119 years ago, the Fraternal Order of Eagles was born - then known as the Order of Good Things - in Seattle, Washington.

Since then, the state has served as one of the organization’s strongest in terms of membership and number of Aeries/Auxiliaries.

On Tuesday, April 18, the Washington State Senate recognized the Eagles with Resolution #8633, which honored the Fraternal Order of Eagles for more than a century of charitable work, community leadership, civic pride and more.

Members of the F.O.E, including Grand Worthy President Jerry L. Sullivan, Grand Trustee John Noldan (of North Mason, Washington), and Washington State Aerie President Bill Walton, gathered at the Washington State Capitol Building in Olympia to receive the resolution.

The recognition was brought on by State Senator Phil Fortunato (R-District 31), who is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Eagle dignitaries gathered at the Washington State Capitol building on April 18 to receive a special resolution from the Washington State Senate honoring the F.O.E. Pictured, l to r, Grand Trustee John Noldan, Incoming Washington State Madam President Kat Noldan, Washington State Senator Phil Fortunato, Maxine Sullivan, Grand Worthy President Jerry L. Sullivan and Washington State Aerie President Bill Walton.

Washington State Senate Honors Eagles With Special Resolution

Time Is Running Out To Renew Your Dues

Dues for members of the Fraternal Order of Eagles expire on May 31, 2017. Be sure to have your dues renewed by May 31 to remain a member of the F.O.E and take advantage of our great benefits! If you have already renewed for the 2017-2018 year, please help reach out to your fellow Brothers and Sisters whose membership is about to expire and encourage them to remain an Eagle.

Posters promoting our renewal date were sent to ALL Aerie and Auxiliary Secretaries along with this year’s Convention forms. Please display these forms in your social room to make sure members can be reminded of the impending expiration date. If you did not receive a copy of the poster or would like an extra copy, please contact the Marketing Department at 614-883-2210 or via email at marketing@foe.com.

Those who do not renew still have 90 days to renew their membership before they are dropped from the rolls. Please be sure to continue your push to re-sign your members through this period.

Membership is the lifeblood of our organization and we must continue to focus on signing and retaining our members to remain a strong and vibrant organization.

If you have any questions regarding membership renewal or membership in general, contact the Grand Aerie Membership Department at membership@foe.com or by phone at 614-883-2177.
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Grand Rapids, Michigan
July 17-20

Forms
• Forms for Pre-Registration, Banquets, Ritual, the Talent Show and more are now available for download on the Convention page at www.foe.com. If you know you’re attending, please pre-register as the cost is reduced for you.

Talent Show
• Show off your special talents in this year’s Fraternal Order of Eagles Talent Show, Wednesday, July 19, in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Categories include Male Vocal, Female Vocal, Variety, Instrumental and Comedy, with divisions for adult solo, adult group, youth solo and youth groups. Visit the Convention Page at foe.com today to download the official entry form.

Scooter Rentals
• Amigo Mobility Center is offering discounted rates on scooters for the 2017 International Convention. Scooters are $30 per-day or $150 per-week (5-7 days) plus tax. Scooters also have a $35 delivery/pick up fee to downtown hotels. Payment, in full, is required two weeks prior to the event and delivery of the scooter. Your scooter will be delivered in advance of your stay to the Concierge Desk at the hotel, tagged with your name. Deadline is subject to change based on availability. A limited number of scooters is available so reserve yours today to guarantee access. Call toll free at 866-361-7559 and mention the Eagles’ International Convention to reserve your scooter.

As always, please visit us on the Convention page at www.foe.com for the most up-to-date Convention information. We look forward to seeing you in Grand Rapids!
We Are People Helping People

California
-Brisbane Eagles #3255 raised $775 for the Max Baer Heart Fund.
-Altadena #719 welcomed Grand Worthy President Jerry L. Sullivan for a special visit. Altadena held a Meet & Greet cocktail hour with members from Aerie #719, members from other California District 20 Aeries, State Aerie Officers and more. Worthy President Jim Shirley presented a check for $250 for Jerry’s charity, Lupus Research. They also presented Jerry with a special Eagles fez.

Florida
-Spring Hill #4208 Eagle Riders members Diane Irwin, Barbara Cyr and Annie Krysheski presented a check for $2,000 from the 3rd Annual Terry Irwin Run held Jan. 21, to the Fisher House, associated with the James A. Haley Hospital in Tampa. The following day, Aerie and Auxiliary members joined the more than 1,000 people who took part in the Hunger Walk. Spring Hill members walked and raised $417 dollars for the walk, which generated more than $75,000 total to help fight hunger in Pasco County by providing Pack-A-Sack food for kids and hot meals from Metropolitan Ministries.

