.

Opening Prayer.

PAST STATE PRESIDENT DeVILLE: Too late, Dennis. Too late.

The First Session of the 109th Annual California State Convention was opened according to the Ritual of the State Aerie.

Pledge of Allegiance.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: State Conductor, will you lay the Bible upon the altar.

Bible opened.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: State Conductor, attend the emblem.

I now declare the California 109th Convention of the Fraternal Order of Eagles State Aerie ready to consider all matters that should rightly come before it.

State President raps gavel.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Roll call of Officers, State Officers, Past State Presidents and Grand Aerie Representatives by State Secretary, Brother Devere Dunham.

Roll Call of State Officers, Past State Presidents and Grand Aerie Officers, by State Secretary Devere Dunham, San Pablo Aerie #3028. See Appendix A.

STATE SECRETARY DUNHAM: Roll's been called, State President, and absentees have been noted.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Very good. Thank you, Devere.

At this time I think it's most appropriate that most of you know about Brother Darrell being in the hospital and Brother Rodger. In fact, if we could all stand for a moment of silent prayer.

Moment of silent prayer.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Thank you, Brothers.
Next up, we have Admission of New Members to the California State Aerie by Brother Larry Lavender, Western Regional President.

Admission of New Members to the California State Aerie, by Western Regional President Larry Lavender, Hesperia Aerie #4181.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Next up, we have Rules of Convention, Judiciary Committee, Brother Robert Vodicka, State Legal Advisor.

STATE LEGAL ADVISOR VODICKA: Good morning.

Larry, we didn't swear to the fact you couldn't see out of your glasses, did we?

The following is recommended for the rules of this Convention.

1. Credentials for Admission. Delegates and Past Worthy Presidents shall obtain their credentials from the proper committee upon presentation of their official receipts showing they are in good standing in their local Aeries.

2. No person shall be admitted to the main floor unless he is a Delegate or Past Worthy President, and he must display his credentials, depositing the daily attendance stub with the proper State Aerie officer.

3. Other members of the Order may be admitted to the gallery upon showing their membership receipt fully paid up, provided space is available. Non-members will not be admitted.

4. A Delegate desiring to be heard on any matter properly before the State Aerie shall rise, give the salutation sign and address the President, giving his name and the number of his Aerie. When recognized by the President, he may proceed.

5. A question indefinitely postponed shall not again be considered except by the action of two-thirds of those present and voting to again take up such question.

6. A roll call vote may be had on any question, except the election of Officers. Any member may demand a roll call, but such demand must be made before the result is announced and fifteen (15) percent of the accredited Delegates present and voting vote in favor of the demand. Upon a roll call vote, a majority of the accredited Delegates present and voting shall prevail.

7. When registering Delegates, each Aerie shall select a Delegate to cast the vote of the Aerie on a question put to a roll call vote and an alternate to act in the Delegate's absence. Said voting Delegate or alternate shall, on such question during roll call, announce the vote of the Aerie after ascertaining the same from the Delegates of his Aerie. He shall, when his Aerie is called, announce the number of votes for and against the particular question. Only votes represented by Delegates
actually present at the time of the roll call may be challenged by a member of the Delegation of the particular Aerie, by the State Aerie Secretary, or by any twenty-five (25) Delegates from Aeries other than the Aerie in question. Under such circumstances, a poll of the particular Aerie's Delegates present shall be taken by the State Secretary to determine the accuracy of the vote of such Aerie.

8. Nominating speeches shall be limited to five (5) minutes and seconding speeches to two (2) minutes.

9. The Election Committee shall announce the official vote on all candidates for contested office.

10. All voting except for election of officers and on roll call shall be by regular voting sign of the Order and a majority of the legally authorized Delegates present and voting shall prevail. Election of officers shall be by secret ballot and a plurality of the legally qualified votes for each office shall elect.

11. No resolutions shall be debatable until the same have been referred to the proper committee. The Committee on Resolutions will, at the proper time, report all resolutions to the Convention with the recommendations thereon.

12. Qualifications of Officers.

(a) No person other than a Past Worthy President or a Ten Year Secretary of a local Aerie affiliated with the California State Aerie shall be eligible to hold any office in the State Aerie. He must be a member in good standing in his local Aerie and must not at any time have been removed from office therein by judgment of a trial tribunal within the State of California in accordance with the laws of the Order; provided, however, that he may be reinstated to eligibility to be nominated for and to hold office in the State Aerie by written consent of the State President and a majority of the Board of Trustees of the State Aerie.

(b) No person shall be eligible to hold office as President, Vice President, Chaplain, Treasurer or Trustee of the State Aerie unless he shall, at the time of his installation, be twenty-one (21) years of age.

(c) No person shall be eligible to be elected Trustee of the State Aerie when another member of his local Aerie holds an elective State Aerie office, other than State Secretary or State Treasurer.

13. All candidates for elective office in the California State Aerie shall be nominated from the floor of the Annual Convention. No person shall be placed in nomination for any office unless he is in good standing and shall be present at the time such nomination is made or, if unable to be present, has given his written consent to have his name placed in nomination for such office.

14. No person shall be placed in nomination from the floor unless
his nomination is approved by his home Aerie, or any Aerie in which he holds a Dual Membership. Such approval shall be expressed by resolution filed with the State Aerie Secretary, the original and one (1) copy, and postmarked not less than thirty (30) days prior to the opening of the State Aerie Convention at which his name is to be presented. However, if it appears to the State President that no person has been proposed for a particular office, then the State Aerie President shall announce that nominations may be made from the floor for that particular office.

15. Annually the State President shall appoint the following committees in accordance with the By-Laws and announce the appointments on the first day of the Convention:

- Credentials Committee
- Judiciary and By-Laws Committee
- Ritual Competition Committee
- Resolutions Committee
- Auditing Committee
- Finance and Budget Committee
- State of the Order Committee
- Publicity Committee
- Election Committee
- Membership Committee.

16. The Order of Business may be varied by the Presiding Officer when he deems it advisable for the convenience of the Convention.

I move adoption of these Rules of Convention.

BROTHER GIBSON: Larry Gibson, Oroville #196, second the motion.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: We have a motion on the floor to adopt these resolutions, and a second. All in favor? All opposed? Motion carried.

Minutes of the 2011 State Convention with Secretary Devere Dunham.

BROTHER FECI: Paul Feci, San Jose #8. I make a motion to dismiss with the reading of the minutes.

BROTHER GIBSON: Larry Gibson, Oroville #196, I'll second that one, too.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: We have a motion on the floor to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Basically because all of the secretaries throughout all of the Aeries have been mailed a copy. Motion has been seconded. Under the question? All in favor? All opposed? Motion carried.

STATE SECRETARY DUNHAM: Thank you, Paul.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: One minute, Zeke, right before. I'd like to bring Paul Feci in for just a moment. He wants to briefly touch on the Ritual Sure Shot, I believe. He wants to get it out there in case anybody wants to do that.

BROTHER FECI: Thank you, Brother Vic.
To our Grand Reps, State Officers and Brothers. Today after session we're going to do some Single Man competitions, and we're going to try to form some Sure Shot teams; we have some interest. If you know a station, if you want to have some fun, we're going to be at the Caliente room. Come down. Either let myself or Paul Growitz -- put your hand up, Paul. If you're interested, let us know. It will be fun. You'll get together with people maybe you do or do not know and, you know, do a little Ritual. Ritual's very important. We're trying to keep it alive. So if anybody's interested, like I say, after session today, Caliente room, come on by. Thank you.


JR. PAST STATE PRESIDENT GUTIERREZ: Thank you, Brother Vic.

Good morning, my Brothers and Sisters. Before I get started on the Trustees's report, I'd like to introduce our Trustees this past year. Starting on this end, Ed Guffey, Pomona, Lloyd Green, Steve Smith from Bayview, and Robert Prieto from San Jose. They did a fine job this year.

Just have a brief report I'll read from. The State Board of Trustees had four meetings this year. We approved grants for many Aeries, including a grant to Pomona for Special Olympics, and Brisbane for the Parka Program that sends developmentally disabled children to day camps. We also approved a grant to Folsom for their Lucile Packard Hospital at Stanford University. We approved over $40,000 in total this year, and in true Eagles fashion, proved that we are "People Helping People." So once again, I'd like to thank my Brother Trustees for all of their hard work and dedication and what they done this past year.

And before I ask for a motion to accept this report, I'd like to remind you Brothers and Sisters out there that we have many charities that still have some funds in them, and you need to get back to your Aeries and talk to the people to start using these funds. They're laying there, so go back to your Aeries. And if you need help, call someone. They'll be glad to help you.

So I make a motion that this report be accepted.

BROTHER GROWITZ: Worthy President, Paul Growitz, San Jose #8. I second that motion.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: We have a motion on the floor to accept Zeke's report and a second. Under the question? All in favor? All opposed? Motion carried.

STATE LEGAL ADVISOR VODICKA: Are we going to have Devere read the minutes of the previous --

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: There was a motion made.
STATE LEGAL ADVISOR VODICKA: Oh, I missed that. Darn.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: He was ready to.

PAST STATE PRESIDENT COLBURN: State President Vic, I think just one of these years we should let Devere at least read one or two pages before we make the motion.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: See him sweat, huh?

Judiciary and By-Laws Committee, Chairman Glenn Jones.

BROTHER JONES: Thank you. Good morning, Brothers. This will be I guess it's called a partial report. We have to read these three times. Excellent. Devere tells me that he's got copies of these that will be passed out. They'll be on the tables tomorrow morning. I'll get here early and pass them out. They're not earth-shaking changes; they're mostly clarifications.

First, I really want to thank the committee members, Larry Gibson, Dennis McKiernan, Steve Vieira and my Co-Chairman Charlie Chase, who really, I think the other members would agree, did all of the heavy lifting here. I want to send him up here tomorrow.

All right. The By-Laws affected, I'll read first the By-Law as it is currently in existence and then the proposed changes.

Section 2.1: California State Aerie shall be composed of the legally qualified and registered Delegates in attendance from the member local Aeries apportioned as hereinafter provided, the legally qualified and serving Officers of the State Aerie, Past State Presidents, and such Past Worthy Presidents and Ten Year Secretaries of the member local Aeries as are registered and in attendance. Only the aforementioned and such accredited representatives as are commissioned by the Grand Aerie shall attend the sessions of the State Aerie.

The proposed changes:

Section 2.1. The California State Aerie shall be comprised of those legally and registered attending members that are in good standing in their local Aeries as outlined in Sections 2.1.1 through 2.1.5.

2.1.1. Past Worthy Presidents, Ten Year Secretaries and appointed Delegates from local Aeries.

2.1.2. All serving officers of the State Aerie.

2.1.3. Past California State Presidents.

2.1.4. Accredited representatives commissioned by the Grand Aerie.

2.1.5. Other qualified Grand Aerie Officers, state and provincial representatives.
The reasons for the changes are to make them -- the criteria easier to follow. And Section 2.1.5 addresses the fact that Section 2.1 as currently worded does not allow for other Grand Aerie Officers, state representatives or provincial representatives that are otherwise qualified to attend, unless they are commissioned by the Grand Aerie.

Section 2.2 as it currently reads: Each local Aerie in California holding a Charter from the Grand Aerie shall become a member of the State Aerie and shall pay such Per Capita Tax, assessments and charges and file such reports as hereinafter provided. Any local Aerie delinquent in paying such Per Capita Tax, assessments and charges, shall not be entitled to send Delegates to be representative in the State Aerie.

Section 2.2.1. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in these By-Laws of the California State Aerie, any Aerie in the State Aerie jurisdiction which is delinquent in payment of the Grand Aerie Per Capita Tax shall not be entitled to send Delegates or to be represented in the State Aerie.

The proposed changes:

Section 2.2. Each local Aerie in California holding a Charter from the Grand Aerie shall become a member of the State Aerie and shall pay such Per Capita Tax, assessments and charges and file such reports as hereinafter provided.

Section 2.2.1. Any local Aerie in the State Aerie jurisdiction which is delinquent in the payment of Grand Aerie Per Capita Tax or any State Aerie Per Capita Tax, assessment or charge shall not be entitled to send Delegates or be represented in the State Aerie.

The reason, Section 2.2.1 and the last sentence of Section 2.2 have overlapping goals. Changing the wording slightly and merging the last sentence of 2.2 with Section 2.2.1 combines the intent of both sections.

All right. Section 5.3 and 5.4 as they currently read:

5.3. A Trustee, after serving two years, may, after dropping out for two (2) years, be re-elected Trustee for two (2) additional years. No member of any local Aerie shall be eligible to be elected Trustee of the State Aerie when another member of his local Aerie holds any elective State Aerie office, other than Secretary or Treasurer.

5.4. No member of a local Aerie shall be eligible to be elected to any state office, other than Secretary or Treasurer, when another member of his local Aerie holds any elective State Aerie office.

The changes proposed:

Section 5.3. A Trustee, after serving two years, may, after dropping out for two (2) years, be re-elected Trustee for two (2) additional years.
Section 5.4. With the exception of Secretary or Treasurer, no Member of a local Aerie shall be eligible to be elected to any State Office when another member of his local Aerie holds any elective State Aerie office.

The reason: The last sentence of 5.3 is covered under Section 5.4 and, therefore, should be deleted.

And Section 7.15, as it reads now: Establishment of a "Hall of Fame" for those living and deceased members of the local Aerie who have shown exceptional devotion and dedication to the ideals of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. A selection committee consisting of the serving Junior Past State President as Chairman, the Secretary of the State of California and three members appointed by the California State President. The members at large will be selected, one (1) each from the North, Central and South portions of the state. Each Aerie so desiring would file an application with the State Secretary, postmarked by June 1st. Applications must contain all facts vital and necessary to ensure satisfactory investigation by the committee, which may also consider any member from a local Aerie. The application must contain a 5"X7" picture of the nominee. The selection committee shall be authorized to select a maximum of four nominees per year, with no more than two deceased or no more than two (2) Past State Presidents. This program shall be cost free to the State Aerie, except for the cost of plaques presented to the recipients.

The proposed change: Mainly, again, make it easier to read.

Section 7.15. Establishment of a "Hall of Fame" for those living and deceased members of the local California Aeries who have shown exceptional devotion and dedication to the ideals of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Section 7.15.1. A selection committee shall consist of the serving Junior Past State President, the State Aerie Secretary and three at large members appointed by the State President. The serving Junior Past State President shall act as Chairman and the three appointees shall consist of one (1) each member from the North, Central and South portions of the state.

Section 7.15.2. Each Aerie so desiring would file an application with the State Secretary, postmarked by June 1st. Applications must contain all facts vital and necessary to ensure satisfactory investigation by the committee. The application must also contain a 5"X7" picture of the nominee.

Section 7.15.3. The selection committee may also consider any member from a local Aerie within the guidelines of Section 7.15.4.

Section 7.15.4. The selection committee shall be authorized to select a maximum of four nominees per year with no more than two deceased nor more than one (1) Past/Present State Officer. This program shall be cost free to the State Aerie, except for the cost of plaques presented to the recipients.

Reason: Formatting changes, just make it easier to read. And,
secondly, since there are far more members that have not been in the State Office than those that have, limiting the number of Past State or Present State Officers to one allows for a more equitable consideration of all deserving members.

And that's it for today. Again, copies will be out on the tables tomorrow and we'll have the second reading. Thank you.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Thank you, Glenn.

BROTHER JONES: Thank you.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Yeah, copies of that will be out on the table tomorrow.

Before we get too far along, I'd like to recognize some of our out-of-state guests that have come to our convention out of Nevada. Got Fred Stayrook, State Secretary. Also have Past State President from Nevada Kip Pinkham. I know we had a guest from Arizona, too. Apparently I don't see him. Jerry's a member of Ridgecrest.

Resolution Committee, Brother Chairman Dennis McKiernan.

STATE TREASURER McKIERNAN: First of all, thankyou, Brother Vic, for the appointment.

Good morning, my Brothers. This morning I have to report to you that we have received a grand told of 29 resolutions: 17 of the resolutions are for Grand office, and 12 are for our State Offices.

I'd like to introduce the committee at this time: Co-Chairman is Rodger Lawson. Larry Lavender and Greg Colburn are also on the committee. And I'd like to thank them for their work. And also thankyou, Devere.

At this time, Greg Colburn would like to speak to you on a proposed change that we have that we're going to talk about and put in place today, State President goes along, and we'll see what you have to say with the way we do our nominations here. And without further ado, Greg is going to explain that to you, and then I'll get back here about the resolutions and read you the resolutions.

PAST STATE PRESIDENT COLBURN: Thank you, Chairman Dennis. State President Vic DeVries, Grand Representatives, my Brothers. Our By-Laws stated that we will have our nominations at 12:00 on Friday. Okay. They no longer say that, I'm sorry. Our By-Laws don't say the exact procedure of how we do this.

Through the years we've had the procedure where, most likely, a Past State President walks to the microphone and they place a person's name in nomination telling us greatly about that person. As you know, we have had longer and longer sessions. Tomorrow we're starting at 8:30, Saturday we're starting at 8:30, and Dennis brought forward, and other people, the
possibility of streamlining our nomination process. Because you have to have a resolution on file before the convention even starts, having our State President stand up here and say, "Are there any more nominations? Are there any more nominations? Are there any more nominations?" three times is a moot issue because there cannot be any more nominations after the only legal candidate has been nominated. Secondly, we go through the whole process for everybody that's a white ballot.

So the suggestion is one of two things: Either just doing away with the nominations from the microphone and just having our State President say, "Peter Ackers is nominated for State President. Peter, do you accept?" "Yes." "Nominations are closed for State President." With the exception of the ones that are running in an election. Those people have travelled, they've spent money. My personal opinion is that they should have that three or four minutes of the microphone to let us know who they are and let us see who they are so that past the convention we might have some questions.

So depending on our State President's preference, there's a recommendation that the nominating process be streamlined so that we do no microphone nominations or only those for people that are running, which would mean instead of doing 11 nomination speeches at the microphone, this year we have two officers, Chaplain and Outside Guard, and then we would only do those four instead of 11. Cutting out seven nominations speeches would save us probably half an hour of time. Thank you, my Brothers.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Yes, Brothers. By the way, I think it should be done. Basically, like Greg said, the ones that are under white ticket, there's no balloting on them, we will just ask those candidates if they accept. If they do, after we get through, we'll ask the Secretary to cast a white ballot for those running unopposed. As far as the ones that are running, some of the question was, especially like Outside Guard, where you may not know those individuals, in my opinion, it might be best to at least have those people come up, possibly be introduced so that you can get a look at them and see who they are, see who you're going to vote for.

With that being said, let's get with the show.

STATE TREASURER McKIERNAN: First resolution we have is for State President. We have one resolution, and since we've said there's no nominations off the floor, our By-Laws say that, because we have a resolution, at this time Peter W. Ackers.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Peter Ackers, Vice President, do you accept the nomination to President?

STATE VICE PRESIDENT ACKERS: Brother State President Vic, Peter W. Ackers, Folsom Aerie #929. I am humbled and privileged to have the support of the Brothers, and I proudly accept.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Thank you, Peter.
STATE TREASURER McKIERNAN: See one resolution for State Vice President, and that's Larry Steketee.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: State Vice President Larry Steketee, do you accept the nomination?

STATE CHAPLAIN STEKETEE: With honor.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Or Chaplain, do you accept the nomination for Vice President?

STATE CHAPLAIN STEKETEE: Yes, I do, with honor. Thank you.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Very good.

STATE TREASURER McKIERNAN: The Resolution Committee received two resolutions for State Chaplain this year: One is Ed Guffey, and the other is Larry Gibson.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Brother Ed Guffey, do you accept the nomination for State Chaplain?

STATE TRUSTEE GUFFEY: It would be my pleasure to accept it, yes.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Brother Larry Gibson, do you accept the nomination?

BROTHER GIBSON: State President, I humbly accept.

STATE TREASURER McKIERNAN: We've received one resolution for State Secretary, and guess who that is. Brother Devere Dunham.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Brother Devere, do you accept the nomination?

STATE SECRETARY DUNHAM: Worthy State President, my Brothers, I greatly accept, and I appreciate all of your support. Thank you.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Thank you, Brother.

STATE TREASURER McKIERNAN: State Conductor, received one resolution for State Conductor, Brother Tim Weber.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Brother Tim, do you accept the nomination for State Conductor?

STATE INSIDE GUARD WEBER: State President, I proudly accept that nomination.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Very good. Thank you, Tim.

STATE TREASURER McKIERNAN: For State Inside Guard, we received one
STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Ed Millard, do you accept the nomination for Inside Guard?

STATE OUTSIDE GUARD MILLARD: I proudly accept.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Thank you, Ed.

STATE TREASURER McKIERNAN: For Outside Guard we received two resolutions: Don Batts from Fontana, Aerie #2561, and Frank Busuttil from Mountain View.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Brother Don Batts, do you accept the nomination for Outside Guard?

BROTHER BATTS: I proudly accept it.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Very good. Brother Frank Busuttil, do you accept the nomination for Outside Guard?

BROTHER BUSUTTIL: I proudly accept.

STATE TREASURER McKIERNAN: And for State Trustee there are two positions open for State Trustee this year, and we have received two resolutions, one from Tommy Albin and the other one from James Watson from Santa Monica.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Brother Tom Albin, do you accept the nomination for State Trustee?

STATE CONDUCTOR ALBIN: Yes, I do.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Jim Watson, do you accept the nomination, as well, for State Trustee?

BROTHER WATSON: It would be an honor to serve as your California State Trustee.

STATE TREASURER McKIERNAN: And for Grand Aerie office, of course our own Brother Darrell Rall, who is not here, but his name will be placed in nomination for Grand Aerie office I'm most sure.

And with that, we have part two of this tomorrow, and with that, part two will be the resolutions for the Grand officers. We'll talk about that tomorrow.

But for today, let's continue on with the business. We have two offices that are being contested. Brother Ed Guffey and Brother Larry Gibson for Chaplain. How do you want to handle that?

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Yes, I guess we could bring up Ed Guffey
first up to the mic. Or unless you have a sponsor that you would like to introduce you.

STATE TRUSTEE GUFFEY: If it suits the President, if I could have Brother Frenchy DeVille read off my resolution for me.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Okay. Frenchy. And Larry, do you have somebody?

BROTHER GIBSON: Dennis.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: And then Dennis will follow Frenchy.

PAST STATE PRESIDENT DeVILLE: Good morning, Brothers. You know, we're going through a different transition here, going to save a lot of time. But still, I still think that lots of Brothers been in the chair for five or six years, we all know what he's been doing, if he's warranted to keep going, or otherwise he wouldn't even be that far. I strongly believe in the first chair or two that some explanation should be done and contested, like especially Outside Guard, because a lot of people don't know the Brothers. However, I'm all for supporting the way we decided to do it this morning.

And I want to talk about Brother Ed Guffey. I need not talk, I've talked about him several years. Here's a Brother that's done everything we all do as good Eagles. He joined the Eagles 40 years ago; went through all of the chairs in his Aerie; was President in the District 23, strong and competitive district. He went through all of the chairs. He became District Chairman. He was a Past President of SIRES Unit Number 2. He has chaired and done everything that was asked of him to do, and he is still doing, and Chairman of the SIRES Benevolent Fund, and believe me, Brothers, that's a great job to do, and he's doing a great job on that. Unlimited the accolades I could present about this Brother, like all you great Brothers that's involved in the great Fraternal Order of Eagles. Here's a Brother I will ask all of you to support for our next President down the line and for this year's chair of State Chaplain, Brother Ed Guffey.

STATE TREASURER McKIERMAN: Brother Larry Gibson is exactly what Frenchy said, has been up and down this state. He has served the State of California as Outside Guard, State Inside Guard, State Conductor, did two years at State Trustee. He ran last year against Larry Steketee who is going to be our current Vice President, and he's trying again this year. Both of these Brothers have been through the chairs. They've both traveled. What sets Larry aside, I think, is that Larry has -- well, there's nothing sets these people aside. They're equally qualified. They both know it. It's just a matter of when each one of them is going to make it, I think. Larry has done so much for the State of California. He's ran our hospitality room, what, five times, Larry? Five years? Larry was employed as a full-time truck driver up until he retired. He has spent time in the United States Navy, and he is a vet. And again, people, you know who both of these candidates are, and it's going to be a tough one, but I'd like to place at this time and ask for your support for Brother
Larry Gibson for State Chaplain. Thank you.

And that will be the partial report for -- oh, Outside Guard. My God. Forgot you Brothers. Sorry.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: We have two running for Outside Guard. Brother Don Batts, do you have a spokesperson to introduce you?

BROTHER BATTs: Brother Frenchy DeVille.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Very good. And Frank Busuttil?

BROTHER BUSUTTIL: Worthy President, Larry Lavender will speak for me.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Let's have Frenchy first; Larry Lavender second. Only that's because the way the resolutions read.

PAST STATE PRESIDENT DeVILLE: Good morning again, Brothers. It is indeed an honor to be asked by these great Brothers to represent them for the beginning of a career further up than they've been up until now. Here's a Brother been, as most of us has been, through all of the chairs. Been an Eagle for many, many years. He has served his Aerie and his District unconditionally, and he still is. He has been, and I'm sure a lot of you Brothers have seen him this year, running the hospitality rooms, playing music and doing a lot of extra work on his own. He has become interested in furthering up his career, and he's very active in our District, even as he is in his local community. And Brothers, I wish you all would come talk to this Brother, meet this man. And he would support the State very well. And I am glad to put the name of Brother Don Batts for the office of State Outside Guard, and we ask for your support. Thank you.

WESTERN REGIONAL PRESIDENT LAVENDER: Well, everyone should know Brother Frank Busuttil. He has been a behind-the-scenes worker for his Aerie, his State. He has served the military, and he has worked three years as Deputy State President for the State. I'm proud and honored to represent you, but both of these Brothers are fine men. You both Brothers use your heart, use your mind, and you're going to get a good one in. Whichever way you go, there will be a good one in there. God bless both of you.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Thank you, Larry.

