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2015-2016

Proceedings of the 68th  
Annual State Convention of the  
Minnesota State Auxiliary  
Fraternal Order of Eagles at  
Albert Lea, MN  
June 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, & 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016

MINNESOTA STATE AUXILIARY CONVENTION-ALBERT LEA  
JUNE 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**THURSDAY, JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2016, TIME 8:45 AM**

State Officers escorted to their station

Past State Presidents escorted to seats reserved for them

Grand Auxiliary Representatives escorted to seats reserved for them

State Mother, Grandmother & Historian escorted to seats reserved for them

Welcome by Gwen Stallkamp, PGMP from Albert Lea

Color Guard presented the colors.

Welcome by Vern Rasmussen, Jr. Mayor of Albert Lea, and the Chief of Police from Albert Lea Dwaine Winkels.

Obligation to Delegates was given by Elaine Regi

Opening Ceremony was conducted.

Introduction of Grand Representatives Elaine Regi – Grand Madam Trustee from Carlisle, PA #1299, Gwen Stallkamp – PGMP from Albert Lea, MN #2258, Katie Ziebol – PGMP from Utah #, Cindy Meyer NCR President from Crookston, MN # 873, Sylvia Burnet from New Mexico, Maureen Malz from Faribault, MN Roll Call of Officers, Past Presidents and Auxiliaries All officers present with the exception of Viola Manderud Past Presidents in attendance were Elaine Shultz -Marshall, Marge Reinke –St James, Gwen Stallkamp-Albert Lea, Karen Potratz-New Brighton, Kris Dowling-Grand Rapids, Pam Thiner-Worthington, June Callier-Rochester, JoAnn Burkel - Roseau, Bina Silverthorn - Bemidji, Judy Spencer - Mankato, Cindy Meyer - Crookston, Ellie Kunkel – St Cloud, Tammy Gerdts – Albert Lea, Maureen Malz - Faribault, Joyce Corgard - Mpls, and Gayle Batchelder - Grand Rapids. The count of those in attendance at today's meeting was 102 with 21 different Auxiliaries and 4 out of state guest representing Carlisle, PA, Utah, New Mexico, & North Dakota

Protocol was given by Pam Thiner of Worthington.

Minutes of 2015 Convention Meeting were handed out M. Secretary Denise Hemenway asked that they be accepted and placed on file. 1<sup>st</sup> motion: Garnet Karau, St. James 2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Betty Hochhalter, Detroit Lakes approved.

Donations Report: Wallace Manderud sent the report to Denise Hemenway and thanked everyone for sending the reports in. He asked that his report be accepted and placed on file. A total amount of donations in the state for 2014-2015 were \$178,706.26, this 2015-2016 year are \$151,800.62. The local amounts are on the back again.

Viola Manderud asks to be excused as she is in Va. Beach, VA for Grandson's graduation.

Finance/ Budget Report: was given by Kathy Plank – New Brighton #3718 and asked that it be accepted and placed on file. Committee of Ellie Kunkel-St Cloud, Kathy Plank-New Brighton and Garnet Karau – St. James were thanked. 1<sup>st</sup> Motion: Kathy Plank 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: Debra Henry approved

Audit Report: Marge Reinke thanked her committee and said that both secretary and treasurer reports were perfect and in good order. The bowling books also were audited and found in order. Audit completed in record time. Committee of Linda Connel of St James #3420, Sue Neu of Litchfield #3424, Joan Lubitz of Thief River Falls #2368, Kelly Henry of Crookston #873, The Past Presidents also opened up a checking account, donated \$500 to Lew Reed Spinal Cord Foundation. Marge Reinke – St James asked her report be accepted and placed on file.

International President's Report: Mary Lee gave her international report and talked about what an honor it was to carry the flag and represent us. She also thanked the delegates at the convention in Milwaukee, WI for the

donations to her charity and other gifts given to her. The hospitality room was awesome. Mary asked that her report be accepted and placed on file.

