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	Members	Weekly Diff	Net Gain	WG-NG	Applicants	Re-applicants	
Aerie	31514	3个	-4386	-12.22%	258	283	
Auxiliary	17463	2个	-1955	-10.07%	115	90	
Total	48977	5个	-6341	-11.46%	373	373	

**Members** = total # members in the Aerie, the Auxiliary and Total.

Weekly Diff = # of members gained or lost since yesterday Noon (EST).

Net Gain = # and percentage of members up or down since the beginning of the Fiscal year (6/1).

WG-NG = # of members needed Weekly to make Net Gain by 6/1. (Weekly Goal - Net Gain)

**Applicants** = # of applicants awaiting Initiation.

**Re-applicants** = # of re-applicants awaiting vote of approval.

Dear Sisters:

Questions have been coming my way and I do not have a clue how they are going to be interpreted and since I cannot make the decisions all I can do is recommend the following so you do not get in trouble. I do know that my Auxiliary is in phase two and our Liquor Agent has said no meetings yet.

Auxiliaries, who are in Phase 2:

Congratulations!

BEFORE YOU SCHEDULE MEETINGS:

The wording in the Phase 2 is somewhat confusing or at least I feel it is, so to be on the safe side and make sure that you are legal:

Contact your Liquor Control Agent before you schedule your meetings. There are factors involved like the 25% capacity and CO2 levels being monitored that i am not sure about. Find out the guidelines and restrictions and get them in place so you can meet.

The Liquor Control Board has the power to allow or not allow ... the State Aerie and Auxiliary can not make that decision for you. **Charlene Butterfield**, **State Secretary** 

(See page 2 for a new feature by PSP Andy Kollar)

#### H. H. THOMPSON THE GRAND WORTHY PRESIDENT HISTORY FORGOT

H.H. Thompson was born in 1858 at Bladon Springs, Ala. At the age of seventeen, he accompanied his parents to Texas, where he entered into an active, and dangerous career as one could choose—sheriff in the Texas Panhandle country. Afterwards he studied law and was admitted to the bar, though he never practiced.

At the age of twenty-five the desire for adventure seized him, and he traveled to remote countries. (There are also articles that say he was also a sheriff in Colorado and an officer in the Mexican Army. Around 1894 he moved to the Pacific Coast, almost the entire time living in Seattle, working as a mining broker, mine owner, mining expert, and a 2-year stint as cashier at the Totem Saloon and poolroom.

Mr. Thompson was a charter member of the Mother Aerie. He joined Seattle Aerie #1 on April 17<sup>th</sup> 1898. The rank of Past Grand Worthy President was conferred on him, December 24<sup>th</sup> 1898 by the Grand Lodge, and he presided at the first Grand Aerie Convention (1899).

At the same meeting he was elected the first Grand Lecturer. He served during the year without salary, and paid his own expenses. He was the first Deputy Grand Worthy President sent into a trouble Aerie, or in this case to deal with the State of California succeeding from the Grand Aerie. (*This last part we will cover in a later story*)

Re-elected, he visited all the principal Aeries, traveling over 7,000 miles. Under authority from the Grand Aerie, Mr. Thompson wrote the first statement of the objects and principles of the Order, which aided materially in building the Fraternity.

On July 28<sup>th</sup> 1903, the Grand Aerie **made Horace a P.W.P. of Seattle #1**. It seems that they had been seating him in the Grand Aerie even though the rule requiring you must be a PWP had been in effect for four years.

Just another reason to support the fact that H.H. Thompson was really the forgotten Grand Worthy President.

In 1905, Grand Worthy President Hy D. Hayes feeling a need to remind members of their membership and what it meant published a revised statement of Principles for the Order. It again rang from first page to the end with the inspiration of H H Thompson

From 1910-14 he has served as a member of the Grand Aerie Committee on the State of the Order. In this capacity he has supported those policies that have re-awakened the early enthusiasm of the Fraternity. Always his zeal was tempered by judgment; his attitude toward men, by charity. He was always available to go and speak at Memorial services, Mother's Day ceremonies, and any special event where he could expound on the virtues of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

And while the records prove that he has given much time and labor in the interests of the Order, he would have been the first to declare that the Fraternity has given even more of value to him, in furnishing an opportunity for service.

He passed away on April 15<sup>th</sup> 1920 in Seattle.