PAST STATE PRESIDENT COLBURN: State President Vic DeVries, Greg Colburn, San Jose Aerie #8, Past State President. I make a motion that our State Secretary cast a white ballot for all offices unopposed.

BROTHER GIBSON: State President, Larry Gibson, Oroville #196, second Greg's motion.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: I've got a motion on the floor to have our State Secretary cast a white ballot for all unopposed offices and a second. Under the question?
PAST STATE PRESIDENT COLBURN: Greg Colburn, San Jose #8. We might consider in the future -- today everybody was here, but we might do the resolution report the last order of business before nominations at the end of the day next year.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Very good. All in flavor of the motion? All in flavor, yeah. Opposed? Motion carried.

STATE TREASURER McKIERNAN: Brothers, just one last word. I'd like to just encourage you if you don't know either of the candidates, get to know them better. You can see them in the hospitality rooms. Tomorrow most Units or Zones has what's called a caucus. Be sure you get with somebody who knows about the caucus, attend that caucus, because all of the candidates will be coming before the caucuses and they're there to answer your questions.

Also, you have a resolution in front of you that each one of these candidates has went and made a couple hundred copies so they could put it out in front of each one of you. That's another reason why there's no sense in us standing up here reading you the resolution. You have that resolution. If you're in doubt of who to vote for, you might take that, might be another guideline to take a look at the resolution, both of the resolutions to see how you compare them.

With that, I move for approval for a partial report.

PAST STATE PRESIDENT DeVILLE: On the resolution, yeah. Nominations are done. Closed.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Asking for approval on a partial report. Need a second on that.

STATE CHAPLAIN STEKETEE: Larry Steketee, Santa Barbara #442, seconds the motion.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Very good. Under the question? All in favor? All opposed? Motion carried.

Yes, Glenn.

BROTHER JONES: Worthy President Vic, Brothers, I just wanted to agree with Frenchy about this streamlining change. I sort of liked it the way it was. It kind of reminds me of the parade of checks when the question came of doing away with that, but at least then we got to vote on it. The only thing I disagree with Frenchy, he said we approved it. We didn't approve it.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Well, Glenn, the reason that there's no vote is because the only ones that we approved were ones that had them in 30 days ahead of convention, and we can't vote on those anyway.

BROTHER JONES: I mean, having people stand up and speak for these
gentlemen so we get to know them is a little better. I think it really expands a lot on the resolution, the written resolution, when that occurs.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Thanks for your comment.

STATE SECRETARY DUNHAM: Brothers, I casted the white ballot for all of those unopposed offices.

BROTHER KOLB: Worthy President, I agree with some of the things in the resolution, but one of the things that make us Eagles and continue to grow is new members here at this convention. And I know we've got Brothers in here that are new this year that don't know any of these people, never seen them before. And I've been around a long time, and some of them I don't even recognize. So I wish we could continue somewhat on those that are being opposed and bring them up to the front and let them be recognized in front so the new members can see them. When we start losing all of our new members, goes back to their Aeries, said, "Who did you vote for?" "I don't know. The guy stood up and sat down. I don't know anything about him." So let's continue some of it anyhow. Thank you.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Very good. Thank you. It's like anything else that's new, we'll try things, we'll work out the bugs in it, and eventually we'll get it together, I'm sure.

Let's go into our Membership. Tim Weber.

STATE INSIDE GUARD WEBER: Good morning, my Brothers. About a year and a half ago, Brother Vic asked me to be his State Membership Chairman, and I was really touched that he thought that much of me to handle this big responsibility. It is a huge responsibility. We sat down. We got our Membership team together, and I'd like to recognize our Membership team at this time.

Zone Chairman from the North, Brother Lloyd Green; Central Zone Chairman, Ed Millard; Southern Zone Chairman, Don Batts.

And our Deputy State Presidents: Frank Busuttil, Paul Feci, Scott Green, Richard Crouch, Robert Kline, Jim Batten, Ed Mora, Sid Davis, Les Kolb, Charlie Chase, Brother Pat Patterson, who is not here today, and also Ernie Floyd.

We started out, the Grand set our goal this year at 1500 new members. We have surpassed that. Our total for last year comes out to 2,026 new members. 135 percent of quota. We're just a little short of Vic's personal goal of 2500 members, but we still did quite well.

We have 43 Aeries throughout the state that actually made their quota. And we have some certificates we're going to award, but before we do that, I want to recognize some of the bigger Membership producers for the year.

With 27 new members this year, Kathleen Sigfried -- I may be
pronouncing that wrong -- Leonard Phillips with 28, Exeter. 3973 was Kathleen. Lisa Tackett from Reedley with 28, Judi Tansy from Alameda with 30, Frank Busuttil from Mountain View with 31, myself, from Hesperia, had 38, Clifford Reedley from Santa Maria had 39. And top producer this year is Richard Saldana from Bakersfield. He had 51 new members. Brother Richard, would you come forward, please.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Little memento, Richard. Top producer in the state. Hope you enjoy it.

STATE INSIDE GUARD WEBER: If your name was announced as top producer, will you stand up and be recognized. Judi from Alameda. Frank is over here. And myself.

At this time I want to recognize the Aeries that have made their quotas for the year. And when I call your Aerie, if a representative will please come forward and get your certificate.

San Jose Aerie #8. Again, these Aeries have all met their quota. Hayward Aerie #1139, Mountain View Aerie #2356, Chico Aerie #218, Sacramento Aerie #9, Folsom Aerie #929, Roseville Aerie #1582, Fairfield #4113, Oxnard Aerie #232, San Luis Obispo Aerie #3389, Morro Bay #3693, Oceano #4153, Sanger #1147, Bakersfield Aerie #93, Porterville #1351, Eagle Rock #2188, Carson Aerie #4001, Fontana Aerie #2561, Needles Aerie #2599, Azusa #2810, Antelope Valley #2985, Ridgecrest #3243, Banning Aerie #3768, Hemet #4055, Yucaipa #4199, San Diego #244, National City #2712, and Santee Aerie #3973. All of those Aeries have met their quota for the year.

And now for the Aeries that made two times their quota: Eureka Aerie #130, Woodland Aerie #2345, Reedley #2781, Exeter #3608, South Gate/Ocean Park #2080, Coachella #2594, Twentynine Palms #4092, and Chula Vista #3142 have all met double quota.

Five Aeries have made triple quota for this year: Orland #2728, Lodi #848, Santa Barbara #442, Santa Maria #1745, and El Centro #1559. Those Aeries have made triple quota.

We had one Aerie make four times quota this year; that was Barstow #3637.

And our top Aerie producer this year, with 525 percent, is Alameda Aerie #1076.

I'd also like to recognize that District 8, 14 and District 24, all Aeries in those districts all met their quota.

If there is nothing else, I make a motion to accept my report.

BROTHER GIBSON: Larry Gibson, Oroville #196, second the motion.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: We got a motion on the floor to accept Tim's report and a second. Under the question? All in favor? All
opposed? Motion carried. Thank you, Tim.

STATE INSIDE GUARD WEBER: One last thing. I'd like the DSP's to come to my room about one o'clock this afternoon and I can pass out the balance of the awards.

UNIDENTIFIED BROTHER: What's your room?

STATE INSIDE GUARD WEBER: Room number 617.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: I just wanted to thank everyone that brought in one member, 10 members, 20. Every member that you bring in helps this organization. So I truly am thankful for every member that came across the board today or this past year. Thank you very much. Although, I will say, Tim made a real lousy bet with the women. So we're not sure what's gonna happen there, but I guess we'll find out tomorrow.

BROTHER GIBSON: I can tell you what's going to happen there.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Anyway, getting on with this, we got Re-Enrollment report from Chairman Frank Busuttil from Mountain View.

BROTHER BUSUTTIL: First off, thank you very much for this appointment.

Gentlemen, from last year, we're down about 10 percent from where we were last year. And it's a shame, because they're the easiest members to pick up.

As an example, I have to congratulate Bakersfield. They picked up 44 Re-Enrollments, which is more than anyone else has done in the state. The sad part is we actually had 11 Aeries with no Re-Enrollments whatsoever. There's no call for that. We all lose members, and it's real easy to pick them up, and hopefully we'll do that in the future. But as of this year, we had about 10 percent less than last year. This year's total was 454, which is not a bad number for Re-Enrollment, but last year's was over 500. And that's all I'm going to say on that one.

I do make a motion that we accept this report, though.

STATE TRUSTEE GUFFEY: Ed Guffey, Pomona #2215, I'll second that motion.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: I have a motion on the floor and a second to accept Frank's report. Under the question? All in favor? All opposed? Motion carried. Thank you, Frank.

BROTHER BUSUTTIL: Thank you.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Brothers, in our itinerary, in between 9:00 and 10:00 we're going to bring in Ed Millard. He wants to speak briefly about the No Goose Egg. Some of you may or may not know what that
is. He's going to enlighten you.

STATE OUTSIDE GUARD MILLARD: Thank you, Vic.

Brothers, the No Goose Egg, for some of you that don't know what that is, you got to bring in at least one member each month, starting with June all the way through May. June seems to be the roughest month for us. We have 75 Aeries still going right now, but we only had 11 Aeries that got the No Goose Egg. Like I say, June is a bad month. We had 42 Aeries that started off with not getting anybody in. So I think Peter and Tom would really appreciate it if we do a little bit better this year.

Actually, I'll read the 11 Aeries that managed to get at least one in each month. We had Bakersfield, Paradise, Mountain View, Chico, San Diego, San Bernardino, Lodi, Exeter, Porterville, South Gate, Fairview. These guys all did an outstanding job by bringing in at least one new member each month.

So I encourage all of you, when you go back, talk to your Secretaries, make sure that they're getting something turned in each month and let's bring this total way up. We should be at least half, if not more.

That's my report. Make a motion that we accept it.

BROTHER WALTERS: Randy Walters, #2599. I make a motion to accept this report.

BROTHER GIBSON: Larry Gibson, Oroville #196, second it.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Sorry about that. Motion on the floor to accept the report. All in favor? All opposed? Motion carried. Thank you, Ed.

I haven't seen Tom Gardner yet today, so we'll pass by the New Aeries report for the time being. Maybe he'll show up tomorrow. As most of you know, he's doing dialysis.

We got an introduction by Devere Dunham, San Pablo.

STATE SECRETARY DUNHAM: Unfortunately, Brothers, I don't have an introduction of our Grand Worthy President Mel. He had plans on attending our convention. He was going to be with us today, and I got a message from the Grand Aerie that he had to back out. Evidently Mel has a little skin cancer problem and this and that, he had a few issues, and thought it best to take care of them. Our International Convention is just a week away, and I'm sure that he, you know, has this take-care-of-things-this-week so he'll be ready for the big event in Grand Rapids. So with that, he sends his apologies and best wishes to the State of California, I'm sure, and hopes to be with us soon. Thank you.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Thank you, Devere. We wish Mel the best.
Next in line, Dog Chain Club. Old Dog Brother DeVille, Riverside.

PAST STATE PRESIDENT DeVILLE: Thank you, Brother Vic.

Boy, this is one of my favorite happenings here at the convention, only because I know somebody's gonna be so greatly rewarded for the next couple of days, wearing an extra heavy chain, and I'm proud to see the Brothers do that.

You know, every year it's been going on since, I believe, 1989. We've been taking up a dog every year. And about eight, nine years ago, we were losing so many of our dogs, we were running out. The dog pound wasn't overloaded, so we decided to appoint two every year, and it's been working very well. We've got quite a lot, 36 members today. We've got 21 frisky young and old pups running around and a few old dogs.

So at this time I would like to ask all of the dog members that are here to come up on the stage here. We're going to need some help. I know we got a couple of frisky dogs to pick up this morning. Not gonna be easy to handle. I need all of the dogs that are here, please come on up.

Okay. At this time what we're doing, the original, the young pup we called last year's pup, they pick another Brother from someplace, not their Aerie or District, from someplace in the state, and the old dogs have a list, which is nominated every year, and they vote, all the dogs there vote, and we pick one dog through voting process. And they're always very close. We have sometimes at least two votes because it's so evenly distributed because all of you Brothers are warranted for this extra great honor. There's so many great Brothers here and deserving this honor, and it is a fun thing to have.

So at this time I'm going to ask the young pup of this year, Brother Tom Albin, to go down and pick up our new pup for this year. Need some help?

STATE CONDUCTOR ALBIN: Yeah, I need some help.

PAST STATE PRESIDENT DeVILLE: I know he's a little frisky. Hey, I got him.

Now you can see, he's a young pup but he's a little bigger than both of us. It took a couple of us to handle him. He's going to present him with this dog tag, which he's going to be wearing at all times. And these are the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Brother of the Dog Chain Club, California State Aerie, and this is the year 2012, and he's Number 37 California Member. And it says on the back side, "My name is Vic DeVries. I am the property of Kelsy Maria DeVries," which is his daughter, "and Riverside Aerie #997. If lost, strayed or stolen, please see that I am returned."

Vic, this is a temporary thing. You want this made different, you get this other chain. And this is not the good part. You can change that.
But you got to wear that until Saturday night after the banquet. But here's the nice one. This is the nice one. That one you got to have on constantly, except for the Memorial Service or Installations or things of that nature until after the convention. Now give it back to me or you're responsible to bring it back here next year, whatever you would rather do.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Tom says I need a neck brace. Guys, thank you very much. What on honor. Thank you very much.

PAST STATE PRESIDENT DeVILLE: Okay. These old dogs got around and we hashed things around, and we nominated several Brothers. And we always got 10 Brothers on the books. And, of course, there was two and three get picked up, and we've got new names on. And anyway, here's where it's at. And Larry Steketee was last year's votee by the old dogs, and I'll let him go pick up the one that's around. You'll need some help because that's another frisky guy, too.

But these are the Brothers that do a lot of extra things for the state. They travel a lot, which a lot of you do, we all do a lot, and this is how we get picked up.

BROTHER GIBSON: Here, puppy dog. Come here, doggie. Where did he go?

UNIDENTIFIED BROTHER: Look under the table, Larry. He might be there.

STATE CHAPLAIN STEKETEE: Come on.

BROTHER GIBSON: Come on, buddy.

STATE CHAPLAIN STEKETEE: Come on, boy.

PAST STATE PRESIDENT DeVILLE: Bring that dog over here.

BROTHER FECI: Hey, Brother Frenchy, does he have to wear it during his competitions, too?

WESTERN REGIONAL PRESIDENT LAVENDER: Leave a note to leave the fire hydrants alone, too.

PAST STATE PRESIDENT DeVILLE: What an honor. He's sitting yesterday, we're sitting on the back porch and talking about the dog. He said, "Boy, I feel sorry for these guys got to wear that all week." And I wanted to tell him, "Brother, you don't know but you may have to tomorrow." Anyways, Bill, you don't have to wear it, you don't wear it for your Ritual. However, if you do decide to wear it, I know you're going to hate to take it off. Because the team will not dock you for that. I know you want to keep it. Anyway, like I said, for the Rituals and for the Memorial Service, you don't wear that, if it's not warranted, because of Installation and stuff. But any time visitations any State Aeries, and we'll give you a little By-Law set so you know what to go by, because any
time you forget to wear it, all of the dogs are there.

BROTHER METZ: I knew this was going to get expensive.

PAST STATE PRESIDENT DeVILLE: It will get better, too.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Don't believe what they tell you, you don't have to wear it.

STATE CHAPLAIN STEKETEE: "My name is Bill Metz. I'm the property of South Gate/Ocean Park #2080. If lost, strayed or stolen, please return to the same Aerie." Congratulations, Bill.

PAST STATE PRESIDENT DeVILLE: Thank you, Brothers, for participating up here.

And I make a motion that we accept this Dog Chain report at this particular time.

BROTHER GROWITZ: Worthy State President, Paul Growitz, San Jose Aerie #8, I second that motion.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Got a motion on the floor to accept Frenchy's report.

STATE CHAPLAIN STEKETEE: I second the motion.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Already seconded.

STATE CHAPLAIN STEKETEE: I want to second it again.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Under the question? All in favor? All opposed? Motion carried.

Brothers, it's 10:30, so why don't we take 15 minutes or so, have a cigarette, stretch our legs, get a drink of water, go to the bathroom, whatever we want to do, and meet back here about 10:45. Thank you.

Bible closed.

Fifteen-minute break.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Brothers, let's take our seats, please.

State Conductor Tom, would you open the Bible.

Bible opened.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Thank you, Tom.

Before we get started back on our program, Brothers, Larry Steketee, the Contingency Fund Chairman, would like to have a word or two.
STATE CHAPLAIN STEKETEE: Good morning, my Brothers. Again, through all the tickets sold here today during the meeting, I'm going to be raffling off this beautiful eagle for the winner today. Somebody will get it from all of the tickets sold here today. And again, all of these tickets will go into the main drawing for the $2,000 prize. Thank you.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Thank you, Larry.

Also, when I introduced some of our out-of-state guests earlier, I forgot a couple of names. But would the Nevada crew stand up. Quite a few of you. In order, we got Kip Pinkham that we introduced earlier. Guy Liedhe. We introduced Fred already. Tom Hartnett. Very good. Michael Cole. Jerry Douzat. He still here? We all know him. And Jim Beyer. Jim not here? He was here earlier. Thank you, Brothers.

PAST STATE PRESIDENT DeVILLE: Hey, Brothers, I was asked by the lady Memorial Service Chairman in doing this: Right in this -- tonight, these things will be together for the Memorial Service. Next door I think is where they going to practice. So all of you State Officers and anybody going to the Memorial Service have already been notified. Be there at 3:00 sharp this afternoon. Going to be right here in the room next door, which is the same size as this one. So be sure and do that now. Done my word. If you don't show up, I don't want the women to get on my case. Thank you, guys.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Thank you, Frenchy.

Getting back to our itinerary, got the parade of checks for Art Ehrmann Cancer, by Pat Paterson, Chairman. He's not here today. Taking his place is the Co-Chairman, Richard Gutierrez, Jr. And then picking up the checks will be Joe Trau. So line up for the parade of checks.

Art Ehrmann Cancer Fund Parade of Checks, by Co-Chairman Richard Gutierrez, Jr., Richmond Aerie #354. See Appendix B.

BROTHER GUTIERREZ: Any more checks for this fund? Okay. We'll need a total. Grand total of $7,979. Thank you all very much, Brothers. Also like to thank my Brother Joe Trau. I'd like to thank Worthy President Vic DeVries for the appointment. And I'd like to wish a happy birthday to my father and our Jr. Past State President who will be 65 in two weeks. Happy birthday.

BROTHER COLE: Worthy President.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Go ahead, Gordy.

BROTHER COLE: Gordon Cole, Mountain View Aerie #2356. Could I have that Grand total again, please?

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: $7,979.

BROTHER COLE: Thank you.
STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Richard, you want to entertain a motion to accept that?

BROTHER GUTIERREZ: Yes.

STATE TRUSTEE GUFFEY: Ed Guffey, Pomona #2215. I'll second that motion.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Motion on the floor and a second to accept the parade of checks. All in favor? All opposed? Motion carried.

Next up, we have the parade of checks for Jimmy Durante, Robert Prieto, Chairman; Ray Mora, Co-Chairman.

STATE TRUSTEE PRIETO: Ed Guffey.


STATE TRUSTEE PRIETO: Good morning, Past State Presidents, Grand Representatives, current State Officers and, most importantly, good morning to you, Brothers here in attendance at this conference. I hope you're enjoying yourselves. I want to thank President Vic for the appointment.

The Jimmy Durante Children's Fund carries a very special place in my heart. I've got a really, really soft spot for children. So it really, really did mean a lot. I thank you.

We had a great year, Brothers, and we'll go ahead and start with the parade of checks.

Jimmy Durante Children's Fund Parade of Checks, by Chairman Robert Prieto, State Trustee, San Jose #8. See Appendix C.

STATE TRUSTEE PRIETO: Brothers, we had a great year. And by the way, fantastic job. Just so you know, when Vic asked me to be Chairman for Jimmy Durante last year, I told him that I was setting a goal for us to raise $50,000 for this year. We all worked really, really hard. I think we got close. I'm not sure whether or not we got it, but we're close. Total for the year for Jimmy Durante: $47,551.75. Excellent.

I move that we accept this report.

BROTHER FECI: Paul Feci, Past President San Jose, I second that motion.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: All in favor of accepting Robert's report? All opposed? Motion carried. Thank you, Robert. That was my state chair this year.

Okay. Next up we got parade of checks for the Robert Hanson Diabetes Fund. Haven't seen Mike Hogan. It's unusual not to see him at the convention. I hope he's doing okay. But we have Ed Mote, Co-Chairman,
coming up. And Robert, would you accept the checks down below?

BROTHER MOTE: Good morning, Brothers. I'd like to point out that Mike Hogan has diabetes, and I hope that's not one of his problems for not being here. Also, Rodger Lawson, who most of you know, had a heart attack. He has diabetes. So do I. Thirty million people in the United States have diabetes. That's a big, big number. So anyway, go ahead with the parade of checks. Thank you.

Robert Hansen Diabetes Fund Parade of Checks, by Co-Chairman Ed Mote, Riverside Aerie #997. See Appendix D.

BROTHER MOTE: Wait for the total. Brothers, thank you for your generosity. We'll wait for the total here. $5,052.75. Thank you. Great job.

Make a motion to accept these donations.

BROTHER GIBSON: Larry Gibson, Orville #196, second it.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: We have a motion on the floor and a second to accept the report. All in favor? All opposed? Motion carried. Thank you, Ed.

Next we have a partial report of Credentials Committee, Brother Bob Miller.

BROTHER MILLER: Good morning, Grand Reps, Mike, Worthy State State Officers, Past State Officers, my Brothers and Sisters. Good to see you again. Because at my age, it's good to see anybody, that's for sure.

Okay. Grand Reps, so far one Grand Rep; seven Visitors; 141 Delegate credentials, for a total of 149 warm bodies. 98 of those we did yesterday. So by opening most of the day on Wednesday, it helps alleviate some of the strain on Thursday morning before the meeting. We have 149 Delegates. Last year at the total convention, we had 135. So that means we've got some new people here this year. Keep coming. We like to have you here.

Delegate votes, so far we have 129; Past Worthy Presidents, 83; eight Ten Year Secretaries; 13 State Aerie Officers; nine Past State President votes, for a total voting strength of 242 right now. Last year we had a total of 305 for the whole convention.

So we apologize for any inconvenience at the desk. We're trying to work as hard as we can. Not as fast as we can, just as hard as we can. We don't want it to turn into a job. We have fun doing what we're doing. Thank you for coming.

I move for the adoption of this partial report.

And thank you, Brother Vic, for appointing me. I appreciate it.
STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Thank you, Brother.

BROTHER MILLER: I move for the adoption of this report, partial report.

BROTHER GIBSON: Larry Gibson, Oroville #196, second it.

BROTHER MILLER: All in favor?

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: All in favor of Bob's motion? All opposed? Motion carried.

Next we have in line the D.D. "Doc" Dunlap Kidney fund. Haven't seen Mike Carlson, I don't believe. I don't think he's here. And Anthony Williams, I seen him earlier this morning, but I don't see him now. So Gibby, would you like to come up here and collect that, and Charlie Chase will take the checks. Line up, Brothers, Doc Dunlap Kidney fund.

D.D. "Doc" Dunlap Kidney Fund Parade of Checks, by Larry Gibson, Oroville #196. See Appendix E.

BROTHER GIBSON: $2,285.

I move for the adoption of this report.

BROTHER FECI: Paul Feci, San Jose. I second that motion.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Thank you, Larry. Thank you, Charlie.

Motion on the floor to accept the report. All in favor? All opposed? Motion carried.

Next we have Greg Colburn will do the Internet report.

PAST STATE PRESIDENT COLBURN: Thank you, State President Vic.

Again, Grand Reps, Delegates. I notice it's only 11:30. This is always the last report before nominations, and it's either a little longer or rushed so that we can get to that time, so we did save a great amount of time today. It worked well today.

The Internet. The gentleman standing there, Anthony Askew, is our Internet Chairman for foe.com. Does all the work. I'm the mouthpiece. But I think Anthony needs a big hand, a round of applause.

Applause.

PAST STATE PRESIDENT COLBURN: I'm proud to say that at foe.com we are the leaders, with over 70 percent of our Aeries and Districts represented. By far, our numbers are miles ahead of any other state or providence, and that's due to the hard work by Anthony.
To speed things up, we now have a link that links everything from the California State page. It will list all of the Aeries in alphabetical order. Anthony set that up so you can speed around from one Aerie to the next Aerie without having to type stuff. The information goes to every single website.

One thing Anthony needs, it will help all of you with your newsletters. Either send it to him as PDF files or send it to him in the mail and he will scan it.

For those of you that aren't e-mailing out your newsletters and are still doing all of them by snail mail, you're getting it out there late and you're spending a lot of unneeded money. I can tell you in San Jose, we used to print over 500 newsletters a month. Because we've reduced to people getting it by e-mail, we now only print about 70. So you can imagine the cost going from 500 down to 70, the cost of printing them, the time of folding them, stamping them, addressing them and the postage. We're saving a great deal of money by using the Internet for our newsletters. So please do that. Please get the information to Anthony; he'll put it on the website for you. And, as always, our websites are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. And again, Anthony, great job.

I make a motion that this report be accepted.

STATE VICE PRESIDENT ACKERS: Peter Ackers, Folsom Aerie #929. State Worthy President, I second the motion.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Got a motion on the floor and a second to accept Greg's report. Under the question?

STATE SECRETARY DUNHAM: Brothers, I'm not questioning the motion or even the report. I'm just standing up here to reaffirm what Brother Greg Colburn has said. As your State Secretary and a person that utilizes, as much as I possibly can, our Internet, I want to personally thank Brother Anthony for helping us keep that website, keep as much of the information on there current, making it look like it's active. Sometimes you go to a website and you find out that it's been months or years since it's been touched. It's one of the finest things that he does for us. He makes it look like we're always there. And I can just tell each and every one of you out there that if you wanted the June newsletter, it's there. If you wanted any information about the State Convention, it's there. If you want a copy of the state By-Laws, it's there. If you want anything, whether it's forms for Hall of Fame, for Eagle of the Year, if you wanted to know when our next Grand Convention is, it's there. And I have to tip my hat and thank him, because for the times I'm two days' late and I give it to him, he makes me look like I'm on time. So, Anthony, thank you very much.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: All in favor of the motion? All opposed? Motion carried.
Worthy Conductor, will you close the Bible, please.