Secretary report: report is on the tables. Denise Hemenway of Park Rapids #870 motioned that her report be accepted and placed on file. Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report: reports from 2015 placed in the delegate's packets. Kathy Plank New Brighton #3718 asked that her report be accepted and placed on file. Kathy then gave us a joke as it has been a tradition for the treasurer to do. 1<sup>st</sup> motion: Kathy Plank, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Angie Boyles, accepted.

Communications: Denise Hemenway – Thank you from Diane Hinkemeyer St. Cloud #622.

Trustee's Report – Carol Eveslage of Rochester #2228 gave the Trustees report and said all is ready and encouraged the sisters to purchase the items. She has been working hard on updating the forms the Trustees use, and creating other guidelines the Trustees use. Carol Eveslage asked that her report be accepted and placed on file.

Resolutions: Garnet Karau of St James #3420 introduced her committee and told us that they would be reading 7 resolutions over the next 3 days. Maureen Malz of Faribault #1460 request to accept sister eagle of the year rules. Karen Potratz disagree, if they do not make Sister Eagle of the Year then they can go for Hall of Fame. Much discussion for and against the Sister Eagle of the year rules. Motion by Maureen Malz of Faribault #1460 to put the resolution to accept sister eagle of the year rules on the election ballot. 2nd by Pam Thiner of Worthington #3282. Motioned carried. Marlene Hanson of Roseau # 3882 Thank you to the Grand for sending Elaine Regi. They asked that their resolutions be accepted and placed on file.

By-Laws: Sherry Peters & Gayle Batchelder - 1st Reading by Lewis of Mankato #269 Sec 9.8 change to read up to 2 members for St Office. Jan Essig of Alexandria #3063 Sec Heading change to Compensation & Reimbursement. Renae Volt of Brainerd #287sec 5.4 change St Treasurer to receive compensation.

Ritual Chairman: JoAnn Burkel – Announcements – Introduce the committee members and the judges, and thanked them. They will be competing at noon, 1pm, 2pm, and 3pm here at the Hotel. Good Luck.

At this point a 10 minute break was given to the delegation

Grand Rep. – Remarks. Elaine Regi GM Trustee. Great to be here, and able to share Minnesota nice. What Kind Are You story.

Cindy Meyer NCR President. Conference Old Time Rock N Roll theme. Sept 9-11<sup>th</sup> Valley City, ND Gwen Stallkamp PGMP told a nice story “Take Time”, and suggestions for lunch.

By-Law for Assistant Secretary was passed at Grand. Denise Hemenway chose Kay Nelson.

Nomination of Officers was held.

Nominees

Madam President: Garnet Karau of St James #3420 by: Marge Reinke of St James #3420

Madam V. President: Sherry Peters of Bemidji #351 by: Bina Silverthorn of Bemidji #351

Madam Chaplain: Debra Henry of Mankato #269 by: Judy Spencer of Mankato #269

Madam Conductor: Sue Neu of Litchfield #3424 by: Jan Essig of Alexandria #3063

Madam Inside Guard: Marlene Hanson of Roseau #3382 by: JoAnn Burkel of Roseau #3382

Madam Outside Guard: Carol Eveslage of Rochester#2228	by: Ginny Schultz of Rochester #2228	
Madam Trustee's: <u>Ann Hadel of Minneapolis #34</u>	by: <u>Joyce Corgard of Minneapolis #34</u>	<u>40</u>
<u>Elaine Rothbarth of Worthington #3282</u>	by: <u>Marueen Malz of Faribault #1460</u>	<u>90</u>
<u>Cher Easterday of Worthington #3282</u>	by: <u>Pam Thiner of Worthington #3282</u>	<u>81</u>
<u>Roxanne Skalicky of Faribault #1460</u>	by: <u>Tina Giesen of Faribault #1460</u>	<u>158</u>
<u>Diane Hinkemeyer of St Cloud #622</u>	by: <u>Jan Essig of Alexandria #3063</u>	<u>140</u>
<u>Nancy Wadsworth of New Brighton#3718</u>	by: <u>Bev Menk of New Brighton #3718</u>	<u>123</u>

Alternate to International Convention: Sherry Peters of Bemidji #351 was nominated by Carla Schmidt of Worthington #3282, and Karen Potratz of New Brighton #3718. Motion Carried.

