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WASHINGTON STATE 2020 CONVENTION CANCELLED

Brother Secretaries,

I ask that you get the following information out to the brother and sisters in your Aerie.

Due to the cancellation of the Washington State Eagles Convention, the Site Selection committee has taken the following action.

1. All room reservations at the Red Lion Hotel have been canceled unless your reservation was made through a 3rd party booking group such as Expedia. or you booked through a different Hotel. If you made your reservation through a third party or at a different hotel, your reservation is still active and you will be required to cancel your reservation through them and not the Red Lion Hotel.
2. For those of you who have sent ads and payment in for the convention booklet, already paid your convention registration, or paid for your convention meals. If your check has already been sent to the bank a refund will be issued by the Washington State Aerie. If your check has not been sent to the bank, it will be returned to you. For those of you receiving a refund, please allow 4 weeks for processing.

Respectfully and Fraternaly,

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From Your /Worthy State President

This is one of the hardest messages to write and one I never thought I would have to. Last week I had a conversation with youth chairman, he said the city of Castle Rock had canceled the use of the school for youth convention. He said without the school we could not have the convention so I had to cancel it. This week a conference call with the site selection committee on Monday and the E Board on Tuesday I had to cancel Washington State Convention. At this time I do know what is going to happen with elections or with the current officers moving up. Grand will make a decision on the options we have and I will let you know as I find out.

My last visit was Bremerton's grand opening, they opened on Saturday and had to shut the following week. This has been tough on everyone and all aeries. I pray that all aeries open when we are aloud to and everyone stays safe. I hope to see you then.

Jim Holmes

Washington State President .

From Lila

Brothers:

Words cannot express how honored I was when SWP Jim Holmes chose me to be the State Aerie Grand-mother! I am sorry I was unable to visit as many of SWP Jim's visits as I planned;

Went to the hospital on Sept. 28 with my illness and then was sent to the Health Care Center where my husband John was in Puyallup on October 7th. Then John passed away in January.

I am now doing a lot better with my health. Keep well & Keep safe! I hope to see you all on the Eagle Trail soon.

Lila Fleming, State Aerie Grandmother 2019-20

Funvention up date

Wanted to let everyone know on April 23rd I had a phone conversation with Leo Wright 2nd vice and Jessie Corrello 1st vice about the August 2020 FunVention. We discussed selling raffle tickets, holding a meeting & the Scholarship contest.

#1 we can't sell tickets because everything is closed due to the stay at home order.

#2 We have no students signed up for the talent contest as of yet.

#3 We do not know when the stay at home order will be lifted, and when we will be able to open the Aeries up for business to hold the meetings and talent contest.

So we decided it would be in the best interest of everyone to postpone the FunVention this year. All Chair-man will remain the same for the next Funvention in August 2021.

I have discussed this with the Auxiliary Secretary Sandy Steinbock, and she is in agreement.

We will get back to normal some day. Until then everyone stay safe at home.

Fraternally

Bill Walton

WSAPPC Secretary/Treasurer

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Date: 27 April 2020

Subject: Eagle Valley opening date for the 2020 camping season

Eagle Valley Campground will not be open for camping on the 1st of May, our normal opening date, due to governor Inslee's 'Stay Home, Stay Healthy' order, in the fight to control COVID-19 in Washington state.

In addition, Kittitas County Public Health has issued an order requiring that all residents of Kittitas County, in nonessential jobs, to stay at home. All rental of vacation property in support of vacations by the public to be curtailed until further notice. The County will review the order every 10 days and modify as deemed required. The next review date is the 3rd of May.

Your Eagle Valley Board will work hard to open the Valley as quickly as possible when permission is given by the State of Washington and Kittitas County Public Health. Just now, I received an update, issued by governor Inslee, stating that he is easing some of the outdoor recreation use requirements. As of Tuesday, May 5th, some outdoor recreation will be allowed with appropriate safety precautions. The announcement went on to say; public gatherings, events, team sports and camping, among other things, **are not** resuming at this time. To read the full plan, visit on line the following: [the governor's Medium page](#). It is my opinion after reading the full plan, is that it will not help us for opening the campground on the 5th of May.

As things change, the EV Board will try to keep you updated to the opening date of your Eagle Valley Campground. If you have question about the opening of the campground, please email me at dlkrogh@msn.com or call me at (360) 710-7493, and I will try and answer the question to the best of what I know at the time.

Stay safe in what you.

Fraternally yours

Dave Krogh, PSP

Eagle Valley Board Chairman

REST IN PEACE

Larry Block

Lorna Thompson

Deke Stern



News from Fred

Greeting Brothers and Sisters. As I hope you are all aware we are on the edge of May but this year does not carry with it the promise of spring. With the cloud of Corona 19 looming over our heads there are not many things to look forward to or plan other than making it through another month and hoping for an end to this nightmare. If you haven't heard yet our State Convention in Yakima has been cancelled along with most other events scheduled for this spring and summer. The youth convention in Castle Rock, the fun vention, probably the opening of Eagle Valley and many more local events that our Aeries and Auxiliaries normal hold will not be on our agenda this year. The logistics of planning an event without the pertinent information is impossible. I implore you not to give up hope or the support you have given the F.O.E. in the past. We will get through this, we are better than this and we are capable of finding a way out of this mess. I will not use this space to cast blame or failures but I firmly believe that if we allow our medical and science professionals the means to figure this out rather than bicker over political powers and positions we will see a solution to the pandemic. As of this writing we have not received any information from Grand concerning the Grand Aerie Convention to be held in Spokane this July. As soon as that information is received rest assured that we will get it out to you. If you have already made reservations for either the State or Grand Conventions and you have questions please contact Brother Mike Simonds at sec@waeagles.org. We still have many unanswered questions concerning the election of state officers but your State Aerie and Auxiliary officers are working hard (social distancing observed) to not only find a way out of the tunnel but to provide a guiding light to show the way. (Another way of shining the light on the F.O.E.). Please be safe not just for you but for all those you hold dear and above all else use common sense and don't drink bleach or inhale Lysol!. Steady on, keep calm and we as proud Eagle members will persevere.

Fred Brattain.

Washington State Outside Guard.



William "Bill" Stotko Grand Aerie Outside Guard

Bill Stotko, Grand Worthy Inside Guard, 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.