Hold on just one minute, Tom.

STATE SECRETARY DUNHAM: Brothers, we just came to an end so quickly there. We were talking, a few of us, we have a couple of meetings that we need to take care of possibly this afternoon, and I'm just wondering, Hall of Fame Committee, the Brothers that are on that committee, Brother Richard Gutierrez is the Chairman, and we have Brother Ed Millard, Brother Ed Guffey and Brother Don Shaffer. If you Brothers would like, maybe we could meet following this session and we can get that taken care of.

Also, I'm part of the Budget and Finance Committee, Brother Dennis McKiernan, Brother Frenchy DeVille and Brother Peter Ackers, we're all part of that committee. I don't know what your schedule is, Brother Peter, for this afternoon. I know you are probably going to -- are we going to practice something later on?

STATE VICE PRESIDENT ACKERS: Three o'clock is practice.

STATE SECRETARY DUNHAM: Three o'clock is practice. But anyway, those were the two things I wanted to bring up. I don't know if anybody else has something else.

PAST STATE PRESIDENT DeVILLE: What time are you going to meet?

STATE SECRETARY DUNHAM: Well, Budget and Finance, you want to meet, say, an hour and a half after this session, give us one o'clock.

PAST STATE PRESIDENT DeVILLE: Good. One o'clock.

STATE SECRETARY DUNHAM: Room 930. Right after the session.

STATE TRUSTEE GUFFEY: Right here?

STATE SECRETARY DUNHAM: No. 930. Room 930 for the Hall of Fame following this session.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Peter?

STATE VICE PRESIDENT ACKERS: State Worthy President Vic, if I'm not mistaken, we have a birthday boy in the room today. And it would be really nice if we could recognize him during our session for his birthday. Tim Weber. If we could all serenade our Brother with a Happy Birthday song.

"Happy Birthday" sang.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: My Brothers, like Frenchy said earlier, practice for Memorial at 3:00, and don't forget tomorrow's session is at 8:30 instead of 9:00, just so you all are here.

Worthy Conductor, will you close the Bible, please.

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Oh, Contingency fund. Speak up, Larry.

STATE CHAPLAIN STEKETEE: The winner for the beautiful Eagle here.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Listen up, Brothers.

STATE CHAPLAIN STEKETEE: It only has a little rubber stamp, it says "A. Askew."

BROTHER ASKEW: Yay!

STATE CHAPLAIN STEKETEE: What should we ask you? Thank you, Brothers.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: And as I understand it, the rest of those tickets will all go into the drawing for the banquet.

Announcements.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: That concludes today's session, and everyone have a good time. See you in the morning.

Bible closed.

At 11:40 a.m., the proceedings were recessed until Friday, June 29, 2012, at 8:30 a.m.
The Second Session of the 109th Annual California State Aerie Convention convened at 8:30 a.m., at the Bakersfield, Marriott Hotel, Bakersfield, California, Friday, June 29, 2012.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Inside Guard, ask all Members to come into the meeting room, the meeting's about to start.

State Conductor, please open the Bible.

Bible opened.

STATE INSIDE GUARD WEBER: Worthy State President, your order has been followed.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Thank you.

I want to welcome you this morning to the second session of the California Fraternal Order of Eagles Convention here in Bakersfield.

We'll start with the roll call, with Devere Dunham, State Secretary.

Roll Call of State Officers, Past State Presidents and Grand Aerie Officers, by State Secretary Devere Dunham, San Pablo Aerie #3028. See Appendix A.

STATE SECRETARY DUNHAM: Roll's been called, State President.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Thank you, Brother Devere.

We'll bring in Frenchy DeVille for Admission to New Members. All rise.

Admission of New Members to the California State Aerie, by Past State President Butler "Frenchy" DeVille, Riverside Aerie #997.

State President raps gavel.

PAST STATE PRESIDENT DeVILLE: Please be seated.

WESTERN REGIONAL PRESIDENT LAVENDER: Please be seated.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: I'll bring this up one more time, Brothers. As I said, somebody that came in through the door mistakenly, when they gave their admission tickets to the Inside Guard, he gave the
dinner ticket instead. So go by table, search. If you can't find who it is, we'll give them back to Fred and maybe he can track it down.

PAST STATE PRESIDENT COLBURN: State President?

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Would you move that back to where it's supposed to be, please.

PAST STATE PRESIDENT COLBURN: State President Vic, Greg Colburn, San Jose Aerie #8, Past State President. Our Ritual tells us that when you do something wrong to a man, there's an opportunity to make amends. Well, I feel all of my Brothers have kind of let you down. You know, they tell us when we're Past State Presidents and we're proposing someone or mentoring one of our State Officers, it's our job to take care of them. And before this convention, I asked Brother Robert Prieto, I said, "Now, for Thursday, do you have your white jacket and your bow tie for sessions?" "Check." I said, "Do you have your black tux for Memorial?" "Check." Now, even though I did it myself, it never occurred to me that I should remind him never to wear his regalia into the hallway. So at this point, State President Vic, I'd like to donate $5 to your charity.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Very good. Keep up the good work.

STATE CHAPLAIN STEKETEE: Five-minute rebuttal.

STATE TRUSTEE PRIETO: State President Vic. I'm very humbled here before you right now. Yes, I did walk out with my regalia. I also will make a $5 donation; however, I do have to say one thing. There was only one person who actually saw me walk out with that regalia on, and he happened to -- I don't know, what do you guys think about a snitch? Don't you think a snitch should also pay? Right, Brother Steve Smith, since he's the only one that saw me.

UNIDENTIFIED BROTHER: A snitch should pay double.

STATE TRUSTEE PRIETO: I'd also like to make a $5 donation.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Okay. Brothers, if we could line up for the parade of checks for the Max Baer Heart Fund. Dave Dahl, Chairman. He's not here. We have Joe. Okay. Jess, you'll accept the checks. Joe, you'll come up.

Max Baer Heart Fund Parade of Checks, by Co-Chairman Joe Trau, Richmond Aerie #354. See Appendix F.

BROTHER TRAU: Are there any other donations? Thank you, everyone, for all of your hard work and all of the donations. Grand total, $7,667.62. Thank you, everyone.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Thank you, Joe.

BROTHER GIBSON: Brother Vic, can you repeat the total?
STATE TREASURER McKIERNAN: $7,667.62.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Get it?

BROTHER GIBSON: Thank you.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Next we have the parade of checks, Diabetes Research Center, with Greg Colburn. Tom Holman, could you take the checks, please.

PAST STATE PRESIDENT COLBURN: Thank you for this appointment, State President Vic.

State President, Grand Reps, my Brothers, good day. As we all know, the Diabetes Research Center is our major undertaking right now that's going to be a cornerstone of the Eagles, as far as our charitable works. And we need to raise more and more money to do this. We have managed to make our $5 million payments, but we have diverted other charity funds, we've taken from all that we have, and we need everyone here to go home and to make sure that you make your $5-per-member quota.

When we were at Grand Convention, it was unanimous that we do this. And we all stood up and we all made the easy comment that all it is is $5, or one beer, a year. And every single person in that room got it. And I'll tell you, I believe every single person in this room gets it, because we are the leaders and we give and we give and we give and we give. The problem is is that standing behind each and every one of us is 50 or 100 members at home, and they are the ones that are not getting it.

Brother Darrell Rall saw the problem. Heroically, he tried to do something about it. I can remember at convention when we talked about this research center, Jerry Sullivan stood up from Virginia, and his comment was, "There's no shame in failing; the shame is in not trying." And we're trying our best, and we need to do better. Darrell stepped up to the plate; unfortunately, it didn't work out. But he tried. And we need all of you to go home and try.

So I want all of you to take out your pen right now, and I want you to write down this number: 20222. That's the number to text a $10 donation to the DRC. That goes directly to DRC. It's not for the Iron Eagle in any way. You have to text "DRC Ride" in the memo or whatever it is. I did mine the other day, but I'm going to do it again today. So, Brothers, I ask all of you that can, you don't got to pay today, it's going to come on your cell phone bill, but text "DRC Ride" to 20222, and make your $10 donation, and let's see what we can do to help finish the job that we started. Because I believe the Eagles do not fail. We may take longer than we originally thought, but we will get the job done. Brother Tom.

Diabetes Research Center Parade of Checks, by Chairman Greg Colburn, Past State President, San Jose Aerie #8. See Appendix G.

PAST STATE PRESIDENT COLBURN: Additionally, San Jose, we do our
donations jointly, rounded up a little bit to make sure that our Aerie and our Auxilliary both met the $5 challenge. $1500 already submitted for DRC, and also $200 submitted specifically for Darrell's ride, for a total of $1700.

Okay. Thank you, my Brothers. One of the most common questions that I know people say is, "Why can't we take this five-year payment and stretch it out over 10 years?" The situation is the $25 million that we give is going to go into some endowment, along with Iowa is matching it, the University of Iowa. And that $50 million is going to give the start-up money, but the interest income from that endowment is what is going to fund it. And if we don't put the money in in the five years, then obviously it's not there, it's not going to create interest. So somehow, some way we need to get to the $5 million mark, we, as an organization, and spread it out over a few years that's another thing, but we do need to make the $25 million in five years.

So thank you very much. Keep Darrell in your prayers. That text number again is 20222, "DRC Ride." Total is $13,669.33.

I make a motion that this parade of checks and report is accepted.

BROTHER FECI: Paul Feci, San Jose #8. I second that motion.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Got a motion on the floor and a second. Under the question? All in favor? All opposed? Motion carried. Thanks, Greg.

Next on the agenda, we got Finance and Budget Committee, Chairman Dennis McKiernan, State Treasurer.

We also have another birthday boy in the house, Robert Kline, by the way.

STATE TREASURER McKIERNAN: Thank you, Brother Vic, for the appointment. Good morning, my Brothers.

I'd like to thank the Committee: Butler DeVille, Peter Ackers, Devere Dunham, and myself and Darrell, but Darrell was unable to be here with us this year. That consists of your Budget and Finance Committee.

We met yesterday. Brothers, remember a few years back when I was telling you that by raising our Per Capita Tax, that we were just getting by before, if not just sinking a little, then a little above, and this Per Capita Tax raise that we've gotten over the past couple of years has started to see the light and our budget is reflecting that. We were in the black again last year and projected to be in the black again this year.

I'm going to read you just some projections of our funds and then tell you where we stand. On our State Aerie Fund -- I'm not going to break these down, that will just bore you to tears, but I'll just tell you the overall. The total projected receipts are $48,250. The total expenses,
$39,000 out of that fund, $39,092. So you can see we're $9,000 there to the good. Lord willing and the creek don't rise.

The Convention Fund Committee budget is $26,850. That's the projected receipts that we're taking in from this convention, it's $26,850. The projected expenses is $26,850. So that's a pretty even ball game there.

And our Membership Fund, last year that was one that we had to increase this year. We felt that we're going to have to increase. You know, the price of these awards keeps going up every year, and so we added $500 to that. Our total projected receipts into our Membership Fund is $10,200, and our projected expenses is $10,000. So there's another $200 to play with. So you can see that instead of reading you a report to where projected expenses are more than what the receipts are taking in, that that Per Capita Tax really helped.

So, therefore, I make a motion this report be accepted.

BROTHER GIBSON: Larry Gibson, Oroville #196, second the motion.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Got a motion on the floor and a second. Under the question? All in favor? All opposed? Motion carried. Thank you, Dennis. Good.

Next, let's line up for the parade of checks for the Golden Eagle Fund. Got Chairman Steve Smith, and Co-Chairman taking the checks will be George Hager.

Golden Eagle Fund Parade of Checks, by Chairman Steve Smith, State Trustee, Bayview Aerie #2323. See Appendix H.

STATE TRUSTEE SMITH: Okay. The Grand total is $2,115. State President Vic, I thankyou very much for this appointment.

And at this time I would like to make a motion to accept the report.

STATE TRUSTEE GUFFEY: Ed Guffey, Pomona #2215. I'll second the motion.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: We got a motion on the floor to accept Steve's report and a second. Under the question? All in favor? All opposed? Motion carried.

UNIDENTIFIED BROTHER: What was the total again?

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: $2,115.

Let's line up for the parade of checks for Alzheimer's Fund, Chairman Tom Albin. Taking the checks, Randy, will you take the checks?

STATE CONDUCTOR ALBIN: Good morning, Brothers. I'm not going to take too much of your time today. Thank you, Vic, for this appointment.
There's about five and a half million Americans have Alzheimer's. One in eight old Americans have it. It's the sixth leading cause of death in the U.S. The rate of this was -- in 2008, rose. It was among the top 10. The cause of death in U.S. has declined in heart disease, declined by 13 percent; breast cancer declined three percent; prostate cancer is down eight percent; strokes are down 20 percent; AIDS are down 29 percent, but Alzheimer's has raised 66 percent. So it tells us that we need some money for research. It's a devastating disease. If you get it in your family, oh, it's rough. It really is.

At this time I'll take the checks. Proceed, Randy.

Alzheimer's Fund Parade of Checks, by Chairman Tom Albin, State Conductor, Sanger Aerie #1147. See Appendix I.

STATE CONDUCTOR ALBIN: Total, $2,240. Randy, thank you very much. I make a motion that we adopt this report.

STATE TRUSTEE GUFFEY: Ed Guffey, Pomona #2215. I'll second that motion.

STATE CONDUCTOR ALBIN: Under the question.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: No, I'll take that.

We got a motion on the floor to adopt Tom's report. Under the question? All in favor? All opposed? Motion carried. Great report, Tom.

We got Tom Gardner coming up for a couple of things, Catastrophe Fund first. We have checks for that. And then right after that, discuss New Aerie business. Tom?

BROTHER GARDNER: Good morning, my Brothers, Grand Aerie Reps, State Officers, my Brothers. The Catastrophe Fund is a fund where if there is a major catastrophe for one of our Brothers, we can help out. And let's start with the parade of checks. Anybody? Anybody?

Catastrophe Fund Parade of Checks, by Chairman Tom Gardner, Livermore Aerie #609. See Appendix J.

BROTHER GARDNER: Okay. The Grand total is $1,175. I would like to make a motion that this report be accepted.

BROTHER GIBSON: Larry Gibson, Oroville #196, second the motion.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: We got a motion on the floor and a second. Under the question? All in favor? All opposed? Motion carried.

Tom Gardner, New Aerie information.
BROTHER DOUZAT: State President, Jerry Douzat, Las Vegas #1213. I want to thank all of you Brothers. We sold out the pens. We got $532.25. Thank you very much. Appreciate it.

BROTHER GARDNER: Good morning again. New Aeries. You know, Membership is the lifeline, life blood of our organization, and there's lots of areas that don't have an Aerie. I've been working hard for the last five years trying to get an Aerie put back into Tracy. It's a lot of hard work. But now the Grand Aerie will help, you know, send to city council to show what we need to do to have an Aerie and get an Aerie. If you know of an area that needs an Aerie, contact me, contact the Grand Aerie, and we can get the ball rolling.

Right now we haven't got any new Aeries. I was told last night somebody requested a package in Palm Springs. I'd like to know who it was so I can help you work with that.

I'd like to make a motion that this report be accepted.

STATE TRUSTEE GUFFEY: Ed Guffey, Pomona #2215. I'll second the motion.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Motion on the floor and a second. Under the question? All in favor? All opposed? Motion carried. Thank you, Tom.

New Aerie Chairman is kind of a job where you don't get a lot of action. We're in the process of trying to hang on to some of our Aeries that we have, as opposed to new, but every now and again, an Aerie comes to life that might be able to get something in. So keep your ears open.

Okay. If we could bring Larry Lavender up for Introduction, Western Regional President.

WESTERN REGIONAL PRESIDENT LAVENDER: Good morning, my Brothers and Grand Reps. It gives me great honor and privilege to introduce to you a man who needs no introduction. A fantastic, great guy, Brother Mike "Crown Royal" Lagervall.

Applause.

JR. PAST GRAND WORTHY PRESIDENT LAGERVALL: Thank you. Thank you, my Brothers. Good morning.

UNIDENTIFIED BROTHERS (Collectively): Good morning.

JR. PAST GRAND WORTHY PRESIDENT LAGERVALL: I'd like to know who that guy was that slipped me that mickey last night, because I know I couldn't have done it on my own.

UNIDENTIFIED BROTHER: Larry Lavender.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Larry Lavender.
JR. PAST GRAND WORTHY PRESIDENT LAGERVALL: I don't doubt that a bit.

My Brothers, I bring you greetings from the Grand Aerie, and I have good news and bad news. And the bad news is what happened to Darrell. And all of us are in his -- keep him in your prayers. And I guess he went through surgery okay yesterday and came out of that. Spent a lot of hours in surgery. I know I talked to Jerry Sullivan, he said he went in at 1:30 and at 9:30 he was still in surgery, and he got a phone call at 3:30 in the morning, they said that he came through everything okay. So it was a long, long surgery to patch him up.

The Grand Aerie is trying to capitalize on that on the DRC. As a matter of fact, there's a ride from around Michigan that's going to be coming in. They're going to start at an Aerie 30 miles away and work their way down and be on the platform where Darrell should be at 5:00 on Sunday afternoon. So they're planning a charity run. They're going to bring in one of the guys that Darrell was going to bring in in the last mile, has diabetes, and he was going to ride on the back of that motorcycle. And one of the guys from the motorcycle group is going to pick him up and bring him in just as being Darrell. So we're trying to capitalize on it.

You know, Darrell's job traveling around was, you know, for donations, and like Greg Colburn said a little while ago, the text number 20222 was on there, and they weren't really coming in that great.

As a matter of fact, the first few days they only brought in just a couple of hundred dollars, so people weren't doing it. But like you did here, the checks that are coming in at the conventions and the donations that are being pledged over the foe.com, that's what's making this ride a success. So if you could put on maybe one more function before the Grand Aerie Convention, I know it's a week away, but every penny, every penny counts towards that million dollars. Well, umpteen million dollars that he was going to try and bring in, and it just didn't quite make it.

You know, I think if it would have gone another five or six days, five or six thousand more miles, I think that the monies that would have came in would have been tremendous. But that didn't happen. That didn't happen.

Unfortunately, there was a guy out of Santa Fe, and I'm sure you probably heard about it, that was trying to make the run three days before Darrell did, and he was the Past State President from New Mexico. And, unfortunately, he pulled off the side of the road and a car hit him. And you might say a prayer for him, as well. They had to amputate his leg. He's on a dialysis machine; it knocked his kidneys out, and he's not doing very good at all. But just as luck will have it, he wasn't even riding a motorcycle, just parked along the side of the road trying to get directions, and a guy came around and didn't see him and hit him. So a lot of sad news.

But we do have some good news, and I'll tell you, I added up the
figures that you guys have donated so far, and you've still got a couple, you got the City of Hope and you've got a couple of others that you have a parade of checks for. $90,000. $90,000 is what you guys brought in. You know, that's what we do best. We dig. Like that loud mouth that just left here a minute ago, every time he comes in here, it's $5. It ain't a dollar, it's $5, $5. Anyone give him $5, get him the hell away from us. True story. But, you know, even though it was our last buck, we would still donate to it. Is he still in the room? That's good. That's good. That's good.

Anyhow, my Brothers, I really would like to congratulate you, congratulate Vic on the fine manner that you run your meetings. Sincerely. You know, I've gone to a number of conventions, and they're a hit and a miss. I mean, it's nothing like you guys are doing it here. You go down, you do it right, you do it with dignity, respect, and that's what it's all about. So my congratulations goes out to you on everything that you're doing.

I hope to see an awful lot of you at the Grand Aerie Convention this year. It's working out to be one of the biggest conventions we've ever had. We've sold out at the Convention Center, itself, so now it's across the street or down across the good-sized bridge to get to the other hotel. But it's turned out to be a great convention. We're looking forward to having a great convention.

So anyway, I just want to say that it's great to be here with you guys. Keep up the good work. I love each and every one of you. I've been here many, many times, and I look forward, after I'm done being chairman of the board, I'm looking forward to coming down and visiting with you Brothers again in the future. It's great to be with you guys. Thank you for everything that you do. Thank you for what you've done already, and God bless America, and God bless Darrell. Let's get him through this thing. Thank you, Brothers.

Applause.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: On behalf of the State of California, Mike, we appreciate you being here, and we enjoy having your company any time.

JR. PAST GRAND WORTHY PRESIDENTLAGERVALL: Great Crown, too.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Oh, I have a note. Brothers, we have other visitors here yesterday. We mentioned some of the ones from the State of Nevada. We also have Arizona and Washington State. Please stand. Candidate for Grand Office, as well. Good to have you here.

Next in line, our Resolutions Committee, Chairman Dennis McKiernan, State Treasurer.

STATE TREASURER McKIERNAN: Good morning again, my Brothers. This is the last time you'll see me up here anyway today, I think. Yesterday I gave you the resolutions for the State Officers, and we took care of the
resolutions and the nominations. This morning I'd just like to briefly go over with you that we've received 17 other resolutions throughout the jurisdiction for Grand Worthy Office. And if you'd like, I'll read you the names and what state they're from, if that's what your wish is. Well, I'll do it. Wisconsin State, Dave Tice for Grand Aerie Office. It just goes on, Brothers.

My point is that what I'd like to do is I'd like to make a motion that the Delegates that California sends to the Grand Convention, that we leave it up to the Delegates to select who we're going to support. You know, with Mike's help and with the people that we -- the Past State Presidents that are sent and let that Delegation -- 'cuz they're the ones that's actually gonna be casting the vote.

Oh, yeah, I guess maybe -- who do we have? Oh, from Arizona State -- yeah, I want to recognize the people that are here. That would be nice, huh, Brian? Okay. Brian Rogers from the great state of Arizona is running again for Grand Office. And from Washington State, John Knowlden, Knowlden. Mike, you're not running anymore, right?

JR. PAST GRAND WORTHY PRESIDENT LAGERVALL: No. No. I'm done.

STATE TREASURER McKIERNAN: But anyway, I'd like to put in a motion that we have our Delegates support the candidates and vote for California at the convention.

STATE TRUSTEE ACKERS: Worthy State President, Peter W. Ackers, Folsom #939, seconds the motion.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: I have a motion on the floor and a second. Under the question? All in favor? All opposed? Motion carried. Good luck, my Brothers John and Brian.

STATE TREASURER McKIERNAN: I have one more proposal that was given to me this morning -- or given to the board this morning, and I'll read it. It's submitted by the Past State Presidents. I will read it as submitted and signed by all of the Past State Presidents in the room today.

"The resolution of Past State Presidents of the California State Aerie; Whereas, Past State Presidents of California, a group of recognized servants to the California State Aerie and the Fraternal Order of Eagles; Whereas, the Past State Presidents recognizes that Brother Robert Vodicka has served the California State Aerie and the Fraternal Order of Eagles for many years; Therefore, let it be known that the Past State Presidents of the State of California Aerie agree that Brother Robert Vodicka be given the title of 'Honorary Past State President' of the California State Aerie and shall receive all privileges therefore."

PAST STATE PRESIDENT DeVILLE: Hey, Rob.

Applause.
STATE LEGAL ADVISOR VODICKA: I haven't discussed whether it's legal or not, but I'll accept. Thank you very much. I'm really pleased and surprised.

STATE TREASURER McKIERNAN: Well, with that, my Brothers, I make a motion that we accept the final report of the Resolutions Committee for this year. And, again, thank you, Brother Vic.

STATE TRUSTEE GUFFEY: Ed Guffey, Pomona #2215, I'll second that motion.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Got a motion on the floor and a second to accept Dennis's report. Under the question? All in favor? All opposed? Motion carried.

Next we have on the agenda Devere Dunham comment as far as our Delegates to Grand Convention.

STATE SECRETARY DUNHAM: Brothers, yesterday, you know -- and when you start something new, of course some things get overlooked and passed and bypassed -- in our election, when we talk about election for officers, we should have had a nomination for Delegate and alternate to the Grand Aerie Convention this coming year. It's right on our voting slips and such. And typically somebody gets up and nominates our State President, in this case Brother Vic DeVries, for Delegate to the Grand Aerie Convention, and then once that nomination is done and approved, then we nominate an alternate. And I think that we need to do that. We're a week away from our Grand Aerie Convention, and we need to give Brother Vic that entitlement. And then if anything should happen, then somebody back at the Grand Aerie needs to be our alternate.

So at this time I would like to nominate our State President Vic DeVries as our Delegate to the upcoming Grand Aerie Convention.

STATE TRUSTEE GUFFEY: Ed Guffey, Pomona #2215, I proudly second that motion.

STATE SECRETARY DUNHAM: And I don't know if we need seconds. I don't know what the -- we don't need seconds on nominations. I guess if there was any other nominations, that would be what would be in order, right, to ask if there's any other nominations for that decision, and if there is none, then that nomination is closed.

Now we also need to nominate an alternate to the Grand Aerie Convention. As your State Secretary and knowing who is attending and who would be capable and able to do this, our State Treasurer Dennis McKiernan is attending the convention in Grand Rapids, and at this time I would like to nominate Past State President/State Treasurer Dennis McKiernan as the alternate Delegate to the Grand Aerie Convention in Grand Rapids should our State Worthy President not be able to attend. And I guess are there any other nominations?
STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Brother Dennis, do you accept?

STATE TREASURER McKIERNAN: Yes, with honor.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Are there any other nominations? Any other nominations? Any other nominations? Nomination's closed. Thank you.

STATE SECRETARY DUNHAM: So now we don't need to have --

STATE TREASURER McKIERNAN: My Brothers, I already have a $300 free United ticket. It cost $300 for a free ticket.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Moving right along, item number 12 on the agenda, Judiciary and By-Laws Committee. A little change, instead of Glenn Jones, we'll have Larry Gibson.