Today's Sunshine March of \$107.00 Motioned by JoAnn Burkel of Roseau #3382 that it be given to Hospice - Second by Pam Thiner of Windom #3391. Motion Carried.

Announcements: Membership Workshop 1:00 at Hotel, Joint Banquet 5:30pm Social Hour, Dinner at 6:30pm Eagles with Dist. Hospitality Rooms 9:00 Wind chimes will be brought to hospitality rooms where there will be a silent auction held.

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By-Laws: Sherry Peters & Gayle Batchelder – 2nd Reading by Sue Lewis of Mankato #269 Sec 9.8 change to read up to 2 members for St Office. Jan Essig of Alexandria #3063 Sec Heading change to Compensation & Reimbursement. Marsha Johnson of Albert Lea #2258 Sec 5.4 change St Treasurer to receive compensation.

Credentials Report: Delegates 71, Past Presidents 61, State Officers 12, PSMP 19, 10-Year Secy 11, Visitors 13. Door Prize Drawings: were held by Albert Lea and the Trustees sales. Recess until 9 A.M. Friday

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**FRIDAY, JUNE 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016, TIME 9:00 AM**

Charter Draping Ceremony was conducted by the Memorial Team with June Callier as president, Elaine Shultz as VP, JoAnn Burkel as Chaplain, Marge Reinke as Conductor and Cindy Meyer as JPP.

Roll Call of Officers, Past Presidents and Auxiliaries All officers present with the exception of Viola Manderud Past Presidents in attendance were Elaine Shultz -Marshall, Marge Reinke –St James, Gwen Stallkamp-Albert Lea, Karen Potratz-New Brighton, Kris Dowling-Grand Rapids, Pam Thiner-Worthington, June Callier-Rochester, JoAnn Burkel - Roseau, Bina Silverthorn - Bemidji, Judy Spencer - Mankato, Cindy Meyer - Crookston, Ellie Kunkel – St Cloud, Tammy Gerds – Albert Lea, Maureen Malz - Faribault, Joyce Corgard - Mpls, and Gayle Batchelder - Grand Rapids. The count of those in attendance at today's meeting was 104 with 21 different Auxiliaries and 4 out of state guest representing Carlisle, PA, Utah, New Mexico, & North Dakota

Obligation to Delegates by Gwen Stallkamp  
Protocol given by Pam Thiner Worthington # 3282

International Membership Chairmen's Report – Bina Silverthorn. Had a good trip driving to Milwaukee, WI where National Convention was held. Was very fun and educational, but a long drive.

Membership: Bina Silverthorn – Membership awards was gave out at the membership meeting. We encourage all to attend. 491 members signed up or reenrolled this year with Mary's goal being 500. Wind chime awards: 1<sup>st</sup> place Karen Potratz, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Lila Kalish, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Roseau. May 31 2015 was 6559 members. May 31 2016 was 6052 members. Raised \$437 from wind chime auction. Asked her report be put on file.

Credential Report: Delegates 3, Past Presidents 7, State Officers 0, PSMP 0, 10-Yr Secy 0, Visitors 6

By-Laws: Sherry Peters & Gayle Batchelder – 3rd Reading by Sue Lewis of Mankato #269 Sec 9.8 change to read up to 2 members for St Office. 1<sup>st</sup> motion: Sue Lewis 2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Bina Silverthorn, passed. Jan Essig of Alexandria #3063 Sec Heading change to Compensation & Reimbursement. 1<sup>st</sup> motion: Jan Essig 2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Debra Henry, passed. Carolyn Skogstad of Roseau #3382 sec 5.4 change St Treasurer to receive compensation. 1<sup>st</sup> motion: Carolyn Skogstad 2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Karen Potratz, passed