This will we a new series of articles that you will see in the State newsletter, I hope you have as much fun reading, as I do writing

Andy Kollar, PSP

#### .Fred's Back !!!!

Greetings my brothers and sister, long time no see. With all the health issues, political turmoil and general shock that we have witnessed the last couple of months I sort of hunkered down in my cave and pulled the blanket over my head. I had not even thought about a newsletter until I opened my e-mail and Brother Leonard had sent one out for January. Sorry my brother, I will not fail again. I have been going over the Aerie membership numbers for the last couple of months although the chance of making net gain (ending up with more members than we started with) is probably out of reach the silver lining is it could be a lot worse. With the constantly shifting rules throughout the state concerning opening, closing, number of members in one place at a time is frustrating at best but then your Aerie may fall into one category and the neighboring Aerie 6 blocks away falls into a different requirement. It is tempting to just throw up your hands and walk away. After reading the State membership report for both the State Aeries and Auxiliaries we have stuck to our guns and not walked away. Granted, the numbers are not stellar but you have stayed the course. When all this is over our brotherhood may look a lot different than pre covid19 and we need to be prepared to address the results and build the F.O.E. to even greater heights. Perhaps the fact that this year's Grand Convention will be held in Phoenix is an omen. (out of the ashes). Now is the time to begin the rebuilding. Don't let your membership lapse but rather re-new early and commit to helping the cause. Perhaps the money that we would in "normal" times spend on dinners and other functions at the aerie we can contribute to the aerie and auxiliary as our own charity cause. When the smoke finally clears our clubs will need capital to reopen. The state health report shows that your aerie officers have done their job in keeping the Aerie requirements taken care of. To the secretaries don't overlook the aerie 990's and the trustees make sure your aerie keeps the insurance current.

This has been an incredibly difficult year and we still have a long way to go. We have lost many dear friends and have no way to grieve or say goodbye. I have no doubt that we, as Eagle members, will persevere and come out of this better than ever before. Keep the faith my brothers and sisters, the lights may have dimmed a bit but they still, thanks to you, remain on the F.O.E.

Fred Brattain, State Outside Guard and proud member of the F.O.E.



Rhonda Susan Kollar, 65, of Mount Vernon Washington, passed away November 7, 2020.

Her husband of 41 years, at her side, at the end of her two year battle with metastatic cancer. Rhonda was born March 19<sup>th</sup>, 1955, in Port Angeles, Washington, to Warren Taylor and Betty Stratton Rhonda and Andy Kollar were married May 19, 1979. The marriage was made for success, just before the service her favorite brother Robert was outside telling her, "Sis it's not too late to back out". About the same time the groom to be was outside, on the other side of the church with father Warren, who was apologizing for spoiling her so much. Not long kept secret.

So in 1982 they were introduced to the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Burlington, and one could say that changed their lives forever and it did. They both got involved almost immediately, at the time they joined there was just over 100 men and women combined, and they both were the youngest. Rhonda got involved in the chairs of office, and the ritual of the organization.

Rhonda found a perfect fit for all her talents, when she joined the Eagles, she was Auxiliary President of Skagit Valley Eagles in 1986-7, and 1988 became Auxiliary Secretary a position she held her entire life. She became involved with District and State organization quickly, receiving her 100 percent in ritual at State Convention in 1985, Merle Christian Trophy 1988, Best Zone President 1989, and Being elected Washington State Auxiliary President 1997—98.

This was 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Fraternal Order of Eagles that started in Seattle 1898. Her smile and bubbly personality, and positive attitude, she became a person that people went out of their way to get to know. Her fall conference broke records with 504 attending, and over 700 at her State Convention, with Special Project being Cancer, brought over \$80,000.00. She was one of the participants of the televised 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary program that ran on PBS all over the United States.

She was Northwest Regional President 2002-3, and elected Washington State Hall of Fame 2005, and something she held dear, getting 1<sup>st</sup> place in one Woman 2008, State Membership Chairman 2014

She was something to a lot of people after she retired, but what they didn't know it was her way of saying thank you, whether was making sure there was enough cookies for the Christmas Party, or making State Officers vests. When she retired she was asked if she would volunteer for the shifts that was not profitable at the time. She agreed to Saturday and Sunday morning, or open for someone didn't want to work, usually January 1st. She also worked Wednesday bingo, and serve a \$2.00 lunch, which most of time it was where her tip money went until they had a brand new bingo equipment.

That last thing she regretted is that the final two years, comfortable going in the Aerie by herself, and was waiting for the organization to rectify the situation.

