



**HAPPY
HALLOWEEN**



The Talon

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Somerset Aerie #2137

Bridgewater, New Jersey

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FALL - 2022

A MESSAGE FROM OUR WORTHY PRESIDENT

Greetings and Salutations! I would like to start off by saying that I am humbled to be the Worthy President of such a wonderful organization that truly gives back to our local community and beyond. These last couple of months we have been able to enjoy the company of our fellow members and many new guests that have come to be a part of our events. We now have a group of officers and trustees that are truly working as a team to make our building, grounds, bar, kitchen and hall a better place for all to enjoy.

In the many years that I have been a member and officer, I have seen a lot of positive change that has updated our Aerie. Our hall has been painted, floors redone, and a lot of modern technology has been added. A complete kitchen renovation was done including new sinks, new freezer, self cleaning dishwasher, stainless steel island, and cabinets. There is new LED lighting underneath the bar and on the ceiling. The social room also received a new paint job last year. A new Lottery machine and games were added to enhance our members experience as well as illuminated signs. New bar stools were also added recently. Many updates were made to our outdoor pavilion including new poles, new roof, walk-in refrigerator, multiple beer taps, updated LED/TV menu, and new tables and chairs. The volleyball court got a complete overhaul with lights added for evening play. Local Girl Scout troop #62415 planted bushes on our grounds in Spring of 2022. A special thank you to all that made these things happen.



We have had many great events this year starting with our Corned Beef and Cabbage and St Patrick's Day celebration in March. Our family picnic in the late Spring was a huge success as well. On May 5th we had a visit from our Grand Worthy President Brian Rogers and his wife Colleen. A brief meeting was held with dinner and the visit will be talked about for quite some time. In June, the new officers and trustees for 2022-2023 were installed at the Somerset Patriots stadium (the AA Yankees affiliate and our sponsor). Upcoming events include our annual Golf Outing, Oktoberfest, Eagle Riders Dignity Run, Trunk or Treat, and a tentative date of December 11th for our Children's Christmas Party. Stay tuned for more events to come.

Thank you to all of our members, family and guests, and any other person who walks through our Aerie doors. May your days be bright, healthy, and happy. Let's make this year the best it can be!

Fraternally,

Lisa Batruch - Worthy President



AERIE OFFICERS 2022 - 2023

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SOMERSET #2137 LADIES AUXILIARY

The Ladies Auxiliary has been a part of Aerie #2137 since the mid 1950's. Over the years the Auxiliary has always helped the Aerie with their fund raisers and any other way we could. The Auxiliary has raised funds for many charities whether they were for the Grand Aerie or locally. Some of the activities were Spaghetti Dinners, Bake Sales, Craft Fairs, Hawaiian Breakfasts and dinners to name a few. Many of our members went through NJ State chairs and served as NJ State Madam President. There has also been some Eastern Regional Madam Presidents from our Auxiliary.

It is with regret the Ladies Auxiliary of Somerset Aerie has decided to surrender their charter. It has been a good run for 70+ years.



**STOP DOWN
AND ENJOY
SUNDAY
FOOTBALL AT THE
EAGLES WITH OUR
NFL
SUNDAY
TICKET!!**



Secretary's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters.

One of the most important components of a healthy Aerie is a growing membership base. New members are vital to the long term success of any organization. Every member can do something for their Aerie by sponsoring new members. The Fraternal Order of Eagles has a specific multi-step process that must be followed. I thought I would detail that process to help facilitate member participation. It all begins when a member sponsors someone either as a first or second proposer on their application. The proposers should make sure the application is filled out completely (back and front) and of course is legible. There is a receipt portion of the application for the \$20.00 application fee that should be filled out and given to the applicant. Once I receive the application it is read off on the floor at our next Regular Aerie Meeting. There is an updated list of all proposed members and their sponsors that is posted in The Social Room. Once this is done each proposed member receives a letter explaining that they must arrange to be interviewed by The Interviewing Committee. Once an applicant is interviewed it is reported to the membership at our next Regular Aerie Meeting at which point

all members in attendance who wish to ballot on the applicant can either vote to accept or reject them for membership. Upon election to membership the candidate receives a second letter informing them that they may come to any Regular Meeting and be initiated into The Order. The letter also explains that special arrangements can be made by The Worthy President should an elected candidate have difficulty attending Regular Aerie Meetings. Another very important bit of information in the letter specifically states that an elected candidate has six months to be initiated into The Order or their application is voided, their application fee is forfeited and they must reapply for membership. I hope this information is helpful and I encourage sponsoring members to stay engaged in the process with their proposed candidate to ensure a smooth transition from applicant to member.

And remember, new members today mean future success for Somerset Aerie #2137.

Fraternally,

Chuck Rudolph PWP

Aerie Secretary / Trustee





 **Somerset Eagles Aerie # 2137**
& the Eagle Riders Proudly Present . . .

Oktoberfest

GERMAN FOOD - BEER
RAFFLE - GIVEAWAYS

10-15-22
 Starts at 12:00pm

Live Music from:

The Mad Hatters	Two Broke Vets
Maddie Pearl	The Green Planet Band
Devil's Bubblegum	Circus Rejects
Slackjaw	+ More!



Questions: Contact Lisa 908-577-4792
350 Woodside Lane, Bridgewater NJ 08807



TRUNK OR TREAT

KIDS
COME TRICK OR TREAT!
MONDAY OCT 31ST 5-8PM
BRIDGEWATER EAGLES AERIE #2137
350 WOODSIDE LN
BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807

QUESTIONS?
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From the Editor...

Members,

We are always striving to improve our newsletter and any suggestions from our readers are most appreciated. We still have many members that are not receiving this newsletter electronically. Please encourage everyone to provide their email address to ensure that they are kept apprised of Aerie activities and news.

Fraternally,

George "Geo" Faxon

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HALL FOR RENT

Eagles Aerie #2137 located at 350 Woodside Lane in Bridgewater currently has available dates for rental of the refurbished, fully climate controlled indoor 1,357 square foot hall. Capacity of 95. Our full service bar is ready to provide your guests with refreshments. 60 Inch round tables and six foot rectangle tables are available. Chairs are provided. We can provide referral for linen rentals, waitress service, or ministry/officiant services if desired.

Our rates are very reasonable, just \$300 for the general community, We have a 50 inch display screen to broadcast your slideshow, photo display or information. We have a ramp providing access for differently enabled guests, a single level facility, and a large parking area.

Please obtain the form and rental rules by visiting the Aerie website at: www.2137foe.org/hall.htm or call the Aerie at 908-526-9898 and ask for one of The Trustees.

Consider your local Aerie for Weddings, Anniversaries, Birthday celebrations, Quinceanera, Bar and Bat Mitzvah, Christenings and Communion, graduation events, sports club gatherings, business meetings, family reunions, class reunions, memorial gatherings or community events.



ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 11TH ~ 1 PM - 4 PM

BRING THE KIDS DOWN TO MEET SANTA!!

OPEN TO CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN

OF AERIE & AUXILIARY MEMBERS

12 YEARS OF AGE AND UNDER

-CHILDREN MUST BE PRESENT TO RECEIVE GIFTS-

SIGN-UP SHEET WILL BE
POSTED IN THE SOCIAL ROOM