Sunshine lady report was read by Denise Hemenway Secretary from Ginger Myers. Sunshine March sits at \$102.50. She sent a story "A lesson on life" to be read. She asks that her report be placed on file. Gingers e-mail is raygina@hickorytech.net

Resolutions: Garnet Karau – Diane Britton of Brainerd #287 read a resolution thanking the Grand Aux for sending Cindy Meyer of Crookston #873 for her wisdom and guidance. She asked that this resolution be accepted and placed on file. The next Resolution read by Cher Easterday of Worthington #3282 Thank you to the Grand Aux sending a Grand Representative Gwen Stallkamp PGMP from Albert Lea, and asked that this resolution be accepted and placed on file.

Gwen Stallkamp. Convention announcements and introductions and Thank you's. Corsages will be at Convention tomorrow.

The election committee retired to prepare for election.

Introduction of the Hall of Fame recipients by Marge Reinke – St James # 3420 said the Diane Hinkemeyer from St. Cloud #622. Diane came up and Thanked everyone & is humbled. Other members on the committee was thanked. Sister Eagle was introduced by Elaine Shultz, Elaine Rothbarth from Worthington #3282.

GM Trustee Elaine Regi is from Carlisle, PA and talks about membership & work towards net gain. National Convention is July 18-21<sup>st</sup> in Reno, NV. Dress Code for National: Mon Patriotic day, Tues PGMP Penny Skinner colors: Wed, state colors, Thurs: GMP Judy Johnson colors, & hat. Then talked about the Grand Madam President Judy Johnson's information. Her Theme is Live Laugh Love, come ride with me to the FOE. Colors Purple, Turquoise & with a hint of Silver. Her prizes are pocket calendar, mini manicure set, or 26 oz juicer shaker bottle – 4 members, Travel Garment Steamer, Rotary Belgian waffle maker, or Hamilton beach 6 speed mixer – 10 members, digital ultrasonic jewelry cleaner, pot & pan set 8 piece, or pizza/snack oven, stainless steel - 20 members. 1+ member entry into money drawings. Poem "Success" read.

A short break was taken. Sunshine march was taken at this time.

Voting as directed by Election Committee with Officers and Past Presidents allowed to go first.

Announcement: Gambling meeting at 1:00, Noon Past Madam Presidents luncheon at Hotel. Parade of Teams & Memorial Service 6:00 PM, Incoming President's Hospitality Room 8:00

Kathy Plank announcement: Please make sure the checks sent to the MN State Aux says MN State Aux.

Sunshine March: Motioned by Garnet Karau of St James #3420 to give today's March to the Sunshine lady. Second by Sherry Peters of Bemidji #351. Motion Carried. \$116.35 was collected.

Secretary of the Year: Karen Potratz – Never received 1 letter for a secretary of the year. Next year we are sending the letters to the Presidents.

Bowling Report: Kristie Dowling - No bids submitted for the 2017 Bowling Tournament, will keep open till Oct 1st. Tournament: New Brighton Tournament was reported on with winners announced. 2015 report Team 1 Bemidji Tidy Bowlers 1<sup>st</sup> Sandy Smail, Susan Weiss, Ann Wiemi & Connie Alby in team event. 1st place singles Pat Eidi from Bemidji singles. 1st place Doubles – Jan Olson & Ann Vetch New Brighton. No trophies are given anymore- they now get checks. The 2016 Tournament will be at Mankato on Date Oct 22 & 23rd. Thank you for allowing her to chair the Bowling tournament, and asked that her report be put on file.