She is survived by her husband Andy, Rascal the Maine Coon, who was her guardian all through this. Rhonda was diagnosed, during her routine annual exam, to find it was an aggressive form that already had moved. She immediately started her treatment, and in the middle of it her husband almost succumbed. Through all of that she just wanted to do what she had enjoyed all her life.

Rhonda touched so may lives, not just the obvious but she came in contact, with every social service agency in the county, to the countless colleges that she contacted to see that scholarship money got to the right place, during all those years as Secretary



#### William "Bill" Stotko Grand Aerie Conductor

Bill Stotko, Grand Worthy Conductor, joined the Fraternal Order of Eagles in September of 1977, joining the Monroe Eagles #2327 in Monroe Washington. He quickly became involved in the Fraternal side of the Fraternal order of Eagles, working his way through the Officer chairs of his home Aerie. Although Brother Bill was a Truck Driver by trade, he could always be depended on to step up when assistance was needed in maintaining his home Aerie.

Brother Bill became President of Monroe Aerie in 1997 – 1998 after working his way up through the chairs. Brother Bill has also held the position of Aerie President. Bill eventually had to transfer to Everett Aerie 13, in Everett Washington, following the closure of his home Aerie. Since his transfer to Everett Aerie #13, Brother Bill has the positions of Aerie President and Aerie Trustee as well as the Aerie Secretary. Brother Bill has held the position of Aerie Secretary, for 7 Eagles years in both the Monroe Eagles as well as the Everett Eagles. Currently, Brother Bill is once again filling the position of Aerie Secretary.

Brother Bill became the Washington State Aerie President during the 2010 – 2011 Eagle year after working his way up through the chairs beginning his journey at the Trustee level in 2001 - 2002. During this period, Brother Bill was also very involved in the initial development of the Washington State Aerie training program, being a part of the original group that put the training program together. Much of the training program was later adopted by the Grand Aerie in the development of the Grand Aerie Training program.

Brother Bill was selected from among all the Past State Presidents of Washington State to be the Pacific Northwest Reginal President for the Eagle year 2018 – 2019.

During this same period of time, Brother Bill has also been very active in working with Aeries in difficulty throughout the United States. Brother Bill's knowledge of the Grand Aerie Statutes as well as his respect for members rights, has given him the ability, working with these distressed Eagle Aeries and Auxiliaries, to bring them back into full compliance with our order.

Brother Bill has filled the position of Grand Aerie Elections Chairman for the last several years, being instrument in converting the election counting process into an electronic process that is able to tabulate the election count and provide results in hours rather than the days that it used to take. This same process was later adopted by the Grand Auxiliary as well.

Brother Bill and his wife Carey have been married for 33 years and have three children, Philip, Patricia, and Theresa. Additionally, Brother Bill and Sister Carey have seven Grand Children.

## Pasco Eagles Valentines Bake Sale

### We will do your baking for you!

Cookies \$8/dozen Sugar Cookies Thumbprints Snickerdoodles Whipped Powered Sugar M&M Cookies

PICK-UP SAT. FEB. 13TH 12:00 noon - 4:00pm Front Entrance Pasco Eagles 2829 W. Sylvester Pay at Pick-Up: Cash, Check or CC/Debit Cookies \$10/dozen

Frosted Sugar Cookies Linzer Hearts Dipped Butter Cookies Chocolate or White CHocolate

Breads \$5 Banana, Lemon Pumpkin or Brownies

Order on FB MarketPlace OR call Pattie: 509-542-1394 Paula: 509-547-9497

#### We are hoping everyone is Safe and Healthy!

Hopefully we can open soon! In the meantime....and even after....here is what's going on:

- Bake Sale items must be placed by February 12<sup>th</sup> and picked up at the Club on Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> noon – 4:00pm. Call Pattie at 509-542-1394 or Paula at 509-547-9497. See Flyer for items you can order.
- Basket Raffle tickets may be purchased up to noon on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Send an Email to <u>pasco2241@gmail.com</u> or call Judy at 509-851-4287. See Flyer.
  - Gift cards are still available at a 10% bonus. Example: purchase of a \$50 gift card will get you a \$55 gift card (10%). Win win for both you and the Club!

<u>NOTE:</u> All Purchases can be made with **PayPal** (eagles2241@gmail.com) **Check** (PO Box 2886, Pasco 99301) **Debt/CC** (call Judy at 509-851-4287) or **Cash** (at time of pick-up).

See you at the Club soon!