Indiana
-Evansville Auxiliary #427 and River City Auxiliary #4023, also of Evansville, represented the F.O.E. on April 1, at a vendor fair for Child Abuse Prevention. Christine Huffman (#4023) and Tina Barrett (#4023) made a picture board showcasing the work of the Eagles and designed a brochure showing the amenities of each of Evansville’s Aeries. Bonita Stanley (#427 and dual at #4023), Deanna Ford (#427 and dual #4023) and Melinda Guinn (#4023 and dual #427) spoke to all about the FOE and how to become a member.

Kansas
-Wyandotte #87 held its 31st Annual Camp Discovery Juvenile Diabetes Bowling Tournament on Feb. 19. Kansas State Presidents Randy Holding of Junction City #830 and Dawn Couch of Wyandotte #87 named Camp Discovery as their State Charity for the year. A total of $4,224 was raised.

Michigan
-Fruitport #3666 Auxiliary President Barbara McGruther works tirelessly to raise money for charity. Barb asked if she could raffle a homemade quilt, made by Joyce Miller of the local Legion Post, to raise money for the American Veterans Association. Barb challenged herself to raise $500, increasing her goal each time she met it. At the time of the drawing, Barb had raised a total of $1,050 and she presented the check to local Director Dave Eling on Jan. 27. The money is being placed in the emergency fund to help Veterans with their goals.

Minnesota
-Detroit Lakes #2342 held their annual Community/Charity Auction on Saturday, Feb. 18. The live auction had a wide variety of products, services, gift items and more, which were auctioned off with proceeds going to great local causes. Chairman Larry Swiers reported that $3,700 was raised.

Missouri
-Grand Worthy President Jerry L. Sullivan visited Jefferson City #2693. Jerry received a $200 donation to his charity, Lupus research, from the Aerie and a check for $100 from the Auxiliary.
-During his time in Missouri, also visited Marceline #726 to visit with Aerie and Auxiliary members. The group there presented Jerry with a check for $500 to put towards his charity, Lupus research.

Nebraska
-Bellevue Aerie & Auxiliary #3912 raised #5,793.42 for the purchase of three pediatric heart monitors that will allow patients at Omaha Children’s Hospital a chance to go home and have a normal life.

Washington
-Cle Elum #649 held their Sweetheart Ball, raising a total of $2,476 to donate to the Max Baer Heart Fund. The Auxiliary received a $500 check from the Swedish Medical Center in Seattle for the Fund.

British Columbia
-Vancouver Eagles #2075 donated 2,500 non-perishable food items and $140 to a local food bank as part of the F.O.E.'s People Helping Pantries campaign.

Alaska
-Kasilof #4317 may not be the largest Aerie in the nation, but it has one of the biggest hearts. One of the ways they touch lives is by sponsoring a team for the Way Out Woman ride. The annual event benefits the Central Peninsula Health Foundation’s Cancer Fund, providing checks for $1,000 to victims of cancer to pay for gas, airfare, food and other expenses as they battle cancer. Every dollar raised goes to help out victims. This year’s ride took place Feb. 25 in the Caribou Hills. Teams are comprised entirely of women who have solicited sponsorships and have gathered other donations for the cause. The ride is 50 miles long and riders wear costumes to celebrate. Three Kasilof Eagle women riders participated this year. Their team name was Denali and their costume theme was Hawaii. This year, Kasilof contributed $2,000 to the cause. To date, the work of the Eagles, through direct donations and donations solicited by the Eagles’ teams, have generated $101,153.56 for the cause.
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Compliance Brochure Now Available
The brand new Grand Aerie Compliance Brochure is now available for order through the Supply Department. This new 12-page guide explains all the pieces of being in compliance with the Grand Aerie and helps provide Aeries and Auxiliaries with the knowledge they need to build and sustain a successful club. Email supplies@foe.com or call the Supply Department at 614-883-2178 to order.

Membership Reenrollment Contest
The Fraternal Order of Eagles is dedicated to building a strong, solid membership base. Throughout the next three months, we’re encouraging all members to reach out to former members for a chance to win a cash prize! All Aerie and Auxiliary members who reenroll members from March 1-May 31 will be entered in a drawing to receive $250 in cash. One Aerie and Auxiliary member from each Region will be selected at random on June 1 to receive the prize. For each reenrolled member you propose, your name gets entered for a chance to win!!

New Member Surveying
The Grand Aerie Marketing & Membership Departments are surveying all newly initiated members to gather more information about why our new brothers and sisters are joining the F.O.E. Please encourage your new members to fill out the surveys, which are sent via email to new members on the fifth of each month.

Proposing Law Changes
Any States/Provinces proposing law changes for the 2017 International Convention must have their proposed changes postmarked no later than five days after their State/Provincial Convention. Aeries or individuals proposing changes must do so no later than 30 days prior to the start of the Convention. ALL proposals must follow the guidelines per Article III, Section 9 and Article IX, Section 1 of the Constitution and Statutes & Rules and Regulations. Any proposals which do not meet the criteria for any reason will not be considered at the Convention. Please read Appendix E for more information on how to properly propose a change.

Washington State Senator Phil Fortunato address the State Senate regarding the F.O.E. resolution.