Trustees sales: Carolyn Eveslage - Candy sales \$380.00, 3-day sale \$173.00, and asks her report be put on file. Door Prize Drawings was held now

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Recess until 9 A.M. Saturday

MINNESOTA STATE AUXILIARY CONVENTION AGENDA  
JUNE 18, 2016

**SATURDAY, JUNE 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016, TIME 9:00 AM**

Initiation by the 2016 All State Ritual Team – Carolyn, Laura Watson, Candidates: Mary Hardy & Connie Watty, Carol Eveslage, Elaine, Gloria Njos.

Roll Call of Officers, Past Presidents and Auxiliaries: All officers present with the exception of Viola Manderud Past Presidents in attendance were Elaine Shultz -Marshall, Marge Reinke –St James, Gwen Stallkamp-Albert Lea, Karen Potratz-New Brighton, Kris Dowling-Grand Rapids, Pam Thiner-Worthington, June Callier-Rochester, JoAnn Burkel - Roseau, Bina Silverthorn - Bemidji, Judy Spencer - Mankato, Cindy Meyer - Crookston, Ellie Kunkel – St Cloud, Tammy Gerds – Albert Lea, Maureen Malz - Faribault, Joyce Corgard - Mpls, and Gayle Batchelder - Grand Rapids. The count of those in attendance at today's meeting was 97 with 21 different Auxiliaries and 4 out of state guest representing Carlisle, PA, Utah, New Mexico, & North Dakota

Obligation to Delegates passed, no new delegates  
Protocol by Pam Thiner.

Final Credential Report: Delegates 75, Past Presidents 68, State Officers 12, PSMP 11, 10-Yr Secy 11 Visitors 19, Total Auxiliaries 21.

Resolutions: Garnet Karau. Read by Pam Thiner of Worthington #3282 thanking Albert Lea #2258 for their hospitality as the host city asked that this resolution be accepted and placed on file. Maureen Malz of Faribault #1460 Thank you to the memorial team, performed with dignity and beauty, and she recommends that the resolution be placed on file. Diane Britton of Brainerd #287 Thank you to the 2014 all state ritual team, preformed with dignity and beauty. She recommends that the resolution be placed on file.

With closing of different Auxiliaries, please contact Mary Lee if your auxiliary needs any items, ie. Mother Head, books, etc.

Alta Browing Smith Award. Gwen Stallkamp makes 1<sup>st</sup> motion to resubmit Betty Kinsella for this award since there were no new members submitted. 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Pam Thiner of Worthington # 3282, passed. Would like the rules attached to the Feather Facts so all the secretaries get them.

Elk River Golf Tournament Aug 27<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

President's Visitation Speech – To start out the year with a trip to Omaha with Bina for the incoming presidents meeting. Then being installed with Terry Lubitz in Thief River Falls. We toured MN Auxiliaries with GMP Penny Skinner. Then on to Nationals in Milwaukee, and Bemidji for NCRC. WOW what a journey. Traveled through 22 Auxiliaries, gaining 15 pounds & 20,000 miles. Thank you to all the sister for their support through all the years. Thank you for all the memories. Super food all around. The many anniversaries, pin nights, & special events. Remember sisters to go for the grants that are out there. Honored to present the Auxiliary check with Terry to the Cancer telethon & present the \$1 million dollar check to the doctors and researchers. Thank you for the great hospitality, food, memories, fun, & fellowship. Diddy about places I've stayed "I've stayed everywhere". Many District conventions. Mother, daughter, friend banquets. What an honor it has been to visit so many places, and see so many wonderful sisters. Thank you for all the donations for Hospice, I should be close to \$12,000. Mary Lee move that her report be placed on file.

State Mother & State Grandmother (State Historian could not make it) words: Betty Hochhalter – State Mother Presented Angel items as a remembrance. Audrey Kuehl – State Grandmother also presented angel items. State Historian Judy Splonskowski, made the books to give to Mary. From Detroit Lakes Auxiliary presented a quilt with pictures of her year.