BROTHER GIBSON: Good morning, Grand Reps, State Officers, Past and Present, my Brothers. We are going to lose the mic again. There we go. This is the second reading of our proposals for the changes in the By-Laws.

First of all, I'd like to thank Vic for selecting me as one of the members of the By-Laws Committee, and the Committee consists of Glenn Jones, Chairman, Charlie Chase, Co-Chairman, Les Kolb, Steve Vieira and State Treasurer Dennis McKiernan.

There should be a copy of this on your table for everybody to follow along.

Proposed change:

Section 2.1. The California State Aerie shall be comprised of those legally and registered attending members that are in good standing in their local Aeries as outlined in Sections 2.1.1 through 2.1.5.

Section 2.1.1. Past Worthy Presidents, Ten Year Secretaries and appointed Delegates from local Aeries.

Section 2.1.2. All serving officers of the State Aerie.

Section 2.1.3. Past California State Presidents.

Section 2.1.4. Accredited representatives commissioned by the Grand Aerie.

Section 2.1.5. Other qualified Grand Aerie Officers, state and provincial representatives.

The purpose of the change: Format change makes criteria easier to follow.

Section 2.1.5 addresses the fact that as Section 2.1 is currently worded, it does not allow for other Grand Aerie Officers, State Representatives or Provincial Representatives that are otherwise qualified
to attend, unless they are commissioned by the Grand Aerie.

Section 2.2. Each local Aerie in California holding a Charter from the Grand Aerie shall become a member of the State Aerie and shall pay such Per Capita Tax, assessments and charges and file such reports as hereinafter provided.

Section 2.2.1. Any local Aerie in the State Aerie jurisdiction which is delinquent in the payment of Grand Aerie Per Capita Tax or any State Aerie Per Capita Tax, assessment or charge, shall not be entitled to send Delegates or be represented in the State Aerie.

The purpose of the change: Section 2.2.1 and the last sentence of 2.2 have overlapping goals. Changing the wording slightly and merging the last sentence of Section 2.2 with Section 2.2.1 combines the intent of both sections.

Section 5.3, proposed change: A Trustee, after serving two years, may, after dropping out for two (2) years, be re-elected Trustee for an additional two (2) years.

Section 5.4. With the exception of Secretary or Treasurer, no Member of a local Aerie shall be eligible to be elected to any State Office when another member of his local Aerie holds any elective State Aerie Office.

The purpose of the change: The last sentence of 5.3 is covered under Section 5.4 and, therefore, should be deleted. The wording in Section 5.4 is changed to make it easier to understand.

And moving right along. Section 7.15. Establishment of a "Hall of Fame" for those living and deceased members of the local California Aeries who have shown exceptional devotion and dedication to the ideals of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

A selection committee shall consist of the serving Junior Past State President, the State Aerie Secretary, and three at large members appointed by the State President. The serving Junior Past State President shall act as Chairman and the three appointees shall consist of one (1) each member from the North, Central and South portions of the state.

Each Aerie so desiring would file an application with the State Secretary, postmarked by June 1st. Applications must contain all facts vital and necessary to ensure satisfactory investigation by the committee. The application must also contain a 5"X7" picture of the nominee.

7.15.3. A selection committee may also consider any member from the local Aerie within the guidelines of Section 7.15.4.

7.15.4. The selection committee shall be authorized to select a maximum of four nominees per year with no more than two deceased, nor more than one (1) Past or Present State Officer. This program shall be cost free to the State Aerie except for the cost of plaques presented to the
The purpose of the change: Formatting change makes for easier readability. Since there are by far more members that have not been in State Office than those that have, limiting the number of Past or Present State Officers to one (1) allows for a more equitable consideration of all deserving members.

And this was the second reading, and tomorrow Brother Charlie Chase will read the final reading. We don't need a motion, right? This is a partial report, so we don't need a motion. Oh, we do?

Okay. I make a motion that the partial report be approved.

STATE TRUSTEE GUFFEY: Ed Guffey, Pomona #2215, I'll second the motion.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Motion on the floor and a second to accept Larry's partial report of the By-Laws. Under the question?

PAST STATE PRESIDENT COLBURN: Greg Colburn, San Jose Aerie #8, Past State President. I'm looking at what we've been given here, and on the first page we have one, two, three, four, five, six different sections listed and it doesn't anywhere say what the current wording is. Any By-Laws I've ever seen lists what the current wording is compared to what the new wording is so we can compare what we're changing. So would we have papers tomorrow that show what the changes are, not just what the proposed change is?

BROTHER GIBSON: I believe along with these changes on the table, we put the current By-Laws.

UNIDENTIFIED BROTHERS (Collectively): No.

PAST STATE PRESIDENT COLBURN: But I've never seen anywhere where we have to go hunt through the By-Laws to figure out what you're changing. A By-Laws change says what it currently says and what you're changing it to and what the reason is, and not lumping five different sections on one page. I'm not complaining about the five on the page, but what I would like to see, so that we all know exactly what we're changing, that this be written as every other By-Laws change I've ever seen.

BROTHER GIBSON: Thank you, Greg.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: So what's your solution, Larry? Are you going to have a copy of the By-Laws that you're changing here tomorrow?

BROTHER GIBSON: By-Laws Committee will meet real quick at break and we'll decide what we're going to do here.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Very good. We got a motion on the floor to accept this partial report and a second; also, including the change that
he's going to be making. All in favor? All opposed? Motion carried.

My Brothers, we have been waiting. I was informed by our State Outside Guard that we have City of Hope representatives here that would like to come in and speak with us for a moment, and right after that, we'll take a break. Oh, yeah, our parade of checks. Okay. I'd like to ask State Conductor to escort them in, please. Close the Bible on the way past.

Bible closed.

City of Hope representative enters the ballroom.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Welcome.

CITY OF HOPE REPRESENTATIVE: Hi, how are you.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: I'm fine. Thank you for being here.

CITY OF HOPE REPRESENTATIVE: Thank you for having me. I have a few words I'd like to say. Mostly, I'd like to thank you all very, very much for your support for City of Hope over the years. Your support has enabled tremendous growth and advances in research and treatment for cancer, diabetes, HIV/AIDS and many other life-threatening illnesses. So your support for City of Hope has helped millions of people worldwide who have benefitted from our research and treatment, as well as our education programs.

We'll be celebrating our 100th anniversary this coming year. And I don't know if Mr. Hicks is in the audience. Fred, are you here? But he and his wife, or the lovely Sister Jan -- there he is. Hello Fred -- are chairing our Centennial Eagles Tribute Day celebration, and we have a wonderful day planned for you. So we hope that you will all come out and join us. And if you've never been to the City of Hope, it really is, I'd say, an eye-opening experience.

We've grown from the original 10 acres of land where we started as a tuberculosis sanitorium to over 120 acres of a world class research facility.

Just to give you an idea very quickly of what your support enables, and I know you have a very packed agenda today, City of Hope really sets itself apart, I think, from other cancer centers. We were designated as a comprehensive cancer center in 1998. And what really sets us apart is our self-contained ability to bring ideas very quickly from the basic science laboratory into clinical treatment for our patients and for patients around the world. We collaborate with over 181 institutions around the world in bringing research as quickly as possible into productive treatments that benefit everyone.

So in 2001, with the support of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, we built a clean manufacturing facility on our campus. And what that allows us to do is basically cut out the middleman. Essentially, when research
reaches the point where it needs to be developed into human grade therapies for use in clinical trials, it's necessary to step outside the institution and go to a pharmaceutical company or a biomedical or bioengineering company to have those therapies developed. And oftentimes, you know, pharmaceutical companies are all about the profit. So if they don't feel that the idea is going to generate enough revenue for them over the long term, they simply won't buy into it. So what City of Hope decided to do was to jump over that hurdle and create their own manufacturing facility. So we just this past year brought on line our second clean manufacturing facility so we can produce even more therapies faster, in some cases as few as three years, from basic science research into clinical trials, which cuts down dramatically the amount of time it takes to get a therapy that's beneficial to our patients.

Over the past 10 years there's been tremendous growth. We opened the Helford Clinical Hospital in 2007. We opened the Michael Amini Transfusion Medical Center that's brought together all of our blood transfusion, stem cell transfusion, all of our donor programs under one roof in 2009. In 2010, we opened the Beckman Research Institute. And in 2011, we opened the expansion of the Gonda Research Institute. And the Gonda focuses on diabetes research. And I know your support for the development of the Diabetes Research Center at Iowa has been outstanding. City of Hope really supports that because our research in diabetes goes back to 1949, which is when we really sort of turned the corner into becoming this world class research organization focusing on cancer and diabetes.

1968, one of our researchers discovered the molecular basis of insulin, what insulin does really in the body. 1978, our researchers isolated and engineered from bacteria a Humulin, which is the widest used insulin in the world today.

Fast forward to today, our researchers are working on a cure for stage one diabetes. Now, they've taken mice and given them late-stage one diabetes. And then they've injected a protein called the anti-CD3 into the mice, which basically, in type-one diabetes, I think you all know, the body's immune system starts attacking the islet cells, which are the cells in the pancreas that produce the insulin. So they've injected a protein into the mice, and it stops the T cells from attacking the islet cells, and they transfuse them with a stem cell, or a bone marrow transplant from a healthy donor, which boosts the immune system and gives them new stem cells that can develop into islet cells, and then they boost them again with growth factor, human growth factor, which causes the islet cells to multiply and multiply to the extent that now, these mice are producing their own insulin; they're creating their own islet cells, and it's effectively cured diabetes in mice. So we're hoping to fast forward that into human trials.

Another research project that, again, is moving quickly from mice into human clinical trials, the F.D.A. is now looking at it to put it into clinical trials, deals with neuroblastoma, which is a very insidious brain cancer. It's not a solid tumor cancer, like most breast or prostate
cancers, for example, so it's hard to treat, because it's diffused. The
tumor cells escape and move throughout the brain. So surgery,
chemotherapy, radiation, in addition to the caustic side-effects that they
have, they're just not very effective. And the average life span of
someone who's diagnosed with a neuroblastoma is less than three years from
diagnosis. Primarily less than a year.

So our researchers in these laboratories that we've built have
developed a way to boost your own immune system. Again, that's the whole
focus, really, of City of Hope is moving away from the harsh chemotherapy,
radiation, surgery to using your own immune system and designing therapies
that are specific to you. So they've developed a way of using nanotubes,
which are little, as you can imagine, micro, micro, microscopic capsules
that encapsulate a protein called CDP. And CDP boosts your immune system.
It makes your immune system do what it's supposed to do. The macrophages
eat the tumor cells and make the T cells to recognize the tumor cells so
that if they're introduced back into the patient, the T cells will mount
the defense again very, very quickly.

So that's what happens, for example, if you have the measles. You
get over the measles; if you come across the virus once again, you won't
get sick because your T cells will recognize it and fight it off very
quickly. So the problem in just trying to boost the immune system in
general is that it's not specific enough to the brain. So we've developed
these nanotubes, and encapsulated this protein, inject into the patient.
They go straight to the brain, and then, in that brain next to the tumor
cells, they start to work. They release this protein, and it spurs the
immune system to start killing the tumor cells. And then the great part is
that it imparts immunity so you cannot reintroduce cancer, you cannot
reintroduce neuroblastoma into these mice. So we're thrilled about the
possibility of actually developing possibly a vaccine at some point that
will impart immunity. And as I say, we're moving in now, the F.D.A. is
looking at it, to move into human clinical trials. So we're thrilled, and
we could not do any of this without your support. It means so much to the
City of Hope and to, like I say, the millions of people around the world
who really benefit from what we're doing there.

So I hope you will all join us this coming March. It's the second
weekend in March, I believe. It's the 16th of March, Saturday.

STATE SECRETARY DUNHAM: I just happen to have a calendar here.

CITY OF HOPE REPRESENTATIVE: Very good. Yes. I'm sorry, it's the
third Saturday in March, but it is the 16th of March, and celebrate our
100th anniversary and see firsthand everything that you have made possible
through your support of City of Hope. Thank you very much.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Brothers, having been to the City of Hope
on Eagle Day many, many times, every time we go, it's always something new.
They take us -- the last time we went, we went to the new surgical portion
of the hospital. It's very worthwhile going. Very interesting. And I,
for one, will keep coming back over and over.
STATE CHAPLAIN STEKETEE: You should have seen this guy in a blue jumpsuit.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: We went into the surgical part. We all had to wear our smocks and bibs and everything. So no, you don't want to see that.

STATE CHAPLAIN STEKETEE: One giant little smurf.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: They said "one size fits all." That's not true.

Anyway, Nancy, if you have a few moments, we're about ready to get into our City of Hope Parade of Checks we call it.

CITY OF HOPE REPRESENTATIVE: Absolutely.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: We'd like to have you be here.

CITY OF HOPE REPRESENTATIVE: It would be my honor.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Let's line up for our City of Hope Parade of Checks with Larry Steketee as Chairman and Richard Harder will take the checks, Co-Chairman.

STATE CHAPLAIN STEKETEE: Thank you, Brothers. Thank you very much. Thank you, Vic, for putting me as a Chairman again for the City of Hope. I enjoy it every year. I go down to see. A lot of fun.

City of Hope Parade of Checks, by Chairman Larry Steketee, State Chaplain, Santa Barbara Aerie #442. See Appendix K.

STATE CHAPLAIN STEKETEE: Brothers, thank you again very much. Again, Brother Vic, thank you very much for this appointment. And Richard, thank you. City of Hope is a great place to come and visit. Please try to come. They put on a nice little lunch and a lot of fun if you go there and learn what City of Hope is doing.

BROTHER HARDER: I'd like to concur on that. State President visits Azusa every March the night before City of Hope, so I invite you all to come out for a good dinner and a good time and the next day come over to the City of Hope and check it out. It's a great place. My mother actually has had treatments there the last few years, and they're the best. They're the absolute best. And I want to thank you.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Total we just brought in, $5,046.62.

STATE CHAPLAIN STEKETEE: At this time I'd like to make a motion we accept this report.

BROTHER FECI: Paul Feci, San Jose. I second that motion.
STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Motion and a second. Under the question? All in favor? All opposed? Motion carried.

I want to thank you, Nancy, for being here, and it's great to hear the strides that you're making. Thank you.

CITY OF HOPE REPRESENTATIVE: Thank you. Thank you so much. Thank you all so much.

City of Hope representative exits ballroom.

Bible opened.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Brothers, at this time I'd like to bring up Fred Stayrook; he'd like to say a few words, Secretary from Nevada.

NEVADA STATE SECRETARY STAYROOK: Worthy President.

BROTHER MOYA: Worthy President, Ralph Moya #4055. Could we hear that total on the City of Hope? It's a little hard to hear back in the corner.

UNIDENTIFIED BROTHER: $5,046.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: $5,046.62.

Fred Stayrook.

NEVADA STATE SECRETARY STAYROOK: Worthy State President Vic, Grand Aerie Representatives, Delegates, Members and guests of California. From the Silver State of Nevada, we extend our greetings and support for your convention.

Wanted to bring a couple of things to the acknowledgment of the Membership that we, in Nevada, the Silver State, are pleased to relate an excellent arrangement between California and Nevada. We had $15,000 of funds in the Lew Reed Spinal Cord fund in Nevada. We have no home for that money. We have searched for three years for someplace in Nevada to put it, and there's nowhere in Nevada we can spend it. So with the State of California, we made the offer to California that you have excellent facilities here in California that could use the money, and we're sitting on it, and we have had a cooperative agreement between the state, and you are using the $15,000 for the Lew Reed Spinal Cord. We are delighted and, of course, the facilities here in California are as well. We thank you for that cooperation.

The second thing I have is very wonderful and pleasant news from Nevada. At our Nevada State Convention this year, Grand Past Worthy President Jim Roberts attended representing the Grand Aerie since we had the poor fortune of scheduling our convention at the same time of the State Secretaries meeting. Larry Lavender also was there. And between the two of them, they had the honor and the privilege of presenting the Hall of
Fame selection award to Nevada's Jack Milligan to the Grand Aerie Hall of Fame.

Finally, again, it's a privilege to be here and to represent Nevada and attend your fun-filled activities. I'm not going to wear a tie. I did defer to California, I'm not wearing my hat. But we truly appreciate the fraternal community that exists between Nevada and California and look forward to a long, long, wonderful relationship between us.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Thank you.

STATE CHAPLAIN STEKETEE: Will you take Jerry back with you?

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: All right. Next on the agenda, item number 14, parade of checks for the Lew Reed Spinal Cord fund. Got Steve Vieira as Chairman, and Tom Harborn will be taking your checks.

Lew Reed Spinal Cord Fund Parade of Checks, by Chairman Steve Vieira, Morro Bay #3693. See Appendix L.

BROTHER VIEIRA: Any other checks? If not, we'll have the total. A grand total of $19,367. Thank you, my Brothers. Vic, thanks for the appointment.

I make a motion that be the final report.

BROTHER BEECH: Grant Beech, San Jose, I second that motion.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: I've got a motion on the floor and a second to accept Brother Steve's report. Under the question? All in favor? All opposed? Motion carried. Thank you, Steven.

Brothers, let's have one more parade of checks for the Memorial Foundation, and then we'll take a break right after that. Chairman David Reynolds. Accepting the checks, Bill Metz, would you accept the checks, please?

Memorial Foundation Parade of Checks, by Chairman Dave Reynolds, Bayview #2323. See Appendix M.

BROTHER REYNOLDS: Total is $1,200, even. Very good. Thank you, my Brothers, for the appointment at 8:30 this morning.

I move that you accept my report.

BROTHER GIBSON: Larry Gibson, Oroville #196, second the motion.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Got a motion on the floor to accept the report and a second. Under the question? The total was $1,200 even. Under the question? All in favor? All opposed? Motion carried.

Let's take a break, Brothers, right before we come back; we'll have
Peter's Kickoff for the Membership.

State Conductor, will you please close the Bible.

Bible closed.

Fifteen-minute break.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Inside Guard, will you ask everyone to come into the meeting room.

STATE INSIDE GUARD WEBER: Worthy State President, your order has been carried.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Thank you. Just a couple of announcements before we start.

Announcements.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Also, I have a note here that I don't know if a lot of you know. Way Out West is a program that they started to support Grand Representatives for Grand Office, and our California Chairman is Robert Baca. Can you stand, Robert. So if you have any questions or anything about that, well, be sure to ask him.

And another thing that you all should be proud, up to this time right here, in the last two days, we've raised $115,384.32.

Okay. With that being said, next thing on the agenda is Incoming State President's report and his Membership program, Brother Peter Ackers.

And Tom Albin?

Bible opened.

STATE VICE PRESIDENT ACKERS: Good morning, Grand Aerie Representatives, State Officers, Past State Presidents, and you, my Brothers. This year our theme is "Saluting Those Who Serve." I made available out there for everyone so that you could just actually see right in front of you what the awards are. On the top you'll also see what the State pin is for this year. If anybody doesn't have a copy, Paul has them available for you, just raise your hand and he'll bring you one of those so you can have that.

We have a great Membership program put together with the help of Brother Tommy Albin, our State Membership Chairman. Tom? Our official uniform this year is a hard hat. Let's put on our Membership hard hats and let's get to work for the California FOE.

We have some nice Membership awards for you this year: For one member, we have a New Member Salute pin; for three members, we have a compact leather little pocket accessory kit; for six members this year, we
have a bolo tie with a salute gun on it as well; for 10 members this year, we have a diamond dust money clip and a key ring; for 15 members, we have an eagle statue; and for 25 members, the Freedom men's polo shirt. And I believe one of our Brothers here today, Tony, is wearing that very same shirt, so you all get to see what that looks like. So very nice.

The reason I chose "Saluting Those Who Serve," many of you who may not know, I was privileged to serve in the United States Army in the 3rd U.S. Infantry for two years, and I was stationed at Ft. Myer, Virginia, and I was in the Official Ceremonial and Escort Unit to the President of the United States. And I was in the Presidential Salute Gun Battery and got to fire the ceremonial howitzer at Arlington National Cemetery, the Pentagon, Andrews Air Force Base, Arlington Cemetery and the White House. So that was my honor to actually have been able to fire those guns. So that's tied into my theme for this year.

Our goal for Membership this year is 2,450 New Members, Brothers, or let's round it up to 2,500. And I really need all of your help and support to make that. I need Alameda to get double what they did this year. Fantastic job you all did for Brother Vic, and I certainly look forward to following in his footsteps and shining as he has shown forth this year, so it's a wonderful thing to follow Brother Vic.

I want to announce our Membership Team for you at this time. We will start with your Zone Chairmen. I've already introduced our State Membership Chairman, Brother Tom Albin. Our Northern Zone Chairman, Brother Charlie Chase, the unofficial state driver. Central Zone Chairman, Brother Ed Millard from Bakersfield. Our Southern Zone Chairman is Brother Don Batts. Our Deputy State President for District 3 East, Brother Frank Busuttil. District 3 West, she's not able to be with us here today, Lisa Connelly, San Jose Aerie #8 President this year. District 6 Deputy State President Brother Scott Green. Deputy State President from District 8, Brother Dave Lopez from Woodland Aerie. Deputy State President for District 9, Brother Les Kolb. Deputy State President for District 14, Brother Sid Davis. Deputy State President for District 16, Brother Jim Batten from Sanger. Deputy State President for District 17, Brother Ray Mora. District 20 Deputy State President, Brother Jim Watson from Santa Monica. District 23 North, Brother Randy Walters. Deputy State President District 23 South, Brother Robert Kline. District 24 Deputy State President, Brother Richard Crouch.

That's our Membership Chairmen team for this year, Brothers. We'll have a very brief meeting immediately after session to get those membership awards out to you. We'll get it done as quick as possible so we don't disrupt the caucuses.

I'll announce my charity tomorrow. I'll give you just a little teaser on it. It is the centennial for the City of Hope this year. Many members of my family, my mother who just recently passed away suffered from the scourge of cancer, and this year my charity will be the City of Hope for their 100th anniversary for cancer research.
At this time I'd like to move for the adoption of this report.

BROTHER GIBSON: Larry Gibson, Oroville #196, second the motion.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: We have a motion on the floor and a second to adopt Peter's Membership report. Under the question? All in favor? All opposed? Motion carried.

STATE VICE PRESIDENT ACKERS: Thank you, Brother Vic.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Okay. Brothers, next up is the State President's report. I want to postpone that probably until tomorrow. Lois just came in and we could be pulled out at any time, so I'll bring that up tomorrow.

WESTERN REGIONAL PRESIDENT LAVENDER: I'm sorry.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: I told them I was going to appoint Larry Lavender but --

WESTERN REGIONAL PRESIDENT LAVENDER: Been there; done that.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Anyway, next on the agenda will be the California Hall of Fame Committee, Richard Gutierrez. Those stairs ain't as easy to get up.

JR. PAST STATE PRESIDENT GUTIERREZ: Thank you, Brother Vic. Good morning, my Brothers and Sisters. The Hall of Fame Committee met yesterday afternoon. The committee consists of myself, Brother Devere Dunham, Ed Millard, Ed Guffey and Don Shaffer. We, after considerable discussion and going through the candidates' applications that were submitted, we came up with the following four people who were selected for this year's Hall of Fame winners at Bakersfield.

And the names are: Rodger Lawson, Redondo Aerie #935. Robert Miracle -- and I hope I'm pronouncing that last name correct -- from Lancaster #2985, Cliff Smith, Bakersfield Aerie #93, and our deceased Brother, Joe Owens -- made a good choice there -- from Hemecinto #4055.

And that completes my report. I make an adoption to accept that report.

STATE TRUSTEE GUFFEY: Ed Guffey, Pomona #2215, I'll second the motion.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Motion on the floor and a second to accept Brother Rick Gutierrez's motion. All in favor? All opposed? Motion carried.

JR. PAST STATE PRESIDENT GUTIERREZ: And please come out to Bakersfield and help celebrate all of these new people we just selected. Thank you.
STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Next on the agenda, number 19, we have the Contingency fund report, Chairman Larry Steketee.

STATE CHAPLAIN STEKETEE: Good afternoon, Brothers. Thank you very much for allowing me to be the Chairman again for one more time.

Brothers, I know you're getting tired of this, but again, these books are very helpful to help defray some of the costs of the California State Convention. Each January, when we have our Membership Jamboree, our kick-off for the Contingency fund, after that time, we either send or hand out the tickets to all of the people that are attending the Membership Jamboree, or we mail them out to the different Aeries every year.

A lot of Aeries, over 40 percent of the Aeries, do not even return these books back to the Chairman. Forty percent of the state. That's not too good, Brothers. The ones that do send them in, I thank you very much. There's a lot of them that do send them in early. A lot of the Aeries that buy the tickets, that's fine. The members that these are offered to, it's great. They have a chance to win $2,000 all the way down to five $100 prizes.

This year we have a couple of high sellers. Alameda did a very good job on selling tickets this year. Thank you very much. And, of course, Bakersfield, they sold all of their 100 books. But again, Alameda, I thank you very much. You came in second. I know you'll do better next year. This chairman down here will do a very good job.

Again, these Brothers, if you have any of these tickets still in your pocket, still, whatever, in your room, turn them in for your Aeries as soon as possible. We still have a lot of Aeries that haven't turned them in. I'll be over at the hat check room about an hour or two after the session for at least an hour or two, so if you can, please come there. In that case, I won't do the hat check room, I'll be outside at one of the tables; they're using that for voting. So again, I'll have a table set up outside, along with the receipts and all of that, so please come on by, drop off your tickets, drop off your money, please. We need all we can get. Thank you.

Worthy President Vic, I'd like to make a motion to accept this report.

STATE TRUSTEE GUFFEY: Ed Guffey, Pomona #2215, I'll second the motion.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: We've got a motion on the floor and a second to accept the Contingency fund report. Under the question? All in favor? All opposed? Motion carried.

