

# Brainerd Aerie #287 State of the Union

## May 6, 2020

### Dear Eagles Members:

Greetings from the Aerie & Auxiliary Trustees and Officers. We hope that you are doing well during this uncertain time. As we spend more time at home and practice the fine art of social distancing, we are craving the genuine social interaction that we find at our Eagles Club. Which begs the question; "so what's up with the Club these days?" Some of the Aerie and Auxiliary Trustees and Officers met recently and decided it was time to update our members.

Our Club has been closed for 6 weeks now. The Aerie Trustees have had regular "virtual" meetings to pay bills and otherwise manage the affairs of the Club. Several volunteers took this time to deep clean the kitchen (which was greatly appreciated). Perishable food has been removed from the Club and building has been sanitized. The gambling supplies have been locked away and a status audit performed.

The finances of the Club are very tight. On a good day, our Club runs at a very slim profit margin. Currently we only have dues money coming in; regular bills still need to be paid making finances even tighter. With the Club closed, we estimate \$1,500 to \$1,800 in regular monthly expenses. Utility bills, liquor license, taxes, miscellaneous repairs to name a few. Depending on how long the shut-down lasts, our financial situation will become more critical. The Auxiliary and Gambling have been supplementing Aerie funds in the short term to help pay our bills. Also, we are arranging for a bank line of credit to provide operation funds as we go forward. Please send your dues check to the Club if you haven't already.

The Aerie Trustees have decided to move forward with the painting of the building. The paint was secured last year, and funds earmarked for the project. With the shut down in place, it made sense to move forward with project. Some may not agree with this decision, but the groundwork had been laid and it is an investment in our Club that needs to be completed. The Auxiliary and Gambling are supporting this project as well.

So, what is next? We are all waiting for the Governor to relax the shut-down order and allow us to open for business. This could be as early as mid-May. July 1 is another day that has been tossed around. We are hoping for the May date, obviously. We will announce the Club opening as soon as a date is determined. We will likely need 2 weeks to prep the Club. The Club will need to be cleaned again, restocked, and staff schedules set. A plan will need to be developed for social distancing rules that will likely be required. Dances and other group events will probably be restricted initially.

The way forward is still unclear. Many details need to be determined. But we assure you that the Eagles Club will open again. This Club has been around for 115 years; we have survived wars, depressions, and rock and roll. Some virus is not going to keep us down. Notice of the Club opening will be posted on Facebook and sent to your email/mail. The Aerie & Auxiliary Trustees and Officers, bartenders and Gambling staff are excited to reopen the Club and see everyone again. Until then, stay safe and healthy. Thank you for your patience and we look forward to seeing our members and guests soon.

*(This editorial was written by Ron Shelito, Past President)*



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Greetings Club members! Just a note to add in regards to the Club needs at this time. We would appreciate any donations to our Auxiliary or Aerie you would be willing & able to make. Please make scheduled dues payments as soon as possible and if a little extra is not a hardship for you, donations can be accepted by both the Aerie and the Auxiliary to assist in the bills and upkeep of our Eagles Club during this shut down time. Normally it is our Club who is donating toward the good of others, but now it is us in need and we want to stay alive so that we can continue our Club and the services we provide annually through charities, donations, scholarships, and good deeds. "People helping people" this is what our Club is all about! Take care, stay healthy, happy and full of EAGLE LOVE!



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