Ritual Report: JoAnn Burkel - Thank you to all teams & Judges, and asked that her report be placed on file. Team scores are: 1st Albert Lea 99.0, 2nd Faribault/Mankato 98.96, 3rd Zumbro/Rochester 98.0, 4th Dist 6 96.86

ALL STATE TEAM:

ALTERNATES:

Jr. Past: Carol Eveslage Score: 100

Judy Spencer Score: 99.99

President: Vicki Schoonover Score: 100

Carolyn Brennegan Score: 99.94

V. Pres: Roxanne Skalicky Score: 100

Bea Olvera Score: 99.98  
Virginia Hudson 99.98

Chaplain: Gwen Stallkamp Score: 100

Tina Giesen Score: 99.98

Conductor: Mary Hardy Score: 100  
Elaine Rothbarth  
Debra Henry

June Callier Score: 99.0

Short break. To do the sunshine march.

Thank you cards & little gift bags for Gwen & Elaine Regi from the State Aux.

Napa employees from a store with customers coming in with various demands showed up to induct MP Mary into the Past Presidents club. A collection was taken during the skit for Hospice and \$131.27 was collected to pay her employees.

Election Report (use page 2 for vote results) – Cindy Meyer & Bina Silverthorn. Thank you to all the committee members & Mary. Total ballots were 92. Karen Potratz made a motion to destroy the ballots,

Second by Bev Menk Motion carried. Ballots will be destroyed. Madam Assistant Secretary Denise Hemenway of Park Rapids #870 declared the officers duly elected. Bina Silverthorn of Bemidji # 351, Resolution to change the Sister Eagle of the Year requirements yes votes were 33, no votes were 54, there will not be changes to the Sister Eagle of the Year. Thank you for the votes from all the delegates that were running. Please remember not to laminate your card, and to remember to get your new card before coming to convention.

Total monies turned over to secretary- \$1568.00 Candy sales today \$261, Total: \$954; 3 day sales today \$167, Total \$614. Split amount is \$522.66 for each Hospice, Garnet's charity and the state.

Sunshine March of \$83.00 was motioned to go to the incoming president's charity by Tammy Gerdt and second by Joyce Corgard. Motion Carried.

Special guests at this time were MN State Aerie President Terry Lubitz, & membership director Wesel. There was no challenge, the Aerie & Aux are working together. Was good working together with Mary & Bina. Top 15 in Nation.

Representatives – Cindy Meyer: Thank you's all the way around. I am honored to be your regional President. Give each other a hug. Thank you.

GM Trustee – Elaine Regi – Very important to talk to the other Auxiliaries about the written dues receipts. They are not legal anymore. Only the printed cards are legal now. All-important records including birth record etc, but also her dues receipt was all on her phone, but this is not legal either. Had the time of my life here. Thank you to all the escorts, and gifts. She thanked all for the beautiful convention and thanked Albert Lea for a beautifully run convention and the gifts in the room. Card and \$50 check from the State. Congratulations goes out to Mary for running of the State Convention meetings. Thank you to all the escorts. Congratulations to Garnet for the upcoming year, good luck. Memorial team, beautiful. Ritual team congratulations, and just beautiful. "which are you?"

Good-Bye from Grand Representatives. Gwen Stallkamp - Thank you for being very respectful during the convention. Poem about 15-year-old girlfriends. She wanted to reiterate the thank you's. Especially, the nice time spent with Elaine Regi & Katie Ziebol. Congrats to Mary Lee for a great year. Card and \$25 check from the State. To Garnet you will be great. Sue memorial team great job.

Marge Muth from Dakotas. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you.

State Madam President Elect Garnet Karau was asked to come up and give her appointments and announcements for the installations. She thanked all for her support coming up thru the chairs. Pictures at Eagles 1:00 Installation of Officers 2:00 Officer's Meeting 3:00. Colors are Black & White & Red. Lighthouses. Charity Andreas Cancer Center. Mary wishes her the best.

Taking grand reps to the Trumbles for lunch if anyone wants to join after meeting.

Door Prize Drawings were given out.

St convention next year St Cloud. Information will be given out in the Feather Facts.

Closing Ceremony was performed.

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