STATE CHAPLAIN STEKETEE: Thank you very much.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: You bet. Next up we have the Credentials partial report, Credential Committee, James Watson.
BROTHER WATSON: Thank you, Worthy President. State Officers, Brothers, Past State Presidents. This will be the partial report through Thursday. On Thursday, Grand Representatives, we have one; Visitors, 10; Delegate credentials 159, for a total credentials of 170. Delegate votes, we have 146; Past Worthy Presidents' votes, 90; Ten Year Secretary votes, eight; State Aerie Officer votes, 13; Past State Presidents' votes, nine. Total voting strength as of Thursday is $266 -- I just wanted to make sure you guys were awake. A total of 266.

With that, I'd like to make a motion that we accept the Credentials Committee report as read.

BROTHER FECI: Paul Feci, San Jose #8, second that motion.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: We have a motion on the floor to accept Jim's report for Credentials. Under the question? All in favor? All opposed? Motion carried. Thank you, Jim.

BROTHER WATSON: A couple more little, quick housekeeping items here. We do have some Delegate votes that are still out there that have not been picked up. So I'm going to read the Aerie name, their number, name and the number of votes. After session, if you stop by the Credentials table, we'll transfer those to whoever wants to accept them.

Okay. We have --

STATE TRUSTEE GUFFEY: Can I take them all?

BROTHER WATSON: Ed, is that a motion?

Okay. Bakersfield #93, we have one Delegate vote; #232 Oxnard, we have two Delegate votes; Santa Barbara #442, we have two Delegate votes; Lodi #848, we have one vote; Redondo Beach #935, we have two; Riverside #997, we have three; Sanger #1147, we have one; Bayview #2323, we have one; Coachella #2594, we have three Delegate votes; Needles #2599, we have one; Hesperia #4181, we have one.

Okay. Also, it looks like there's a little difference between the book and what we may have given you in your Delegates, so I have five cards, I need for them to see us after meeting, also verify you guys are the right Delegate votes. This would be Ken Corsburg of Oxnard; Ruben Reynaga of San Diego; Paul Harrison of Glendale/Eagle Rock; Joe Dieta, Bayview; and Raul Torres of San Pablo. If you could stop by the Credentials table after session so we can just verify that you do have the number of correct votes on your ballot.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Very good. Thank you, Jim.

Next up we have a partial report for the 2013 Convention site, State Secretary Devere Dunham.

STATE SECRETARY DUNHAM: Brothers, when we met in San Diego,
actually when we met prior to that in Sacramento, we had many discussions about centrally locating our state convention in a city like Bakersfield and finding out what we could do to keep the rates halfway affordable, have a nice place to meet that met our accommodations and needs, and this is the place in Bakersfield that we have met in the past. This is where we decided to come, of course, this year. And the deal and the prospect that we have with Bakersfield is that if the Delegation is satisfied with this facility, as far as rooms, as far as our meetings, as far as our needs, as far as our food goes, then the Delegation can make the decision whether or not we come back next year to this very same facility in 2013, and if we want to go on to 2014 and so on, we can make up our minds at that time.

And so as this is a partial report, I would like to ask the Delegation: Is everybody satisfied with what we have here?

Applause.

BROTHER FECI: They can shave the price, if they wanted to.

STATE SECRETARY DUNHAM: I have to tell you all, and I didn't want to influence the response at all, but I have to tell you all that the staff at this hotel, and I know that they are trying to get us to sign to come back in 2013 and 2014, but they have been very, very, very generous. They've worked with us in every way. We haven't had any problems in getting rooms. If somebody needed a room at the last minute, we were able to get that room. We were able to maintain our same price. I don't know how many of you or if any of you are into that with San Diego last year where if we missed our deadlines, the prices just about doubled. And that's happened before. And that's why we have cut-off dates. I'm not saying if we're staying here you guys can go all the way up to the end, I'm just telling you that they've worked with us because things happen. People cancel out. People get added in, and those types of things happen. But this hotel staff has been very, very, very nice to all of us and trying to work with us in every way they possibly can. We know by the structure, we know that nothing's going to change.

Brother Greg, I know that you've got something you want to say.

PAST STATE PRESIDENT COLBURN: Yeah, you actually addressed it. The prices of the room for someone that shows up late, I know -- I guess it was San Diego where someone would show up late and they'd say, "I'm sorry, we don't have a single room for the Eagle rate but I got the exact same room for $250."

STATE SECRETARY DUNHAM: Exactly.

PAST STATE PRESIDENT COLBURN: And that's what I would hope we would put in our contract, that even though the block is gone on June 1st, that when we get here, if a room is available, that they do get the Eagle rate.

STATE SECRETARY DUNHAM: Exactly. And that is what we do have
here. As a matter of fact, as far as our actual room block goes this year, Brothers, I can tell you that we had our room block covered. Like 640 rooms, and out of that room block, we utilized 600. And that is very, very good, because we try to keep each night maybe a couple over, and for responsibility to the hotel, we're responsible for a 70-percent pickup, so as you can see, we well, well made that 70-percent pickup. And what that means is that means that they didn't charge us to use this room, they didn't charge the ladies to use that room, and so on. They didn't charge us for other rooms that we used and utilized during the convention. And last night's Memorial Service is another one.

All of the staff that it takes to turn over a hotel and all of that stuff is all inclusive when we perform the way they hope we do and the way that those of us that are kind of behind the scenes and trying to make sure that this works. So my hats are off to all of you because it's your attendance that makes this work.

Dave?

BROTHER DUSKE: Devere, I'd just like to say -- Dave Duske, #232 -- looking at our Delegate counts tells us one thing. The other thing is I have to agree with you, the staff, the bus boys, the hotel people have been more than cordial for those of us that are setting up the hospitality rooms. And also, I just want to say this, and when we're tied into a convention like this, we have a price. And just out of question on my part, I went down and used my military ID card. Not only did they give me the price of what was guaranteed to us, but I'm paying $77 because of my military ID card. And not all hotels have to do that.

STATE SECRETARY DUNHAM: You're absolutely right. Not many do. That's nice.

And one other thing for those that are attending the banquet tomorrow night, I don't know how many of you know this, I don't even know if the Brothers from Bakersfield know this, but the chef is a member of Bakersfield Aerie #93, so we're all going to get that little extra Eagle cut on our meals.

But, no, and I'm very pleased, I'm glad. There's nothing that I really would like to do more than to go back to this hotel. Maybe put a couple lines through some of the things that we had on this contract, in our favor, of course, but no, they've offered us the same $97 rate again. They've offered us the same rate for 2013 and 2014. So there will be no increases in anything for the next two years.

And then I would really hate to go with them farther than that at this time, but I would like to have them staple that piece of paper on the back there that says maybe we would have an option if we decided that this was really working for us. I don't know how long it would take for us to get, if you will, tired of going to the same spot, but I can tell you that this year, the registrations that I took prior to coming to convention was exactly 30 more than we had last year in San Diego. And so when you think
about 150 people, we're talking about 20-percent increase, and I think that
that's a significant amount to take note.

So tomorrow we'll make our final decision. It looks to me like
it's pretty much been made, but I would like to have it clarified tomorrow
that we will, like, for two years, 2013, 2014, because that's what the
initial was, was come here this year and possibly three years in a row, so
I wanted to have it discussed that way.

Thank you, Brothers. And thank you for treating the hotel nice.
They appreciate it. As you can see when the staff comes through here, they
really do like us as a group. Thank you.

STATE VICE PRESIDENT ACKERS: Thank you, Brother Devere.

STATE SECRETARY DUNHAM: I'll move that we adopt that partial
report on the convention.

BROTHER GIBSON: Larry Gibson, Oroville #196, I second it.

STATE VICE PRESIDENT ACKERS: There's a motion on the floor and a
second that we accept the partial report. Anything under the question?
All of those in favor? Opposed? Motion carried.

At this time we'll move on to our banquet report with our Chairman
Brother Fred Hicks.

And in case you're wondering where Vic is, Vic is getting the
special treatment.

PAST STATE PRESIDENT COLBURN: We don't get to watch this year?

BROTHER HICKS: Good morning, Grand Reps, State Officers and my
Brothers. As usual, the ticket sales for the banquet are going, but I do
have two for sale, for two Brothers.

JR. PAST STATE PRESIDENT GUTIERREZ: Brother Fred, I'll take one.

BROTHER HICKS: See me outside directly after this, okay?

And like I say, we have a few left for sale. And you Brothers that
haven't picked yours up yet, I would appreciate it if you would come out
and see me directly after this meeting. I'll be outside for maybe an hour
or so.

I'll make a motion that this report be adopted.

BROTHER GIBSON: Larry Gibson, #196, second the motion.

STATE VICE PRESIDENT ACKERS: There's a motion on the floor and
second that we accept the Banquet report. Under the question? All of
those in favor, vote by the usual voting sign. All of those opposed?
Motion carries.

At this time we'll move on to the Election report with Brother Les Kolb.

BROTHER KOLB: Good morning, my Brothers and Sisters that are here today, and Grand Aerie Officers, State Officers. Our election should be pretty simple at this time because we've only got two offices that are being run for: That's Chaplain and Outside Guard. The election's going to be held down in the hat room, or the sweat box, as some call it. And it will be two hours after this session we'll be holding elections. Those that are out on the Election Committee, I'd like to have you meet me outside as soon as the election session is over.

I'd like to make a comment on motels, if I may. The bright side, if you think about it, every time we have a change in hotels, we have to send the contingency down there to check the sites out. Brother Devere's going to retire so he needs some more free time so you don't have to do that. And for Brother Peter here, he said when he was in the service that he was doing some honor guard for the President. I was honor guard for Elvis Presley. I was so mad at that man that night. I was standing in front of his stage. He reached down and took off my helmet liner, which was a gray helmet liner, put it on his head. When he got done singing, he threw it out in the audience. That was the last I seen of it. Took me 35 bucks to get another one.

That's the partial report. We'll see you. Don't fill your ballots out until you get there, make sure you've got it right. You don't have to fill out all of the other blanks there, that's all done automatic. So please, let's try to do it right, get it done this time.

I make a motion to accept the partial report.

PAST STATE PRESIDENT DeVILLE: I'll second the motion. Frenchy DeVille, #997.

The reason that you said two hours is going to be after the session closes, for how long? When's it going to stop.

BROTHER KOLB: Two hours after the session closes.

PAST STATE PRESIDENT DeVILLE: You going to start. When you gonna stop?

BROTHER KOLB: No, right after the session we'll start, and it will be two hours after that we'll close.

PAST STATE PRESIDENT DeVILLE: Okay.

BROTHER KOLB: Normal.

PAST STATE PRESIDENT DeVILLE: You said starting two hours after
the session.

BROTHER KOLB: No. I said for two hours after the session closes. That's what I said. The election will be held for two hours after the session will be closed.

PAST STATE PRESIDENT DeVILLE: Very good.

BROTHER KOLB: I can't talk in Cajun, so Brother Frenchy, I'm sorry. But two hours after the session closes. A la blue.

STATE VICE PRESIDENT ACKERS: We have a motion on the floor and a second that we accept the Election report. Anything under the question? All of those in favor? Opposed? Motion carries.

At this time, Brothers, it appears we have, once again, with a great deal of alacrity, completed our business in stellar time.

We'll ask our State Secretary to give us the official time.

STATE SECRETARY DUNHAM: Shall we call it 11:15 and go to 1:15 just so it gives us an extra five.

STATE VICE PRESIDENT ACKERS: All right. Brothers, officially beginning at 11:15 with the election process; closing at 1:15. Good luck, Brothers. Thank you so much.

At this time we'll close the second session of the California State Aerie 109th Convention. Thank you.

State Vice President raps gavel.

STATE VICE PRESIDENT ACKERS: State Conductor, will you close the Bible.

Bible closed.

At 11:15 a.m., the proceedings were recessed until Saturday, June 30, 2012, at 8:30 a.m.
The Third Session of the 109th Annual California State Aerie Convention convened at 8:30 a.m. at the Bakersfield Marriott Hotel, Bakersfield, California, Saturday, June 30, 2012.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Delegates will be in order.

Brother Officers, take your places.

Inside Guard, ask all members to come into the meeting room.

STATE INSIDE GUARD WEBER: Worthy President, your order has been obeyed.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Okay. Thank you. State Conductor, would you open the Bible, please.

Bible opened.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Good morning, Brothers. Our agenda, we'll start off with the roll call, State Officers, Past State Presidents and Grand Aerie Representatives, by State Secretary Devere Dunham.

Roll Call of State Officers, Past State Presidents and Grand Aerie Officers, by State Secretary Devere Dunham, San Pablo Aerie #3028. See Appendix A.

STATE SECRETARY DUNHAM: Roll's been called, State President.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Thank you, Devere.

We have Admission of New Members, by Past Western Regional President Greg Colburn.

PAST STATE PRESIDENT COLBURN: Would you all stand, please.

Admission of New Members to the California State Aerie, by Past State President Greg Colburn, San Jose Aerie #8.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Thank you, Greg.

Before we go into our next line of business, we have a couple of things I want to bring up. First, being that yesterday we passed my report, I was next door, which I'm glad that most of you didn't get to see.
Anyway, I just want to say how thankful I am that I got to live that experience last year. It truly was just a great, great thing for me. The memories that you hold after being State President, traveling all over, meeting people, those different Aeries. I mean, we traveled everywhere, from Needles to Eureka, Dunsmuir, all the way to Chula Vista, and everything in between. Had dinners with hamburgers and hot dogs all the way up to full cuisine of Chinese food catered in. It really was great. No matter where we went, we were treated with great hospitality. I want to thank all of you Brothers for allowing us to come into all of your homes and participate in your Aeries.

Some of the highlights of my travels were giving out State pins, Membership awards. We've traveled, in a couple of parades. Just all sorts of things. And it's memories that I'll carry to my grave. I wish more State Officers could travel. Sometimes they can't; sometimes they can. I wish we'd get back into the old days where everybody would carpool wherever they would go.

I do want to thank Steve for going on the northern rounds with me. We had a great time. Hit about 15 Aeries in about 10 days. Some days, some of them were open; some of them weren't open, but we hit quite a few.

I want to thank my buddy Tom Albin. He went with me all the time. And also my girlfriend, Rowina, went with us and taking the pictures and things and keeping everything in line, especially Tom.

So anyway, thank you all. And like I say, it's an experience that you almost have to live. I know that the Past Presidents before me have done that; they know the feeling when you walk into the place and everybody loves you. And I know that the officers coming up through the ladder, they'll get there, they'll know what the feeling is, because it's hard to describe. But saying that, thank you all. It's been a great year. Applause.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Thank you very much.

One other thing that we'd like to do this morning before we get too far along is Lodi brought the big eagle in. I would like to call Tim up to present it, State Membership Chairman. And it's going to be presented to Alameda. I'd like to have the representatives, all of them, from Alameda to come up. When you bring in over five times your quota, that's a joint effort by everybody involved.

Next up on the agenda we're gonna have the State Aerie Auditor's report by Vice President Peter Ackers, Folsom.

STATE VICE PRESIDENT ACKERS: Good morning, Grand Aerie Representatives, Past State Presidents, State Officers, most importantly, you Brothers. I'd like to thank Brother Vic for this appointment.

And I'd like to begin by letting you know that the state of the
State is good. Doing well, Brothers. That Per Capita Tax increase that we approved has made a great deal of difference in the financial health of our organization.

But let's go over a few figures with you, for the receipts from this year. There will be a breakdown of each account and how every dollar was spent, but I will tell you that at this juncture, we have $72,513.48 in savings, which is a wonderful thing. Our California State Membership account as of May had a balance of $373.01. Our Convention Corporation had $821.30. Our General fund had $1,315.17.

I'd like to also let you all know that we are in excellent hands with these two Brothers that are responsible for the fiduciary and ethical responsibilities of handling their jobs. I'd like to commend our State Secretary, Brother Devere Dunham, and our State Treasurer, Brother Dennis McKiernan, for doing a fantastic job.

With that being said, I would like to say, you know, in a bit of a side moment here, that the Brothers of Alameda have already told me that there's no way that San Jose Aerie #8 is gonna get them this year; that they're going to keep that trophy. Now, far be it for me to maybe imagine they said that.

But at this time I'd like to move for the adoption of the State Auditor's report.

BROTHER GIBSON: Larry Gibson, Oroville #196, second the motion.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: We got a motion on the floor and a second to approve Peter's report. Under the question? All in favor? All opposed? Motion carried. Thank you.

STATE VICE PRESIDENT ACKERS: Thank you, Vic.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Robert, do you have a comment?

STATE TRUSTEE PRIETO: State President Vic. I'm putting this up high so Feci can't reach it.

Worthy State President Vic, yesterday, actually day before yesterday I should say, I was guilty of an infraction with my regalia, and I appreciate Brother Colburn coming up and letting everybody know. However, I do have to say that I am glad -- I mean, there's a reason I joined the C.R.A.F.T. club, because, you know, I have a hard time remembering stuff, including walking out the door with my regalia on. But I'm glad to know that we have State Officers who are much more senior than I am who also have memory problems, and I won't say who this Brother is because he knows who he is, but our State Secretary should know better. That's all I'm saying.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Thank you, Robert.
STATE SECRETARY DUNHAM: Okay. I got it.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Next up on the agenda we have Past --

STATE CONDUCTOR ALBIN: State Worthy President. Robert Prieto, you're not the only one that knew that, because I went to pick them all up and I was missing one when I put them back in the room there yesterday.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Which one was it?

STATE CONDUCTOR ALBIN: It was the Secretary.

STATE SECRETARY DUNHAM: I give. I give.

PAST STATE PRESIDENT COLBURN: State President Vic, while we're on the subject of our Brothers, you know, we have a senior member of our table over there, Frenchy DeVille, and I would expect that he would handle this kind of thing but he's asked me to come up. Thank you, Frenchy. During our opening prayer -- and I've waited two days for Frenchy to say this -- three of our Brothers, Dennis, Devere and Zeke, did not remove their Fezes. Now, Dennis halfway through, did the old -- Frenchy said, "Too late, Dennis." So maybe that was a defense also, but I think these Brothers will gladly donate to your charity.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: I think "Too late, Dennis" is even in the minutes.

JR. PAST STATE PRESIDENT GUTIERREZ: Sorry. I'll gladly donate $5 for my late removal of my Fez, but I'd also like to fine Greg $5 for snitching.

PAST STATE PRESIDENT COLBURN: I want to say, "Do you have change for 100?" but I know the answer.

One other thing, Devere, quickly. I don't know if we had planned on doing this about the State President's luncheon next year?

STATE SECRETARY DUNHAM: Oh.

PAST STATE PRESIDENT COLBURN: Is that okay?

STATE SECRETARY DUNHAM: It's up to you.

PAST STATE PRESIDENT COLBURN: I just asked Frenchy if this had been done, and he said no.

This year there were a couple of people that kind of snuck through the cracks that ended up at the State President's Luncheon, and it was -- someone had asked. But it came up that on Wednesday afternoon there was not a lot of things for our Brothers to do. And like the Auxiliary has their State Luncheon that any member can attend, the State Presidents decided that we will open up the Past State Presidents' Luncheon part to
any member that would like to join the luncheon, under the conditions that we have a maximum that the local Aerie can handle. So if the local Aerie can handle 50 people, we've got approximately 20 of the State crew that's there, we're going to have 30 available lunches. First come, first served. So we figured we'll put that in the convention information, but also just to tell you all here personally so you know what to look for. We'd love to have everybody there and have a good luncheon Wednesday afternoon so everyone has something to do. Thank you.

STATE SECRETARY DUNHAM: Yeah, and one note on that. We do know that we're going to -- pretty sure, we're in that high percentage rate that we're coming back to Bakersfield for the next couple of years. Bakersfield Aerie has a great spot. So we'll just contact that Aerie and find out just how many they feel they can handle for a luncheon and then that's where our cut-off will be. So yeah, it was great. It was really nice having a full house like it was at this year's Past State President's Luncheon. Thank you.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Very good.

Okay. We have an introduction by Dennis McKiernan, Past Western Regional President and State Treasurer.

STATE TREASURER McKIERNAN: Thank you, Brother. Good morning, my Brothers. The Brother I have to introduce, or proud to introduce to you this morning, actually needs no introduction. He's a Past State President. He's been through all of the chairs from Outside Guard all the way up through President, and this year was selected by the Grand Aerie Mel Fry to be one of the 17 Regional Presidents to serve the Jurisdiction. And without further ado, Brother Larry Lavender.

Applause.

WESTERN REGIONAL PRESIDENT LAVENDER: Brothers, I'll tell you, it's a great honor to be here all of these years. And I could not have made it without your help, assistance and some knowledge. You have been my backbone. You have helped me through all of these chairs, and that's what we are all here for is to serve your Membership, the State Aerie and the Grand Aerie.

And I can't tell you how much I appreciate and love each and every Aerie in the state, the United States, Canada. You new officers that are coming up, you've got a lot to look forward to. There's going to be times you're going to have to grab your butt with both hands and get on down the road and keep going, but once you reach this point where I'm at, and I'll be retiring here in a week or two, thank God, but I will still be coming to conventions, but you Brothers have a lot to look forward to and you're going to be proud one day. You will be proud sitting over here at this table with some of these guys, and I hope they're still around for a long time and I hope many more to come.

Again, Brothers, thank you all. God bless you all, God bless our troops, and keep this Membership going. Thank you.
STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Thank you, Larry.

Brothers, at this time I want to bring up Ed Guffey just for a moment. He has a few things he'd like to say about District 23's SIRES Benefit fund that actually anybody in the state can become a member of, so you may be interested in this.

STATE TRUSTEE GUFFEY: Good morning, my Brothers, Grand Reps, State Officers. I'm Chairman of a little, small insurance program that SIRES Unit Number 2 has started up about 25 years ago or so. It's an inexpensive thing. It costs $7.50 to join. And if you happen to pass away, it automatically pays $250 to your beneficiary. Now, the $7.50 is not due again until six members have passed away, which could be three months, three years before you ever owe again. When six members pass away, I send out notices to every member in the SIRES Benefit Fund, whether they're overpaid or not, to let them know exactly where they're at. And I have applications up here. I don't have enough for everybody but I have enough to give one to every Aerie to where they can make copies of it. And it's an inexpensive thing. It's very quickly refunded. If you call me, you will have your check -- or your beneficiary will have your check within a couple of days, as fast as snail mail gets it to you.

Now, this is open to any Eagle Aerie or Auxiliary in Canada or the United States. As long as you are a paid-up member in your home Aerie, you are eligible for this benefit. So if anybody wants to see me a little afterwards, I have the application with me up here. Thank you.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Another thing with that program is that right now, the pay-out is $250, but the more members who get into it, the higher that goes. We used to be $375, I think. So anyway, the more members you get in, the better it is for everyone.

Next up on the agenda, we have presentation to the State President from James Watson. I think we're going to have Larry Lavender come up as well and take Mike Lagervall's place for his presentation.

BROTHER WATSON: Worthy President, State Officers, Past State Presidents, Grand Representatives, my Brothers. We made it. I see everybody out there is still awake. I'm Past Worthy President Santa Monica #2397; I'm also a member of District 20 LACC. And one of the perks I have or one of the benefits I have, which also is an honor I have or we have as a District, is to present the outgoing President his Fez. We're retiring him, we're getting rid of him, so we're going to give him something.

So could I have all of the District 20 LACC Members stand up for me out there? You guys are a good-looking group.

Vic, on behalf of your Brothers out there, on behalf of District 20 LACC, it is our privilege to present this to you, presented by the 20th District LACC, FOE, Vic DeVries, State Worthy President, June 2012.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Thank you, Brother.
BROTHER WATSON: Hey, guys. It fits.

BROTHER FECI: What's the size?

BROTHER WATSON: We had a little faux pas at our District meeting when we had the Grand Worthy President. I don't know who measured his head, but when we put his Fez on, it came down over his eyes.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Thank you, Jim. Thank you LACC very much. Very nice. Very nice.

WESTERN REGIONAL PRESIDENT LAVENDER: And Mike Lagervall gave his apologies that he could not be here to present this himself. He had to catch a plane.

And I feel very honored, Brother Vic, and you've done a great job, to present you with your Certificate from the Grand Aerie. "Brother Vic DeVries occupied the Office of State President of California, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, during the period, May 31st, 2012." And your Certificate.

Best part is also your Gold Card showing that you're a Past State President of the great State of California. Don't forget your Past State President's pin. Wear it proudly. I forgot mine at home on my dresser with my wife. Congratulations.

STATE SECRETARY DUNHAM: And don't lose that pin.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Okay. Next up on the agenda is the 2013 Convention site recommendation by State Secretary Devere Dunham.

STATE SECRETARY DUNHAM: Once again, Brothers, I come before you to talk about convention sites for our future. According to the program here, we're talking 2013, and our consideration is to come back here to Bakersfield under the same conditions that we have right now.

I'm going to be honest with you that in the negotiation process, I had some ideas for this convention that because we were looking at a site the first time I really didn't have, if you will, the pressure parts. I don't know if I'll be able to convince the hotel of some of those ideas. They, basically, have to do with having larger rooms available for us for different programs and such.

But at this time I would like to get your approval to negotiate. When I say that, it would be for the same price of $97 for a room night, same conditions here. Or less. I'm going to say or less because that's the first words that come out is "can we get the price down any?" And I can tell you that it won't go up, unless it would just be in whatever they call, if there's sales tax or something like that was to go up, but it will still be $97 maximum, I should say.

And with that do we have a motion? I guess we've discussed this.
BROTHER GIBSON: Larry Gibson, Oroville #196. I do make a motion that we do the next two years here.

STATE TRUSTEE GUFFEY: Ed Guffey, Pomona #2215, I'll second that motion.

PAST STATE PRESIDENT COLBURN: Under the question?

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: We got a motion on the floor and a second to accept Bakersfield as next year's site for the 2013 Convention and 2014, two years. Under the question?

PAST STATE PRESIDENT COLBURN: Yes. Devere, in hearing you talk a little about this yesterday, there's some details I think the Brothers would be really excited about. You had mentioned the possibility and you said "and less" but also "and more," the possibility of having -- there's four salons here: One, two; they have two. Next year letting the ladies have three like we had for Memorial and having this room for hospitality rooms, so we don't have the noise problems, that would be a great benefit to us. Also giving the ladies more room, if it's feasible, let them have tables like the men do. They've been complaining for years, and I know all of you husbands are hearing every year about them writing on their knees, they're getting tired of it.

But the other thing is having the President's Reception in this room, having a nice room for our President's Reception. And then, of course, the men would be over at the Convention Center.

With that, the hotel space is fine. The Convention Center might cost us a little bit of money. I know that everyone, our registration fee is only $15, which is probably the cheapest in the country for any organization there is. Devere mentioned a conference in Wyoming was $65. Grand Convention is $45.

Brothers, we pay for what we get. And we may have to pay a little extra, but I think if we could accommodate all of those things, it would be greatly beneficial to our State Aerie and Auxiliary.

STATE SECRETARY DUNHAM: On that same note, there is no doubt that if we were to incorporate -- and that's what I had tried to do this year was try to incorporate the Convention Center, incorporate the Convention Center into our meetings and, if not, as we did one time before, we came to the convention, we utilized the Convention Center on Thursday and Friday and then we came back here and utilized two rooms with, you know, maybe seats only on the Saturday, or something like that, to make space.

But I would like to have them let us have one of these quads for hospitality. It would be similar to what we did in Del Mar last year, which I thought was just fabulous, and it would also give us a nice room for reception for our Incoming President.

And I don't know why they're having such a hard time with that,
because, as I mentioned before, you close this door down here and you close that door down there, and this whole area is isolated. So it's one of the things I'm going to push real hard with them about. I don't know what kind of concessions they might have. The Districts, of course, the Districts and the Aeries working to participate in that type of hospitality would still have some kind of charge, as they did in Del Mar, and we would just have to see what we can do to take care of all of the costs.

The biggest cost, of course, would be utilizing the Convention Center. I talked to the Convention Center this year early on and, you know, they tell you that "We got to turn the air conditioning on at 6:00 a.m. in the morning and it's got to run." And I said, "Well, heck, by the time it got cooled off in there, we'd be walking out." And they said, "But it's something we still got to do." And they give all the staffing, of course. They can't just open the building and let you walk in. There's got to be staff there. So those are some of the details that we need to work out.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Robert, do you have a comment?

STATE TRUSTEE PRIETO: State President, Robert Prieto, San Jose #8. As far as the idea of the centrally located hospitality room, I have had several people come up to me and ask me at this convention why we didn't do that again this year. A lot of people really enjoyed that. I did get feedback, and it was about three to one, from asking people that liked it versus didn't like it. And that was just my personal experience. I'm sure some people weren't happy with it, but overall, it was very, very positive. It was nice because you were able to go to one central location and see all of your friends without having to go hunt them down.

Additionally, a nice thing about having it in this location, right now, the way it stands, we have a lot of members that smoke, and they have to come all the way downstairs and go outside. And here, it would be very convenient. All they do is go out, go right across the hallway here, and they've got a smoking area. So it would be very, very nice, and I'm in favor of it.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Not to mention karaoke and things like that.

BROTHER DUSKE: Dave Duske, #232. If we did that, if we could arrange to where the social rooms could be down here, which there's pros and cons on both sides of that, okay? But one thing I would ask that we look at when we do this is if we're going to sign for one or two or three more years, why can't we then have the hotel put the Eagles in a section of two floors instead of spreading us out and then having other guests complain about what we're doing that we're supposed to do and we do it naturally.

BROTHER GIBSON: The one comment I have is in Del Mar, we were not allowed to leave the hospitality room with any alcohol. Now, are we going to be restricted like that here, too? Because you got a full can of beer
and you want to go to your room, you're stuck with it. You can't take it out of the room.

STATE SECRETARY DUNHAM: I can answer that. I can answer that. That just comes down to basic liquor law, Brother Larry. And that's what controls that. You know, a lot of people aren't aware of it, but you're not even supposed to walk out in front of your house, down your sidewalk with a can of beer. You can't drink in public. And that's where that comes in. And what it does is it hinders their liquor license, because this bar out here in front is selling beer that is being -- and I'm going to tell you, it's being taxed by the State Franchise Tax Board and everything else, and people start walking, I mean, they would be really very upset if you started sitting in their lobby with beer. That's the way it is.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: And some hotels are more lenient than others, but yesterday we walked into their bar, and they stopped us right there.

Any other questions or comments concerning that motion? All right. All in favor? All opposed? Motion's carried.

STATE SECRETARY DUNHAM: I want to thank you, Brothers. I promise you, I will do my best to see how far we can expand this. Thank you.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Thank you, Devere.

Next up on the agenda we have Greg Colburn with Proud to be an Eagle. If you have donations, you should line up.

PAST STATE PRESIDENT COLBURN: Thank you, State President Vic. Grand Representatives, Past State Presidents, State Officers, my Brothers. Good day. Larry Gibson, could you take any donations that might come up?

As you know, years ago we had the great honor of having Grand Worthy President Chris Lainas, and we scrambled mightily the last couple of years to prepare for his reception and the great cost that we would incur. And we decided at that time to start the Proud to be a California Eagle fund to assist the person that we were going to put forward for Grand office: At this time, Darrell Rall. We all know Darrell's condition. Hopefully he will come back stronger than ever. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers. But at this point in time we'd like to take donations this year for the Proud to be a California Eagle fund, which is earmarked to support our candidates for Grand Office.

Proud to be a California Eagle Parade of Checks, by Past State President Greg Colburn, San Jose Aerie #8. See Appendix N.

PAST STATE PRESIDENT COLBURN: Okay. My Brothers, looking over Dennis's shoulder, we have fourteen hundred and -- $1,495. Got five more? Five dollars makes it a very easy $1,500.

WESTERN REGIONAL PRESIDENT LAVENDER: No, we got to throw it off.
PAST STATE PRESIDENT COLBURN: He's putting in 25, so it's $1,520. Thank you, my Brothers. And yes, Darrell Rall will be the next Grand Worthy President representing California.

I'd like to make a motion that this report and parade of checks and money be accepted.

BROTHER FECI: Paul Feci, San Jose #8, I second that motion.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: We have a motion to accept this report. Did we have a second?

BROTHER FECI: We did. Paul Feci, San Jose, I second the motion.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: I couldn't see you over that statue.

Under the question? All in favor? All opposed?

Yesterday, Brothers, we mentioned that if you wanted to text $10 on your phone, they'd take it right out of your account. Devere's made up these cards, and you probably see them in front of your places there. Very easy to do. Just text 20222, and they will pretty much take care of itself, until July 8th. And, of course, every $10 helps. You can see how fast this builds up in just a few minutes. And it's for diabetes. Actually, you don't have to be an Eagle do that. I mean, but it helps our cause.

Next we have Vice President, our Incoming President's Kickoff, Peter Ackers.

STATE VICE PRESIDENT ACKERS: Thank you, Brothers. Thank you. My state charity this year is something that's near and dear to me and something that's impacted many of us, our family members, our friends, and those we love and care about. The City of Hope, as we heard yesterday, is on the cutting edge of research, treatment and cures for those things that ail us. My charity this year will be the City of Hope for their cancer research, earmarked for cancer. My mother was a three-time survivor of cancer who just passed away just a couple of weeks ago, and I would love to see the State of California continue as we always do to support the City of Hope. And it's my charity this year for their centennial anniversary to further their efforts in finding the cures for treatments for cancer.

At this time -- is Fred Hicks in the room? Fred is going to be our State Chairman this year for the City of Hope. And, Fred, if you'd come on up to the microphone there and collect, that would be fantastic.

And I wanted to add, one of our State Treasurer's favorite times is when he gets to get a lot of change and coins, and he really appreciates the small denominations and as large a number as possible.

BROTHER HICKS: I know my hat's not big enough.

BROTHER FECI: Where's the bucket?
BROTHER GIBSON: Where's Douzat with his bucket when we could use it?

BROTHER HICKS: We got a box right here, Brother. Thank you.

Incoming State President's Charity Kickoff (City of Hope) Parade of Checks, by State Vice President Peter W. Acres, Folsom Aerie #929. See Appendix K.

STATE VICE PRESIDENT ACKERS: I'd really like to thank you, Brothers, from the bottom of my heart. We're not going to have a total for you guys right now. Dennis lost track after all the change. It's wonderful to stand here before you and get my charity kicked off, and hope to have a really nice total for you at the end of the year, Brothers. Thank you. Thank you very much.

At this time I move for the adoption of the Charity Kickoff report.

BROTHER GIBSON: Larry Gibson, Oroville #196, second the motion.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Got a motion on the floor and a second to approve the report. All in favor? All opposed? Motion carried. Good luck, Peter.

STATE VICE PRESIDENT ACKERS: Thank you.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Okay. Brothers, next on our agenda is the Ritual Committee report with a Brother that's short on stature but tall on enthusiasm. Paul Feci.

BROTHER GIBSON: Vic, you need to bend the mic way down.

BROTHER FECI: All right. Who put the footstool here? You got me good, Vic. You got to admit, you got me good.

First off, to our Grand Worthy Representatives, State Officers and Brothers. Vic, thank you very much for this appointment. I do like it. I do enjoy Ritual. Some of you know, I'm pretty enthusiastic about it. Right from the start I got interested when Robert appointed me to fill a vacancy at Conductor when he was President, and I think it was in just a couple of months I had the lines memorized already, so it kind of got into me. And Brother Greg put me on committee when he was President, he was vice chair, and working with Allen Rutledge, who is absolutely terrific at this. And thank you, Allen, for all of your guidance.

But Ritual is very important. I mean, I've been to a lot of Aeries in some other states and they take it super serious. I've been to some in Michigan where they drag off the coffin in the death scene, and they have the guard and the candles, and they take it seriously. And it is a part of it. And I truly believe when it's presented to the members, new members coming in, they see this, they're gonna be in awe. Some may laugh about it, you know, but they're going to see a seriousness in this.

If you can't memorize -- I know that not everybody can memorize
everything, but read with the degree of eloquence and dignity and it's really nice to see. I mean, I get fortunate to see some of the competition in Grand. I'm hoping to see some more competition this year. And I just enjoy it so much. And we've got some legends here that keeps pushing it on, of course. Bill Metz, everybody knows the legendary One Man over there. He's absolutely terrific.

But we are going to have some changes for next year. At this time I'm not going to go into it, but I have talked to some people and we are going to do things to make it more inviting for people to want to do Ritual. It's like you want to be a police officer, you don't go to the station and they give you a badge and gun and they say, "Here. Go." You get trained. You get to know what it's like. You get to know the history of it. And this is what we're going to do. Allen's going to work with us on the scoring and tallying class, so we're really pushing to make Ritual important. That's why to all of you out there now, I guarantee you, something's going to be happening next year at this hotel that you're going to enjoy. You'll be getting letters at the District and at the Aerie level about this. And I hope that all of you will start to look at this. And if you have a station now, maybe you'd like to do it next year. It will be fun.

So try to push Ritual at your Aerie. If you don't do a formal Ritual, talk to your President about doing a formal Ritual. It's supposed to be done. And I'd be glad to help out any way I can with it.

Now, this year we've had some setbacks, yeah. And, of course, one of them is tragic with Rodger Lawson, and of course our prayers are with Rodger, and he could not be part of his team. But the team went on. And to see the example, we had a man from San Jose #8 who filled in, Brother Paul Growitz, and here he was tossed into this competition, but he did quite well on it. Although he wasn't officially judged, but you get in there and you do it, and he enjoyed it. And to all of the other teams that couldn't make it, I hope next year to see you out here. I'm pushing for San Jose's team to get back on again.

But briefly what we have here -- well, I'll go on. The two teams, of course, were Riverside #997, Past Worthy President's team, and they have a total score of 98.6. Very good. And the District 23 team, the same team, they went on for a total of 98.9.

And if I could get Bill Metz, and if I could get Rick Cadenato come up here, please.

Rick came in first time doing a Single Man competition, and he did quite well. He did excellent. Both gentlemen here did excellent.

I don't get mad, Vic. I get even.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: You, I'm not worried about.

BROTHER FECI: We now have a new trophy to pass around for Single Man competition. And thanks to Brother Devere for ordering this. He did a
beautiful job ordering this trophy. It's magnificent.

But anyway, Bill Metz, Single Man competition this year, all stations, 100 percent.

And for Rick, first time coming out, score of 99.7.

STATE SECRETARY DUNHAM: Small, medium, and large.

BROTHER FECI: I'm the shortest at the end. I'm used to it.

BROTHER WALTERS: You need to tilt the camera.

BROTHER FECI: Who said that one? Who said that one?

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Congratulations, Bill, gentlemen.

BROTHER FECI: Now, with this, the other trophies for the teams -- of course, they'll get them. Rodger has them. Keep Rodger in your prayers. I mean, he is an anchor in himself for Ritual. He enjoys it. He's a terrific guy, and we wish him all of the best and a speedy recovery.

Again, thank you, Brother Vic, for this appointment. And Brother Peter, thank you.

You want the team total scores? All right. I'll read the individuals.

For the Riverside #997 team: Bill Metz, Worthy President, 99.9; Past Worthy President, Vic DeVries, 99.9; Frenchy DeVille, Vice President, 99.9; and Chaplain, Greg Colburn, 98.9. We didn't score, of course, Conductor. We had somebody else filling in.

For the District 23 Team: Bill Metz, President, 99.4; Vic DeVries at Past Worthy President, 99.8; and Vice President, Frenchy DeVille, 99.8; and Chaplain, Greg Colburn, 99.9. And of course we didn't score on the --

Rick, for your scores, I'll go ahead and say them. For Worthy President, Rick had 99.9; Past Worthy President, 99.9; Vice President, 100 percent; Chaplain 99.9; and Conductor, 100 percent. So for first time out, Rick, excellent.

BROTHER CADENA: Thank you.

BROTHER FECI: But anyway, thank you again. Thank you, Peter, for letting me do this next year.

Pete asked me what I wanted to do. He said, "I'm going to give you Ritual." I said, "Just give me Ritual. I want to put some heavy effort into really promoting this." But thank you. And it will be better than ever.
And with that, I'd like to make -- Larry, I give you time, if you want to stand up.

BROTHER GIBSON: That's okay. I'll let Guffey do it.

BROTHER FECI: The battle of twoses there.

I'd like to make a motion that this report be accepted.

STATE CHAPLAIN STEKETEE: Larry Steketee, Santa Barbara #442, second the motion.

BROTHER GIBSON: Eddie, I thought you were faster than that.

PAST STATE PRESIDENT DeVILLE: Worthy Brothers, I want to give you Brothers an update on Rodger I just got a few minutes ago. The two trophies that would have been presented to the Riverside Past President Team and the District 23 Team were left in Riverside because Rodger was going to bring them to us; however, they're already there, and we were lucky to receive them again this year. So they'll stay there till next year, and we'll make sure we bring them.

But update from Rodger. They told that he had been delivered to Riverside close to his doctor's hospital, but he has not. He is still in Corona. But he is good. I talked to him last night, and he is feeling better. Lots of pain in his chest. They crushed his ribs trying to get his heart moving again. He got broken ribs, cracked ribs. But he says it's minor, and he'll recuperate. They're going to keep him in the hospital until Monday. Research is wonderful in the heart situation. They've got a new type of defibrillator that's going to shock your heart on both sides instead of one like the old type one, and it does shock you on both sides. And they're going to do that to him Monday. Hopefully he's stable enough to do it, which he is. He's stable enough. He just got a lot of pain, and they've got to let that settle for a couple of days.

If the Brothers want to send him a card, I've got his address here to send. If you got a pen, you can write it down. Send it to Rodger Lawson at 1335 Center Drive, Colton, California, 92324. And if you miss it, you can check with me, I can give it to you again.

BROTHER WALTERS: Center?

PAST STATE PRESIDENT DeVILLE: Center Drive, C-e-n-t-e-r. 1335 Center Drive, Colton, California, 92324. Okay. Thank you, Brothers.

BROTHER GIBSON: State President Vic, are we going to do the third reading of the changes to the By-Laws?

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Hold on. We got a motion on the floor to accept Paul Feci's report for the Ritual team and a second. All in favor? All opposed? Motion carried.
Peter's Kickoff total for the cancer fund for City of Hope, $1,609, without counting the change.

Also, Brothers, if you have any Contingency fund tickets that you still have in your pocket or on your table or that you might have filled out this morning, let's please get them over to Larry Steketee so he can put them with the rest of the banquet stuff.

One other mention, Bill Shepard was taking pictures yesterday, one of the ladies came up and was selling something, and he set his camera down, bought some stuff, turned around and walked away and forgot his camera. If anybody's seen the silver, small pocket-type camera --

PAST STATE PRESIDENT DeVILLE: It was found and returned today.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Thanks, whoever did that. Little surprising. But we're Eagles, so I guess it's not that surprising.

Next up we have Election Committee with Brother Les Kolb, Chairman.

BROTHER KOLB: Worthy President. I'd like to have the members that was on our election counting the ballots please stand, please, that helped me yesterday, if you're here. Brothers, thanks to our Worthy Secretary being conservative and finding us a place to count ballots. I don't think they make them any smaller.

But anyway we had a close election. We counted the ballots six times to make sure we got the right figures. We had a total of 282 votes that had been turned in for, and we counted back or had 262 that was the counted ballots, so it was a close race. I want to thank, again, the members that took and helped me with the counting of it. It was a little tough because about halfway through our count, the ladies got released and they came out there and took over our table and everything else. We worked under the condition and got it done.

I want to congratulate the winners. Losers I know will be back. And I don't know what else to say.

I make a motion to accept my report.

STATE TRUSTEE GUFFEY: Ed Guffey, Pomona #2215, I'll second the motion.

BROTHER KOLB: Larry Gibson for Trustee -- Chaplain.

BROTHER GIBSON: Chaplain.

BROTHER KOLB: Frank Busuttil for Outside Guard. Sorry, Brothers, about that.

BROTHER GIBSON: Do you need a motion to destroy the ballots?
BROTHER KOLB: Not yet. We got a motion to accept the report.

BROTHER GIBSON: Guffey's already seconded it.

STATE TRUSTEE GUFFEY: I already did.

STATE CHAPLAIN STEKETEE: He's quick.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: We got a motion on the floor and a second to accept the Election report. Under the comment?

STATE TRUSTEE GUFFEY: Ed Guffey, Pomona #2215. I want to congratulate Larry Gibson on defeating myself. It was a good, close battle. I knew it would be.

I would also like to thank all of the support that I had from all of our Members. And I will be back again running again next year, and you can bet on that.

BROTHER GIBSON: And I will guarantee you that Eddie will be back.

I'd like to thank all of my Brothers for their support, and I look forward to a very productive year this year. Thank you.

BROTHER BATTS: Don Batts, Fontana #2561. And I want to start off with congratulating Frank. You got a great guy coming in. Frank, Brother -- and I didn't lose, I just got my name out there, so next year look for me to be back again. I'll be running.

BROTHER BUSUTTIL: Frank Busuttil, Mountain View #2356. I want to thank everybody who supported me. I love Don. We've been friends for a long time. It's really tough for us to battle each other, and I'm glad he is coming back, and he will be a good officer. Thank you.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Under the motion, all in favor? All opposed? Motion carries.

BROTHER KOLB: Brother Vic, I'd like to take and also mention that when you get your ballots to vote on, please come down and vote. Don't make your trips all the way down here, get your tickets to vote on and then don't vote, because elections are very important. Votes are very important.

You know with that, I'd like to make a motion to destroy the ballots.

BROTHER GIBSON: Larry Gibson, Oroville #196, second the motion.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Motion to destroy the ballots. Under the question? All in favor? All opposed? Motion carried. Thank you, Les.

BROTHER KOLB: Brother Vic, I'd like to tell a story here, if I may. It's got some merit at the end.
It seems like this young couple got married and they had a very nosey mother-in-law. And the mother-in-law would just come over unannounced, open the door and walk in. She did this, and there laid the new bride on the couch naked. And the mother said, "Why in the world are you laying on the couch naked?" She says, "I'm not naked, this is my love dress." So the mother-in-law got to thinking about that's not a bad deal. So she goes home. About the time the husband gets home, she gets undressed and lays on the couch naked. He walks in and he says, "Lord, what are you doing laying on the couch naked?" She says, "I'm not naked, this is my love dress." He said, "It needs ironing."

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Thank you, Les. Thank all of the Election team.

There was a lot of prizes drawn last night in Central Zone. There's several people that need to pick them up in Room 913. Robert R., Jim Gross, Mark, Robert and Ron, they have their numbers and they have the gifts waiting for you. Be sure and stop by.

Next up on the agenda we have the Credentials Committee with Chairman Robert Miller.

BROTHER MILLER: Thank you, Worthy President. Brothers, Grand Officers, Grand Representatives, State Officers, good morning. Got a few of them. Okay. I'd like to introduce my Credentials Committee, the guys that count the beans and give you a hard time and all of that. They're all from Santa Monica, so you know where to go if you want to find them. Brother Jim Watson, Vinny and Jim. And they've put a lot of time in. I keep everything straight and get everything straightened out and make sure we have all of the Delegate votes accounted for and that they get used wisely, and it takes a lot of effort. So we sure appreciate the work they do. They will be back next year, except for Jim. He's bugging out. And he's been trained, and then he's going to come and sit up here. I'm sure in five years when he gets back, he'll forget everything I taught him.

Okay. Grand Aerie Reps, I changed it to two today. I counted Bob because I wasn't quite sure about him. So anyway, he became an Aerie Rep today, so I make him feel good on the last day. We have 10 Visitors; 167 Delegate credentials, for a total of 179 participants. Delegate votes was 161; Past Worthy President votes, 91; Ten Year Secretary votes, eight -- we had nine last year; State Aerie Officer votes, 13; Past State Presidents, nine, for a total voting strength of 282 ballots. Credential-wise, last year we had 135; this year we have 179. So we're up people. That helps. Ballots-wise, we went from 305 last year to 282 this year, which isn't bad. That's not a bad change. And that's votes.

And if you're interested in this report, I don't have enough paper with me, ink, to make copies for everybody, but it is in the report from the convention. It's in there, and you can go back and show the people in the Aeries what the vote looks like if you're interested in doing it.

Worthy President, that's the completion of my report. I move for
the adoption of my report.

STATE TRUSTEE GUFFEY: Ed Guffey, Pomona #2215, I'll second the motion.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: We have a motion on the floor and a second to accept Bob's report. Under the question? All in favor? All opposed? Motion carried. Thank you, Bob. Great job.

BROTHER MILLER: Thank you, Brother Vic. Next year hopefully I'll do the job again next year. My last two predecessors died in office, so I don't know what that indicates. But anyway, I don't plan on dying in office, believe me. But I'll be back next year with my shoes off and be able to count again. Have a good year.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: I'd like to thank all of the Credential team.

We're going to do the Oliver Xavier Trust Fund Committee with Robert Plato. After that, we're going to finish up on our By-Laws that we had. It's not in the book; we'll continue after that. Robert.

BROTHER PLATO: Good morning, my Brothers. This is always a wonderful time to be up here the last person on the podium, basically, and I'm going to have to probably ask for more money. I don't know how many of you out there know about the Oliver Xavier Trust Fund. Probably a lot of you don't, because I've been here for quite a few years and until I got this, I really didn't even know what it was. Oliver Xavier was from Stockton #83. He was a very dedicated Eagle. In 1953 he became State President. After his passing away, they decided that his estate would give some money to the Eagles, which was $13,000. That was wonderful for the Eagles. The problem was --

Cell phone rings.

BROTHER PLATO: That's a fine.

The problem with that was that we can only give money away from the interest. Well, it was fine for a lot of years, my Brothers, and you know what interest is today. This money goes for students for scholarships. So I think we have, the interest this year was $130. You can't give a scholarship for $130 to anybody. So we would like to give at least one $500, one or, possibly, two if we can raise enough money. Whatever we raise, we raise.

Well, I just found out a little bit more information; that it's more like for students in college that cannot afford books, they get the money to buy the books, which is still great for our upcoming people.

So at this time, with the $130, I would like to donate personally $20 for myself, and see what my Brothers can do out there.
Oliver Xavier Trust Fund Parade of Checks, by Chairman Robert Plato, Alameda Aerie #1076. See Appendix O.

BROTHER PLATO: Thank you, my Brothers. I'm sure they will be grateful. I'm sure with that money, we'll probably be able to give out whatever we do with it.

At this time, I'd like to move that you except this report.

STATE CHAPLAIN STEKETEE: Larry Steketee, Santa Barbara #442, I second the report.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: We've got a motion and a second to accept Brother Bob's report. All in favor? All opposed? Motion carried. We'll have a total here in a moment. Thank you, Robert.

You have something, Greg, or are you just wandering around?

PAST STATE PRESIDENT COLBURN: State President Vic, I'm wandering because I'm kind of torn. Not quite sure what I should do. Yes? No? Do nothing? Do something? Yesterday I came to this microphone when we started our By-Laws reading, and I made the point the current By-Law was not there and that the changes were not underlined and new words stricken, as all By-Laws are done. We were told it would be brought back today in the accepted form.

After the meeting, I went to the computer in the lobby, I pulled up the e-mail from Chuck Cunningham that had this year's Grand statute changes, printed a page, gave it to someone at the By-Laws Committee so they would know exactly what they were looking at, how you strike out words that are removed and you underline words that are added. Our By-Laws are one of the most important things that we have. They are the rules that we go by. And anything that's taken out needs to be clearly shown. Anything that is added needs to be clearly shown, so we know exactly what we are balloting on. Because a lot of times you're looking at a large section of text and you're confused on what it is. And even though I gave them a copy of what is the accepted way to do it, we now have before us By-Laws changes that have no words stricken and no words added, marked. I believe that we need to really know specifically what we are voting on before we do that.

And at this time, I'd like to make a motion that we table this, send it back to the By-Laws Committee and have them submit it next year.

STATE SECRETARY DUNHAM: Worthy President Vic, Devere Dunham, State Secretary, from San Pablo. I second that motion.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: We have a motion and a second on the floor. Under discussion? Any other By-Laws Committee have rebuttal?

BROTHER JONES: The point's well taken, although, I mean, the changes involved are pretty simple and it's almost suggesting that these guys aren't bright enough to follow it. But the point's well taken.
PAST STATE PRESIDENT COLBURN: State President Vic, Greg Colburn. To suggest that my comment had anything to do with my Brothers being smart enough to follow this, I believe is absurd. This point is about doing it the proper way.

UNIDENTIFIED BROTHER: Amen.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: I don't know if I'm out of line, but I might also mention that most of the By-Laws Committee, this ain't their first rodeo, neither. They've done this before.

Moving on with the motion. All of those in favor of tabling it, having it properly done and bringing it up next year? All opposed? Motion carried.

STATE TRUSTEE ACKERS: Worthy State President Vic, Peter W. Ackers, Folsom Aerie #929. I just wanted to let you Brothers know, you know, it's my time to do a little sales pitch, but our Brothers out there at the door have a very handsome pin available for sale, and I encourage you -- I see some of them out there. I encourage you to pick up one on your way out.

And then also I wanted to announce for you, I know we have committee appointments out there, but I'm really looking forward to visiting each and every one of you at your Aerie home. And our State of the State Coordinator Larry Gibson, we'd love to put something together to come and see you. Thank you.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Thank you.

BROTHER DUSKE: State President Vic. Dave Duske, Oxnard Aerie #232. I just want to remind everybody, Western Regional, Oxnard #232, October. Be there or be square.

BROTHER GIBSON: All my Brothers, as Peter told you, I am his visiting coordinator this year. Get with me afterwards, if you have something that you want to schedule, and I'll give you my e-mail address or whatever and we can do it that way. You can send me an e-mail; that way I can have it written down, and we'll put it together. Thank you.

STATE CHAPLAIN STEKETEE: State President Vic, Larry Steketee, Incoming Vice President. At this time I'd like to invite you all, Brothers, to come to the Membership Jamboree in mid-January. It will be, I think, January 19 in Santa Barbara. Please come down; we'll have a great time. Please come. Thank you.

BROTHER RICHARD: Good morning, Brothers and Sisters. I want to invite everybody here for the State Hall of Fame. That's the great thing here out of our Aerie. I want to see all of your faces there. But I want to bring one thing up to all of you. That weekend, the big deal here going on in Bakersfield.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Speak into the mic, Richard.
BROTHER RICHARD: I have already got rooms there at the Best Western over on Buck Owens Boulevard. I've got some fliers here. Please make this reservation, if you want to stay there, before October the 1st. They are not going to let me have any rooms after that. Right now I've got a block of about 65. They'll give me another 10 if I want them. So please.

STATE CHAPLAIN STEKETEE: What price?

BROTHER RICHARD: The price is same as it was last year.

STATE CHAPLAIN STEKETEE: What was it last year?

BROTHER RICHARD: It's $67, Best Western, right there at the Crystal Palace. Thank you.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Brothers, real quickly, for the Oliver Xavier Fund, your generosity raised $735.

PAST STATE PRESIDENT COLBURN: State President Vic DeVries, Greg Colburn, San Jose Aerie #8. Two events: Our annual State Trustees' night, where we will be honoring Incoming State Trustees Tom Albin and Jim Watson, will be on Saturday, September 8th, along with any new first-time Auxiliary Trustee.

Additionally, our Disadvantaged Children's Christmas Shopping Spree will be on Sunday, December 9th. Get there Saturday, December 8th because we start at seven o'clock in the morning. So we'd love to have participation for those events. Thank you.

BROTHER REYNAGA: Rudy Reynaga, Aerie #244 San Diego, California. At this time I'd like to say and I'd like to thank the Brothers and Sisters of Bakersfield, California, for their hospitality. We all enjoyed it. Thank you very much.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Robert, do you have a question? Comment? Very good.

STATE LEGAL ADVISOR VODICKA: Now that Brother Feci's back in the room, I want to say that in addition to all of the good work he does for the Eagles, he's doing a great service to Brother Frenchy, who we've been picking on for 100 years. So thank you very much.

BROTHER FECI: State Worthy President, I don't have an accent problem, though. Sorry, Frenchy. I cannot imitate that accent.

PAST STATE PRESIDENT DeVILLE: You're my little hero over there.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Any other comments or concerns?

BROTHER NEWTON: Mark Newton, Bakersfield #93. We're having karaoke and pot luck over at the lodge. So for all of you singers and anybody who's hungry --
UNIDENTIFIED BROTHER: What lodge?

BROTHER NEWTON: #93.

UNIDENTIFIED BROTHER: Aerie. Aerie.

BROTHER NEWTON: Apologize. Five dollars for me. I invite everybody to come on over and have some food and sing some karaoke and have a good time.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Very good, Brother. Thank you.

STATE CONDUCTOR ALBIN: State Worthy President. Also Bakersfield has a banner up there by the bar, and it says "Bakersfield Lodge."

BROTHER GIBSON: Yes, it does.

BROTHER WALTERS: Randy Walters, #2599 Needles. Could I get a total on the checks for the charities, please, the total amount?

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Of all three days, you mean?

STATE SECRETARY DUNHAM: For all of the charities?

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: All charities combined?

BROTHER WALTERS: Yes.

BROTHER NEWTON: Quickly, who gets the five bucks?

STATE CONDUCTOR ALBIN: California State President, it was brought to my attention that the Grand okays the word "lodge." I don't know anything about that, I was just told about it. Is that right, Brother Larry?

WESTERN REGIONAL PRESIDENT LAVENDER: They approved it a couple, three years ago.

STATE CONDUCTOR ALBIN: Keep your $5.

BROTHER NEWTON: I'll donate $5 to the cancer fund.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Very good. $119,226. Anything while we're waiting for the total? We got another joke, Les?

STATE SECRETARY DUNHAM: Keep it clean.

NEVADA STATE TRUSTEE COLE: State President, my name is Michael Cole from Basic Aerie #2672, Henderson, Nevada, also state officer. I'd like to say thank you very much for inviting me. I enjoyed myself and really learned something here, and I will see you guys in "Osskotch?"
UNIDENTIFIED BROTHER: No. Oxnard.

NEVADA STATE TRUSTEE COLE: I'll see you later. Thank you.

NEVADA STATE CHAPLAIN HARTNETT: Worthy State President, Tom Hartnett, Basic #2672, Henderson, Nevada. I also want to thank you for having us here, and we enjoyed ourselves. And to make sure Mike doesn't know where he's going, I'll make sure he gets to Oxnard.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: Thank you for being here. We always enjoy folks from out of state.

Okay. With the total we have here, apparently this is counting the change Peter had -- not the change. Not counting the change. Got $119,213.07. All because of your generosity and hard work, Brothers.

Any other comments? If not, we're going to close.

My Brothers, as we have finished the business of the session, we will close with a prayer. State Chaplain.

Closing prayer.

STATE PRESIDENT DeVRIES: I now declare this session of the Fraternal Order of Eagles California Convention No. 109th of the State Aerie closed until next year. Thank you, Brothers, all for coming.

At 10:15 a.m., the 2012 California State Aerie Convention was adjourned.
1. Folsom Aerie #929 ---- Peter W. Ackers ---- State President
2. Santa Barbara Aerie #442 ---- Larry Steketee -- State Vice President
3. Pomona Aerie #2215 ------ Ed Guffey -------- State Chaplain
4. Oroville Aerie #196 ---- Larry Gibson ---- State Chaplain (letter of acceptance included)
5. San Pablo Aerie #3028 ---- Devere Dunham --- State Secretary
6. Hesperia Aerie #4181 ---- Tim Weber ---- State Conductor
7. Bakersfield Aerie #93 ---- Ed Millard ---- State Inside Guard
8. Mountain View Aerie #2356 ---- Frank Busuttil ---- State Outside Guard
9. Fontana Aerie #2561 --- Don Batts ---- State Outside Guard
10. Sanger Aerie #1147 ------- Tommy Albin --- State Trustee
11. Santa Monica Aerie #2397 ---- James Watson --- State Trustee
12. California State Aerie --- Darrell Rall --- Grand Aerie Office

13. Wisconsin State Aerie ------ David Tice ------ Grand Aerie Office
14. Georgia State Aerie ------ James Burnham ----- Grand Aerie Office
15. New Mexico State Aerie ---- Carl Burnett ----- Grand Aerie Office
17. Dakotas State Aerie ------- Chuck Lange ----- Grand Aerie Office
19. New York State Aerie ------ Patrick Gray ----- Grand Aerie Office
20. Arizona State Aerie ------- Brian Rogers ----- Grand Aerie Office
21. Iowa State Aerie --------- Michael Duehr ----- Grand Aerie Office
22. Ohio State Aerie ------ Charles Cunningham – Grand Secretary
23. Minnesota State Aerie ------ Ronald Malz ----- Grand Aerie Office
25. Kentucky State Aerie --- D.R. Jim West -- Grand Treasurer
26. Idaho State Aerie ---- Anthony Brown ---- Grand Office
27. Florida State Aerie ---- D. John Gingras ---- Grand Office
28. Wyoming State Aerie ---- Robert Swanson ---- Grand Office
29. Vermont State Aerie ------ Thomas McGrath ---- Grand Office

30. From the Past State Presidents of California recommending Robert Vodicka as a Honorary Past State President of the California State Aerie, Signed by all Past State Presidents in attendance showing support. Passed by body.
### FINAL REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE SAT JUNE 30, 2012

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Morro Bay Aerie #3693 $200.00
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Santa Monica Aerie #2397 $700.00
Vic DeVries $366.00
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Santa Barbara Aerie #442 $100.00
District 20 LACC $100.00
San Diego Aerie #244 $1,750.00
Hemecinto Aerie #4055 $70.75
Bakersfield Aerie #93 $125.00
Roseville Aerie #1582 $100.00
Reedley Aerie #2781 $100.00
South Gate/Ocean Park Aerie #2080 $533.00
Riverside Aerie #997 $468.00
Stockton Aerie #83 $50.00
CRAFT Club $300.00
Ontario Aerie #2398 $50.00

Total Parade $47,975.75

APPENDIX C
ROBERT W HANSEN DIABETES FUND

Pomona Aerie #2215 $100.00
District 20 LACC $100.00
Oxnard Aerie#232 $250.00
Richmond Aerie #354 $50.00
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Morro Bay Aerie #3693 $87.00
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Santa Maria Aerie #1745 $200.00
Mountain View Aerie #2356 $500.00
Stockton Aerie #83 $50.00
Lodi Aerie #848 $50.00
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## APPENDIX G

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**GOLDEN EAGLE**

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Oxnard Aerie #232 $250.00  
Hesperia Aerie #4181 $50.00  
Reedley Aerie #2781 $100.00  
Antelope Valley Aerie #2985 $150.00  

Parade Total $2,115.00

**APPENDIX H**

**ALZHEIMER'S**

Santa Barbara Aerie #442 $100.00  
Bakersfield Aerie #93 $125.00  
Ontario Aerie #2398 $50.00  
Alameda Aerie #1076 $300.00  
Santee Aerie #3973 $50.00  
Santa Monica Aerie #2397 $825.00  
Mountain View Aerie #2356 $500.00  
Livermore Aerie #609 $100.00  
Cash $40.00  

Parade Total $2,090.00

**APPENDIX I**

**CATASTROPHE FUND**

San Jose Aerie #8 $50.00  
Santee Aerie #3973 $25.00  
Santa Barbara Aerie #442 $100.00  
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Richmond Aerie #354 $50.00
Oxnard Aerie #232 $250.00
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Santee Aerie #3973 $50.00
Hesperia Aerie #4181 $50.00
Santa Maria Aerie #1745 $100.00
Bakersfield Aerie #93 $125.00
Azusa Aerie #2810 $500.00

Total Parade $19,367.00

APPENDIX L

MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

Pomona Aerie #2215 $100.00
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Santa Monica Aerie #2397 $250.00
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Total Parade $1,200.00

APPENDIX M
DIABETES RESEARCH CENTER

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Roseville Aerie #1582 $350.00  
Azusa Aerie #2810 $2,500.00  
Jim Meidinger $250.00  
Ontario Aerie #2398 $50.00  
San Jose Aerie #8 $2,500.00  
Alameda Aerie #1076 $300.00  
San Diego Aerie #244 $2,189.00  
Antelope Valley Aerie #2985 $300.00  
South Gate / Ocean Park Aerie #2080 $205.00  
Bakersfield Aerie #93 $125.00  
Santa Monica Aerie #2397 $500.00  
Riverside Aerie #997 $956.00  
Mountain View Aerie #2356 $500.00  
Sacramento Aerie #9 $100.00  
Orland Aerie #2724 $100.00  
Paradise Aerie #2960 $500.00  

Total Parade $13,753.00

APPENDIX G

PROUD TO BE A CALIFORNIA EAGLE

Bakersfield Aerie #93 $20.00  
Santa Monica Aerie #2397 $100.00  
Alameda Aerie #1076 $100.00  
Santa Maria Aerie #1745 $100.00  
San Jose Aerie #8 $100.00  
Mountain View Aerie #2356 $500.00  
Cash & Fines $651.00  

Total Parade $1,571.00

APPENDIX N

OLIVER XAVIER FUND

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SECTION 1.1 The name of this organization shall be the California State Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles.

SECTION 1.2 Pursuant to the authority granted by Section 35, Constitution and Statutes of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and for the purpose of securing a more efficient organization of, and strengthening the bond of fraternity between the several Local Aeries and their Membership within the State of California, under the Charter granted by the Grand Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles, in 1905, the California State Aerie hereby enacts and adopts these By-Laws for the government of its affairs and repeals any and all other Constitutions and / or By-Laws, if any, heretofore adopted.

COMPOSITION - MEMBERSHIP - VOTING

SECTION 2.1 California State Aerie shall be composed of the legally qualified and registered delegates in attendance from the Member Local Aeries apportioned as hereinafter provided, the legally qualified and serving officers of the State Aerie, Past State Presidents, and such Past Worthy Presidents and Ten Year Secretaries of Member Local Aeries as are registered and in attendance. Only the aforementioned and such accredited representatives, as are commissioned by the Grand Aerie, shall attend the sessions of the State Aerie.

SECTION 2.2 Each Local Aerie in California holding a Charter from the Grand Aerie shall become a member of the State Aerie and shall pay such Per Capita Tax, assessments and charges and file such reports as hereinafter provided. Any Local Aerie delinquent in paying such Per Capita Tax, assessments and charges shall not be entitled to send delegates to and be represented in the State Aerie.

SECTION 2.2.1 Not withstanding anything to the contrary in these By-Laws of the California State Aerie, any Aerie in the State Aerie jurisdiction which is delinquent in payment of the Grand Aerie Per Capita Tax shall not be entitled to send delegates or to be represented in the State Aerie.

SECTION 2.3 Delegates and alternates may, after due notice to the members, be elected, or, if any Local Aerie so determines, be appointed by its Worthy President, not later than 30 days prior to the Annual Convention. The then serving Secretary and Worthy President - elect ( for the ensuing term ) of such Local Aerie may each be one of its delegates. Alternates may be sent only in place of delegates who cannot qualify or attend. The secretary of each Member Local Aerie shall certify to the State Secretary, not later than 20 days preceding the Annual Convention, the names of all delegates and alternates being sent by such Member Local Aerie and the number of Aerie votes each delegate or alternate is authorized to cast. In compiling the list of delegates from the Aerie, all Past Worthy Presidents in good standing of such Member Local Aerie shall be listed, in addition to the delegates representing the Aerie.

SECTION 2.4 No individual shall be eligible to vote or sit in deliberation of the California State Aerie unless he is a member in good standing in his Local Aerie.
SECTION 2.5 Each Member Local Aerie which filed its required reports and paid its Per Capita Tax in full and which is otherwise qualified by the laws of the Grand and State Aerie shall be entitled to one vote for each fifty (50) members or major fraction thereof on its rolls as of the first day of December immediately preceding the convention of the State Aerie, provided that no Local Aerie shall have less than one vote, and the maximum number of votes of any one delegate may cast for his Aerie at the State Convention shall be five (5), provided, however, that no Local Aerie shall send more than fifty (50) delegates to cast its vote at any convention. Local Aeries may confer upon their delegates the power to cast for them not less than one whole vote no more than five (5) whole votes per delegate. Fractional votes shall not be cast nor conferred upon delegates by their Local Aeries. Each Past State President, each elected Officer of the State Aerie, each Past Worthy President of a Local Aerie, and each 10-year Secretary of the member Local Aerie, qualified as such by the Grand Aerie shall be entitled to cast one vote in each said capacities in any other representative capacity. Provided, however, that said Past Presidents and Officers must be in good standing in their Local Aeries.

SECTION 2.5A All Aeries instituted during the fiscal period December 1 thru May 31, immediately preceding the dates of the California State Aerie Convention not requiring Per Capita Tax being paid, shall have their Junior Past Worthy President and all duly accredited Delegates recognized, and given certification by the Secretary of the California State Aerie, and given the right to vote at the Convention.

SECTION 2.6 The presence of a sufficient number of registered representatives legally eligible and authorized to cast 1/4th or more of the total legally authorized and registered votes shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 2.7 All voting, except for the election of officers and on roll call, shall be by the regular voting sign of the Order. A majority of the legally authorized votes present and voting shall prevail. Election of Officers shall be by secret printed ballot and plurality of the legally qualified votes legally cast for each office shall elect.

SECTION 2.8 A roll call vote can be had upon any question, except the election of Officers, upon request of such number of accredited delegates as the rules of convention shall provide. Upon a roll call vote a majority of the accredited delegates present and voting shall prevail.

SECTION 2.9 Ballots shall not be prepared or marked in any way that the voter thereof can be identified.

SECTION 2.10 If, on any question demanding a vote by roll call, same shall be had, providing 15 percent of the accredited delegates present (as shown by the report of Credential Committee) demand roll call. Any member may demand roll call on any question, but such demand must be made before result is announced.

PER CAPITA TAX

SECTION 3.1 Each Member Local Aerie affiliated with the California State Aerie shall pay a Per Capita Tax of not less than $3.00 per year per member, (not including dual members) which will be paid in 2 equal installments of $1.50 per member semi-annually, December 1st and June 1st, and not later than 30 days after each of the two dates, the same to be paid from the Benefit Fund. This increase to start on June 1, 2010 installment.
SECTION 3.1A From said Per Capita Tax $.10 per member shall be deposited to the Convention Corporation Fund.

SECTION 3.2 Any temporary or permanent increase in Per Capita Tax must be authorized by a change of the State Aerie By-Laws adopted by a two thirds majority of the legally authorized votes present, and voting thereon in convention.

MEETING TIME AND PLACE

SECTION 4.1 The State Aerie shall hold annual conventions, the last week of the month of June. Places of which shall be selected by the delegates of the several Aeries assembled at the California State Aerie Convention in each year, at least three years in advance thereof. Bids of each proposed host Aerie must be submitted so as to be received by the Executive Board and Convention Committee at least 180 days prior to the convening date of the annual convention at which same are to be considered. The Executive Board and the Convention Committee are empowered to have an investigation made of the bids of each proposed host Aerie and the facilities available at any time 180 days prior to the State Convention. Within said period of 180 days, the Executive Board and Convention Committee shall fully consider all bids submitted within the state of California and report to the Annual Convention its recommendations as to the selection of site for the Annual Convention three years hence.

SECTION 4.2 In the event that the convention city so selected declines to act as such convention city, or in the event the Executive Board of the Convention Committee finds it impossible to negotiate successfully, the Executive Board and Convention Committee are empowered to make a choice of the city.

SECTION 4.3 Not later than six (6) months after the selection of the city, the Executive Board and Convention Committee shall firm up the city so selected by getting a firm contract.

OFFICERS

SECTION 5.1 The Officers of the State Aerie shall be the Junior Past President, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain, Conductor, Inside Guard, Outside Guard, and four (4) Trustees, each of whom shall be a member in good standing in the Order. The Junior Past President shall automatically become the Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

SECTION 5.1A The Executive Board of the California State Aerie shall be, all of the serving State Officers of the State Aerie and all of the Past State Presidents of the State Aerie. A quorum for purpose of meeting shall be seven (7) current State Officers.

SECTION 5.1B The Officer and Committeemen usually and customarily handling funds and property of the State Aerie shall each give bond with a Surety approved by the State Trustees in such amounts as the Trustees shall, from time to time, prescribe. The premium shall be paid by the State Aerie.

SECTION 5.2 All Officers except the Secretary, Treasurer, and Trustees shall be nominated and elected at the annual convention for a term of one year. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected for two (2) years and their election shall be in alternate years. There shall be four (4) elected Trustees, two of whom shall be elected each year for a term of two (2) years. The Junior Past State President shall be a Trustee and Chairman of the Board by virtue of his office.
SECTION 5.3 A Trustee, after serving two years, may, after dropping out for two (2) years, be re-elected Trustee for Two additional years. No member of any Local Aerie shall be eligible to be elected Trustee of the State Aerie when another member of his Local Aerie holds any elective State Aerie Office other than Secretary or Treasurer.

SECTION 5.4 No member of a Local Aerie shall be eligible to be elected to any other State Office, other than Secretary or Treasurer, when another member of his Local Aerie holds any elective State Aerie Office.

SECTION 5.5 No person other than a Past Worthy President or Ten Year Secretary of a Local Aerie affiliated with the California State Aerie shall be eligible to hold office in the State Aerie. He must be a member in good standing in his Local Aerie, and must not at anytime have been removed from office therein by judgment of a trial tribunal within the State of California in accordance with the laws of the Order; provided, however, that he may be restored to eligibility to be nominated for and to hold office in the State Aerie by written consent of the State President and a majority of the Board of Trustees of the State Aerie.

SECTION 5.7 No person shall be eligible to hold office as State President, State Vice President, State Chaplain, State Trustee, State Treasurer, or State Secretary unless at time of installation he is at least 21 years of age.

SECTION 5.7A No person shall be eligible to hold office as State President unless he has previously served a full term as an elected State Trustee, State Secretary, or State Treasurer.

NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS

SECTION 5.8 All candidates for elective office in the California State Aerie shall be nominated from the floor of the Annual Convention.

SECTION 5.9 No person shall be placed in nomination for any office unless he is in good standing and shall be present at the time the nomination is made, or if unable to be present at the time the nomination is made, has given his written consent to have his name placed in nomination for such office.

SECTION 5.10 No person shall be placed in nomination from the floor unless his nomination is approved by his home Aerie, or any Aerie in which he holds a dual membership. Such approval shall be expressed by resolution filed with the State Aerie Secretary, the original and one (1) copy, and postmarked not less than thirty (30) days prior to the opening of the State Aerie Convention at which his name is to be presented. However if it appears to the State Aerie President that no person has been proposed for a particular office, then the State Aerie President shall announce that nominations may be made from the floor for that particular office.

(This Section Amended at the 2010 Convention)
DUTIES OF STATE OFFICERS

SECTION 6.1 The State President shall preside at all meetings of the State Aerie, appoint committees and a Legal Advisor, and sign voucher checks drawn upon the State Treasury, and perform such other duties as may be required of him by the State Aerie. He shall, with the advice of the Legal Advisor, render all decisions interpreting the State By-Laws, and his decision shall be final unless reversed by the State Aerie, or the Grand Tribunal. He shall, whenever he deems the same necessary, call a meeting of the Trustees; he may, with the concurrence of the Secretary, appoint such Deputy State Presidents as in his judgment may be necessary to the welfare of the member Local Aeries, and define their duties. All such appointments shall be subject to cancellation and revocation at will, and no Deputy so appointed shall have any power other than that defined by the State President and State Secretary. The State President shall, during his term of office, officially visit as many Aeries as possible in the State of California, and finances first being available.

SECTION 6.2 The Vice President shall, in the absence or disability of the State President, perform all the duties of the State President.

SECTION 6.3 The Secretary shall act as Secretary for the Trustees and maintain a record of their proceedings. He shall maintain a record of all proceedings of the State Aerie, shall collect all monies due the State Aerie and shall pay into the General Fund, Membership Fund, and the Corporation Fund for deposit by the State Treasurer at least once each month with an itemized statement thereof, and shall maintain a true and correct amount of all monies received and disbursed. He shall, under the supervision of the President and Treasurer, initiate all disbursements, and the payments of all expenditures of and from the designated State Aerie Funds. At each session of the State Aerie and whenever required to do so by the President, he shall deliver to the Auditing Committee of the State Aerie all of his books and records for examination and audit each year. He shall at each session of the State Aerie deliver to the State President a duplicate report covering the cash balance of all funds of the preceding State Convention, and the amounts received by him from all sources and the sums paid for all purposes. He shall deliver to his successor in office all books, papers, blanks, records, money and other property of the State Aerie in his Possession. As soon as practical after the adjournment of each State Session, the Secretary shall compile a brief report and include therein so much of the record of the proceedings of the session, to be printed or mimeographed as shall be directed by the Executive Board and shall deliver two (2) copies thereof to the Grand Worthy President and copies to the Secretary of each member Local Aerie. He shall require all expense vouchers to be itemized.

SECTION 6.3A The Secretary, under the direction of the State President shall arrange official visitations of the State Officers and Membership Committeemen (or Membership Directors).

SECTION 6.3B The Secretary may, subject to prior approval of the State President, hire a stenographer-clerk to be paid by the State Aerie in an annual amount not to exceed that set forth in Section 10.3 of the By-Laws.

SECTION 6.3C The Secretary shall obtain bonding of all State Officers and Committeemen handling money.

SECTION 6.3D The Secretary shall notify the Board of Trustees whenever expenditures are likely to exceed the amounts allotted by the budget. The Secretary shall not disburse additional funds exceeding the budget without written authorization of the Board of Trustees. Every authorization in excess of the budget shall be included in the Trustees Annual Report submitted by the State Aerie Board of Trustees.
SECTION 6.4 The Treasurer shall be custodian of all bonds and securities belonging to the State Aerie, receive all monies from the Secretary and receipt to him thereof. He shall deposit the same in a good and responsible bank in the State of California approved by the Board of Trustees. He shall countersign all checks for legal expenditures of the State Aerie after the same have been authorized and signed by the Secretary and President. He shall maintain an account of all checks that have cleared the bank and such as have not been presented for payment. He shall annually present to the President a report in duplicate showing a detailed statement of his accounts. He shall deliver within 30 days to his successor in office all books, papers, records, monies and other property of the State Aerie in his possession under the penalty of bond.

SECTION 6.5 The Conductor shall be responsible for the safekeeping of all paraphernalia of the State Aerie during the annual sessions but the State Secretary shall be the custodian thereof when the State Aerie is not in session. The Conductor shall perform all duties prescribed by the Ritual and other duties as he may be directed to perform by the State President when the State Aerie is in session.

SECTION 6.6 The Chaplain and the Inside and Outside Guards shall perform such services at the State Aerie sessions as are required of them by the Ritual governing proceedings of the State Aerie sessions as provided by the Grand Aerie.

SECTION 6.7 The Trustees, when the State Aerie is not in session, shall act upon such matters as may be referred to them by the State Aerie and the majority rule shall prevail. They shall also examine and inquire into the sufficiency of all official bonds. In all matters of expenditure of monies of the State Aerie in which the matters of bids or awarding contracts is deemed by them to be advisable, and that may be required so to be done by the State Aerie, they shall require and conduct the demand for bids, the opening of the same, and award contracts, but no such contract shall extend any time beyond the current fiscal year and every action in this regard shall be subject to review by the State Aerie. Between annual State Aerie sessions, the Trustees shall meet upon call of the State President or when in the judgment of a majority of the Trustees said meetings are necessary to keep the general welfare of the State Aerie, but in no instance shall more than one meeting be held in any one month. They shall keep an inventory of all furniture and equipment of the State Aerie held by them or any other office and report the same annually in writing to the State Convention. The Junior Past President shall serve as Chairman of the Board of Trustees. He shall preside at all regular and special meetings of the Board of Trustees and in his absence or inability to serve as chairman, one of the other members of the Board shall act in his place. The serving State President and State Secretary may attend all of the meetings of the Board of Trustees but shall not be entitled to a vote thereat.

SECTION 6.7A All State Aerie accounts shall have four (4) available signatures; State President, State Secretary, State Treasurer, and State Vice President as an alternate if required, and that three (3) signatures be required on all funds.

SECTION 6.7B Except as otherwise provided by the laws of the Order, should a vacancy occur in any State Aerie office other than President or Trustee by reason of death, removal from office, removal from State or resignation, the Executive Board shall elect a successor to each to fill the unexpired term. In the event of a vacancy occurring in the office of Trustee, then the President shall name a member to fill the unexpired term. In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, the Vice President shall succeed to and fill the office of President for the unexpired term. In the event of a vacancy in the office of State Vice President, the State Executive Board shall elect a successor to fill the unexpired term. Should the Vice President, choose not to step into position of President, the State Executive Board shall appoint a successor to fill the unexpired term of the State President.
SECTION 6.7C The State Aerie Executive Board duties shall be to vote on all grant request of $5,000.00 or more and to vote on any matters pertaining to the State Aerie that is not defined under the duties of the President, or the Secretary, or the Board of Trustees. The State President shall be the Chairman of the Executive Board.

SECTION 6.7D The Executive Board shall annually in December, by mail, vote for a State nominee for Grand Aerie Office. The nominee will be selected from those Brothers whose names have been submitted by proper resolution from their own Local Aerie. Provided that if a nominee is unable to serve due to death or disability, a nominee may be selected by the delegates at State Convention.

SECTION 6.7E The Past State Presidents, annually shall vote to select an Eagle, to be recommended to the Grand Worthy President Elect, for the office of Western Regional President, from the State of California.

SECTION 6.9 No Officer of the State Aerie shall have the power or authority to demand or require the resignation of any alleged offending officer or member of the State aerie, unless said alleged offending officer or member has been convicted by a duly constituted trial tribunal within the State of California.

COMMITTEES

SECTION 7.1 Annually the State President shall appoint the following Committees and announce the appointments on the 1st day of the Annual Convention.

(a) Credentials Committee, not more than five (5) members.
(b) Judiciary Committee, shall consist of seven (7) members
(c) Ritual Competition Committee, as many as needed.
(d) Resolutions Committee, not more than five (5) members
(e) Auditing Committee, not more than five (5) members.
(f) Budget and Finance Committee, not less than five (5) members.
(g) State of the Order Committee, not more than five (5) members, to be filled to the fullest extent possible by Past State Presidents and if not enough are available, then from among the Past Worthy Presidents.
(h) Publicity Committee, as many as may be needed.
(i) Election Committee, appointed by the State President prior to the ensuing convention, their duty to count the ballots for the election of State Aerie Officers nominated for the ensuing year.
(j) State Bowling Tournament Chairman
(k) State Golf Tournament Chairman
(l) State Catastrophe Fund Committee, shall consist of three (3) members, State Chaplain, State Secretary, and State Chairman appointed by the State President.

All committees appointed by the President, if functioning on an all year around basis be selected from among Past Worthy President of Local Aeries or Past District Chairman affiliated with the State Aerie and if for the duration of the convention only or other temporary basis, may be selected from among duly accredited delegates or said Past Worthy Presidents. Subject thereto he shall also, from time to time, appoint such other committees, as the State Aerie while in session, or the Executive Board thereof in the interim between sessions, shall create and direct.
SECTION 7.2 Credentials Committee: The Credentials Committee shall meet in convention city at least one (1) day before the opening of the State Aerie Convention and be ready to report upon the convention thereof. It shall examine the receipts and credentials of the accredited representatives of Local Aeries to the State Aerie and of Past Worthy Presidents of the same. All questions relative to the right of delegates and Past Worthy Presidents to sit in the State Aerie sessions shall be referred to said committee. It shall also render a report on credentials to the State Aerie.

SECTION 7.3 Judiciary Committee: Immediately following the opening of the first session of the annual convention of the State Aerie, the committee on Judiciary shall recommend to the State Aerie, for adoption, a set of rules to be known as “The Rules of The Convention” and an order of business which, if adopted, shall be followed and govern the convention. All proposed amendments to the By-Laws and such portions of reports of officers and committees of the State Aerie containing suggestions which, if adopted, would necessitate a change in the By-Laws of the State Aerie, shall be referred to the committee on Judiciary, and such committee shall report to the State Aerie such action thereon as it may deem advisable to the State Aerie By-Laws has been submitted in accordance with the provisions thereof.

SECTION 7.4 Ritualistic Competition Committee: The Ritualistic Competition Committee shall have charge of all competitive drills and ritualistic contest of the State Aerie session, and the exemplification of the ritual ceremonies thereat, and shall enforce the rules and regulations governing such competitions.

SECTION 7.5 Resolutions Committee: All resolutions, with the exception of those initiated or considered by the State of the Order Committee or those required to be submitted to the Judiciary Committee, shall first be in writing presented or referred to and passed upon by Committee on Resolutions, which shall make its report, with its recommendations thereon, to the State Aerie in session.

SECTION 7.6 Auditing Committee: The Auditing Committee, shall make a complete audit of the records of the State Secretary, State Treasurer, and the State Trustees and report thereon at the annual session. This Committee shall examine and ascertain the correctness of all bill presented to the State Aerie for payment.

SECTION 7.7 Finance Committee: The Finance Committee shall present to the convention for its consideration a budget of estimated receipts and expenditures for the ensuing fiscal year and shall, subject to the provisions of Section 10.8 and 10.9 hereof, figure the per diem and traveling expenses of the State Officers, Past State Presidents, and Chairmen of major committees designated as such by the Executive Committee, in attendance at all sessions as follows:
(a) not to exceed $50.00 per diem for three days of the convention, the per diem to be fixed by the Executive Committee.
(b) not to exceed $50.00 per diem for the day preceding the opening of the convention, when requested by the State President to attend a meeting on that day, the per diem to be fixed by the Executive Committee.
Finance Committee: cont. If the State Secretary, in the performance of his duties, is required to be at the convention site prior to the opening of the convention he shall receive per diem not to exceed $50.00 for each day preceding the opening of the convention, not to exceed two (2) days. The per diem to be fixed by the Executive Committee.
(c) Transportation at the rate of $.50 per mile from home city or city nearest home to convention city,
(d) Past State Presidents living out of the State of California will receive a maximum of $300.00 or the rate of $.50 per mile whichever is less to travel to a California State Aerie Convention.
SECTION 7.8  Not withstanding the provisions of Section 7.7 above, when the Finance Committee finds that the actual receipts of the State Aerie are not sufficient to pay the traveling expenses and per diem provided therein, payments to said State Officers, Past State Presidents and Committee Chairmen shall be reduced on a pro rate basis to such amount as will not exceed the funds found by the Finance Committee to be available for that purpose; provided, however, that in no event shall payments for per diem and traveling expenses exceed the amounts provided for in Section 7.7.

SECTION 7.9 The Committee on the State of The Order: This Committee shall consider all matters presented to it by the State President or Aerie, concerning the general welfare of the State Aerie and its member Local Aeries, and shall report to the State Aerie.

SECTION 7.10 The Publicity Committee shall have charge of all publicity of the State Aerie Session and such other related duties as directed by the State President or Executive Board.

SECTION 7.11 The President may, at each convention preceding a regular session of the California Legislature, appoint a legislative committee of such number of members as he, with the concurrence of the Secretary, may deem necessary, such members to be in good standing in their respective aeries. Said committee shall hold office and serve through the next convention following adjournment of such legislative session. If a special session of the legislature is convened while said committee is not functioning, the President may appoint a similar committee to serve from the opening of such special session through the convention following the adjournment of said special session. Any such committee member shall be eligible to succeed himself. In event of a vacancy for any cause, occurring in the membership of said committee, such vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the then President for the remainder of the unexpired term. The Legislative Committee shall have the power and shall be charged with the following duties:

(a) To direct and control all matters relating to legislative action necessary to be taken before State Legislative Assemblies in connection with proposed or pending legislation that basically affect the essential internal operations of the Local Aeries, their property rights and interests and such matters as are exclusively subject to State Legislation and regulation, to the end that the rights of the Local Aeries may be safeguarded and protected.

(b) Upon the direction and with the approval of the Grand Aerie Legislative Committee or the Grand Worthy President to prepare, present or support any legislation which would promote the public welfare and social security, or other humanitarian programs and policies of the Grand Aerie.

(c) To carefully review and consider, prior to and during State Legislative sessions, all legislation that may be proposed or submitted thereto, which may in any way affect the public welfare, social security or other humanitarian programs and policies of the Grand Aerie, or that might in any way affect the property rights and interests of the member Local Aeries, and to keep said member Local Aeries and the Grand Aerie Legislative Committee fully informed thereon, and of the progress of such legislation and of the action recommended or taken by this committee as herein authorized.

(d) There may be provided to said committee adequate funds to enable it to properly carry out its herein designated duties and activities in an efficient manner.

(e) There shall be at all times be provided to said committee, in connection with performance of its duties as herein prescribed and in order to enable it to properly advise Local Aeries with respect to the legal effect of existing or proposed legislation on their property holdings, interest and activities, adequate legal advice by appointment of a State Legal Advisor.

(f) An accurate and complete report by the Legislative Committee of its activities shall be made at each session of the State Aerie, copies of which reports shall thereupon be transmitted to the Chairman of the Grand Aerie Legislative Committee.
SECTION 7.12 Past Worthy Presidents Clubs. To be known as the SIRES, of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

1. The purpose of the SIRES are:
   (a) Keep Past Worthy Presidents active.
   (b) Public relations for the Fraternal Order of Eagles.
   (c) Aid to the Youthful Blind.

2. Annually, the State President, on his installation shall appoint a liaison, a member of the SIRES.
   (a) The purpose of the liaison shall be to inform the California State Aerie and its members of the activities and accomplishments by the SIRES of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

SECTION 7.13 California State Aerie “Dog Chain Club “. The purpose of the “Dog Chain Club” is to give recognition to outstanding Eagles who through their efforts have furthered the cause of Eagledom through dedicated work, leadership and inspiration. Annually, the recipients from previous years will select a new member for induction into the “Dog Chain Club”. The selectee cannot be from the same District as the previous year selectee. It is the responsibility of the previous years recipient to furnish a dog chain with proper identification to be presented to the new selectee at the State Convention. All members of the “Dog Chain Club” are required to wear their chains at all State and higher functions. If at any time they are found to be without their chain by a fellow “Dog Chain Club” member, the guilty member will purchase a round of cheer for all Dog Chain members present.

SECTION 7.14 California State Aerie fun club known as C.R.A.F.T. The purpose, To aid in the promotion of membership in the local aeries comprising the California State Aerie, To assist any and all member aeries of the California State Aerie in the furtherance of their fund raising activities for local and Grand Aerie approved charities, Not withstanding the above objectives, to promote and foster good and wholesome social activities among the members of this select group. Membership in C.R.A.F.T. is to be composed of individuals in good standing in an Aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles with in that group of Aeries constituting the California State Aerie.

SECTION 7.15 Establishment of a “Hall of Fame” for those living and deceased members of the California local Aerie who have shown exceptional devotion and dedication to the ideals of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. A selection committee consisting of the serving Junior Past State President as Chairman. The Secretary of the California State Aerie and three members appointed by the California State Aerie President. The members at large will be selected one (1) each from the North, Central and South portions of the State.
Each Aerie so desiring would file an application with the State Secretary postmarked by June 1st. Applications must contain all facts vital and necessary to ensure satisfactory investigation by the committee which may also consider any member from a local aerie. The application must also contain a 5"X7" picture of the nominee. The selection Committee shall be authorized to select a maximum of four nominees per year with no more than two deceased nor more than two Past State Presidents. This program shall be cost free to the State Aerie except for the cost of plaques presented to the recipients.

SECTION 7.16 Bowling Tournament Chairman: It shall be the responsibility of The State Bowling Chairman to approve of the Local Aerie Chairman for the Aerie that will be hosting the Annual State Aerie Bowling Tournament. It will be the responsibility of the State Bowling Chairman to confirm that the Local Chairman and all Local Aerie Committee members handling funds for the tournament are bonded through the Eagles Bond Fund. All funds received from the Bowling Tournament by the Local Aerie Committee shall be deposited with the Local Aerie Secretary and earmarked as State Aerie Bowling Tournament Funds. The Local Aerie Secretary shall transfer these funds to the State Aerie Secretary immediately following the State Convention.
SECTION 7.17 Golf Tournament Chairman: The Golf Tournament Chairman shall make all arrangements for the Annual State Aerie Golf Tournament to be held in the city of the State Aerie Annual Convention. The Golf Tournament shall be held on the day preceding the day of the first session of the State Aerie Annual Convention. All funds received in connection with the State Aerie Golf Tournament shall be deposited with the Local Aerie Secretary and earmarked as State Aerie Golf Tournament Funds. The Local Aerie Secretary shall transfer these funds to the State Aerie Secretary immediately following the State Convention.

SECTION 7.18 Catastrophe Fund Committee: The Catastrophe Fund Committee shall consider requests for assistance made as a result of any disaster occurring in the State of California, and consider disbursements to Aeries and individual Eagle Members in the State of California. The actual amount of such relief funding is set at no more than $1,000.00 per household. The actual amount of such relief funding will be determined on a case-by-case basis and take into consideration available funds. Such request will be considered by the Catastrophe Fund Committee which will make recommendations for, or against, specific funding in response to those requests. Those recommendations will be approved, or denied, by the State Board of Trustees, which will also have the power to change the amount of the recommended funding.

OBSERVANCE OF RITUAL AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

SECTION 8.1 The State Aerie shall conform to the Ritual as provided by the Grand Aerie for opening the sessions of the State Aerie and shall conform to the order of business and convention rules recommended by the Judiciary Committee and adopted at the opening session each annual convention. Convention rules and an order of business must be adopted by the State Aerie at the proper time after the opening ceremonies before any business shall be conducted.

COOPERATION WITH THE MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT

SECTION 9.1 There is hereby created a committee to be known as the Membership Committee, which shall be charged with the duties of promoting membership activities for the purpose of assisting the Local Aeries in maintaining and increasing membership, of promoting the organization of new Aeries, of issuing a news bulletin at least monthly, and performing such other duties as may be incident thereto.

SECTION 9.2 The Membership Committee shall consist of a Chairman or Co-Chairman and as many Committeemen as the State President deems necessary who shall be appointed by the State President and shall serve until the end of the State Presidents term of office unless replaced by the State President.

SECTION 9.3 The State Aerie shall at all times cooperate with the Membership Department of the Grand Aerie and under the supervision of such department and its authorized representatives, assist in carrying into effect all organization and membership activities and plans proposed by said department and designed to increase the numerical strength of the order. Expenses incident to the operation of the State Membership Committee, shall be paid from the funds, sent to the Local Department by the Grand Aerie Membership Department at the rate of $4.00 per initiation fee for new members or $4.00 for the re-enroll program, during any fiscal year from June 1, through May 31.

SECTION 9.4 The Membership Committee shall prescribe rules and regulations for the efficient administration of its duties, and arranging of meetings, and allocation of speakers and the receipt and issuance of reports.
SECTION 9.5 All monies remitted from the Grand Aerie Membership Department will be deposited in the State Aerie Membership Fund. The President, Secretary and State Membership Committee shall annually submit an estimated budget for the promotion of this committee.

DISTRICTS

SECTION 9.7 The State Aerie shall be divided into Districts and the Districts shall be the same as prescribed by the Executive Board of the State Aerie.

SECTION 9.8 The respective duties of the Officers and representative of each District shall be designated by the State Aerie Executive Board and the Districts shall function in keeping with the directions of the Executive Board of the State Aerie the Constitution and the By-laws of the State Aerie.

CALIFORNIA STATE AERIE GENERAL FUND

SECTION 10.1 The State Aerie Secretary shall record all monies received from the Local Aeries for Per Capita Tax, (Section 3.1), issue a receipt therefore and the same turned over to the State Treasurer for deposit to the State Aerie General Fund. The State Secretary shall receive $5,400.00 annually, payable monthly, by warrants drawn from the State Aerie General Fund.

SECTION 10.1A The State Secretary shall maintain a Petty Cash Fund of $600.00 to be drawn equally from the General Fund and the Membership Fund for petty cash expenditures in the operation of the State Aerie Office. Expenditures from petty cash are to be reimbursed from either of these funds according to purpose of expenditure. The petty cash fund shall be banked in a special checking account. All warrant checks written against the petty cash account shall be signed by the State Secretary or State Treasurer.

SECTION 10.2 The State Treasurer shall receive all monies from the State Secretary, give a receipt and therefore deposit the same in the proper fund. He shall receive annually a salary of $600.00 and $400.00 for expenses payable quarterly from the State Aerie General Fund.

SECTION 10.3 The Stenographer-clerk shall receive $3,000.00 annually, payable monthly, from the State Aerie General Fund.

SECTION 10.4 Legal Advisor: The Office of Legal Advisor is hereby created. The Legal Advisor shall have a degree in law from an accredited Institution and shall be a member of a Local Aerie in the State and shall be appointed by the President. He shall act as advisor only, on matters pertaining to the State Aerie. He shall attend the State Aerie sessions, meetings of the Executive Board, as requested and such other committee meetings where his presence is required and shall be paid such expenses as are allowed to other officers and committee members for like attendance at said meetings or sessions. He shall receive not more than $450.00 per year, paid from the General Fund, Membership Fund, and Convention Corporation Fund, in equal amounts.

SECTION 10.5 The State Auditor shall be appointed by the State President and shall receive $450.00 per year for services rendered as in Section 7.7 by a warrant drawn on the State Aerie General Fund. Membership Fund, and the Convention Corporation Fund, in three equal amounts.
SECTION 10.6 An annual allowance shall be made to the State President and the State Secretary for their respective office expenses in such amounts as shall be fixed by the Convention approval of the budget.

SECTION 10.7 Not including the California State Aerie Convention. The officers of the California State Aerie will receive a flat rate of $100.00 (One hundred dollars) for attending meetings when called.

SECTION 10.8 The State Aerie shall not pay the expenses of any delegate representing a member Local Aerie who is authorized to cast such Aerie vote or votes; such expense may be paid by the respective member Local Aerie.

SECTION 10.9 Local Aeries may pay the expenses incurred by any officer or deputy officer of the State Aerie in the visitation of such Local Aerie, out of funds of said Local Aerie.

SECTION 10.10 Representatives to the Grand Aerie: The Junior Past State President shall represent the State Aerie as a delegate to the Grand Aerie Convention. In addition, the State Aerie may, by resolution, appoint the Secretary as a delegate and may empower the President to appoint such additional representative to the Grand Aerie Convention as the Constitution and the Statutes of the Order provide; however, that appointment of delegate in addition to the Junior Past State President shall be contingent on the ability of the State Aerie to pay the expenses of such additional delegates. Said resolution shall assign to the representative or representatives, the number of votes to be cast for a State Aerie, but not less than one whole vote. No more than the entire number of votes allotted to the State Aerie shall be allotted to any one representative, and fractional part vote shall not be allotted.

SECTION 10.11 The compensation to be paid such representative or representatives for attending the Grand Aerie session to which he or they are sent shall not exceed $50.00 per day, and shall not exceed seven days. And transportation compensation of .50 per mile to the convention and return not exceeding 2000 miles, or actual air coach fare or whichever is less.

FISCAL YEAR REPORTS RECORDS

SECTION 11.1 The fiscal year of the State Aerie shall begin on the 1st day of June of each year and end on the 31st day of May of the following year.

SECTION 11.2 The Secretary of each Local Aerie shall make a Semi-Annual Report to the State Secretary on such forms as he may prescribe, a copy of the Grand Aerie Semi-Annual Report for the State Secretary, which shall, with other required data, contain such information as will enable the computation of the Local Aeries Per Capita Tax due the State Aerie and enable the Credentials Committee to perform its duties. Failure to furnish such Semi-Annual Report on or before June 30th and December 31st of each year will subject the Local Aerie to a fine of $5.00. Any change in the office of a Local Worthy President or Secretary shall be forthwith reported by such Local Aerie to the State Aerie. Delegates will not be issued Credentials if their Local Aerie has not paid its Per Capita Tax.

SECTION 11.3 The State Secretary and Treasurer shall keep and maintain such books and reports as may be necessary to an efficient operation of the affairs of the State Aerie. Such books and records shall be in such forms as prescribed by the Board of Grand Trustees.
OFFENSES

SECTION 13.1 Any improper conduct toward or in the affairs of, or with respect to the State Aerie and any violation of these By-Laws by any member, or delegate or Local Aerie shall constitute a violation of the laws of the Order and may be tried in the same manner and may be punished to the same extent as a violation of the Statutes of the Order. If the offender is an officer or committee member of the State Aerie, he may, in addition to any other penalty imposed, be suspended or removed from his office or committee.

STATE TRIBUNAL

SECTION 14.1 Upon installation, the State President shall appoint a State Tribunal of three (3) members, all of whom shall be Past Worthy Presidents of affiliated Local Aeries and who shall serve during the State Presidents term of office. Said Tribunal shall have jurisdiction over all cases involving an offense committed against the laws of the State Aerie by members of the State Aerie and shall have power to try and decide all such cases as may come before it, and to prescribe and enforce the penalty imposed and to render any order or judgment thereon.

SECTION 14.2 The State Tribunal shall hear all appeals properly perfected and over which the State Aerie has jurisdiction, as may be presented to it by the State Aerie and report to the State Aerie its findings and recommendations thereon.

SECTION 14.3 An appeal may be taken to the State Tribunal from any decision, order or ruling of any officer of the State Aerie pertaining to any State Aerie matter at any time within thirty (30) days from the date of which notice of such decision, ruling or order is received. All such appeals shall be perfected and conducted in the same manner as appeals taken to the Grand Tribunal and shall be heard and disposed of by the State Tribunal in the same manner as the Grand Tribunal.

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY, SEVERABILITY, AMENDMENTS

SECTION 15.1 The rules contained in Robert’s Rules of Order, revised, shall govern the State Aerie in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not in conflict with the Grand Aerie Constitution and Statutes, the By-Laws of the State Aerie and the rules of the Convention and order of business of same.

In accordance with Robert’s Rules of Order Revised Edition. The California State Secretary or the California State By-laws Committee with concurrence be authorized to correct article and section designations, punctuation, and cross reference and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary as long as such changes do not result in the change of meaning of any article.

SECTION 15.2 If any of the provisions of these By-Laws shall be found to be in conflict with the Grand Aerie Constitution and Statutes, or for any other reason invalid, the remaining provisions hereof shall not be affected thereby but shall remain in full force and effect.
SECTION 15.3 (a) Except those contained in reports of the officers or committees of the State Aerie, all resolutions or proposed amendments to these By-Laws shall be in writing and shall be filed in triplicate with the State Secretary at least thirty (30) days prior to the day of which a convention session opens. The State Secretary shall cause all such resolutions and proposed amendments to be referred to the committee entitled to consider same, which said committee shall, at such session duly consider same and report thereon with its recommendations. No resolution or proposed amendment to the By-Laws, except those initiated by the Officers or Committee of the State Aerie shall be considered by the convention, unless it shall have been previously adopted by a member Local Aerie of the State Aerie.

(b) Where the session extends for two (2) days or more, no action shall be taken on any proposed amendment to the By-Laws until after the same has been read at the session; and on affirmative vote of a majority of the authorized votes present and voting thereon, shall be required to adopt any amendment; and no By-Laws or amendment thereto shall be effective unless and until, approved by the Grand Secretary.

These By-Laws and Amendments were adopted as provided in Section 35.4, Constitution and Statutes of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. This is a recent compiling of all revisions, and any and all, additions, deletions, and changes made to them up to and including the California State Aerie Convention held in Riverside, California June 25, 26, 27, 2009.

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This Addition was adopted as provided in Section 122.2, Constitution and Statutes, F.O.E. Approved by Delegates assembled at the 106th Annual State Convention held in Riverside, CA. June 25, 26, 27, 2009

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APPROVED, this 18th day of August, 2009

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