



Fraternal Order of Eagles, Springfield, Missouri, Chapter No. 294 Records (SP0130)

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Collection Title: Fraternal Order of Eagles, Springfield, Missouri, Chapter No. 294 Records

Dates: 1911-1918, 1934-1946

Creator: Fraternal Order of Eagles, Springfield, Missouri, Chapter No. 294

Abstract: The Fraternal Order of Eagles, Springfield, Missouri, Chapter No. 294 Records collection contains the membership applications and medical examination forms of Chapter No. 294 of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Springfield, Missouri.

Collection Size: 0.02 cubic foot
(1 folder)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research but may be stored offsite. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Springfield](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at springfield@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Related Materials: Additional materials related to the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Springfield, Missouri, Chapter No. 294 Records can be found in the following collections:

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Donald C. Mitzel Architectural Collection (C4527)

Ludwig Abt Collection (C4465)

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Historical Note:

The Order of Good Things, now known as the Fraternal Order of Eagles, was established February 6, 1898, as a non-profit organization. The organization began when a group of six men, who were prominent theatre owners in Seattle, gathered to confer on how to end an ongoing musicians' strike. The Order later made the bald eagle their official emblem, which led them to change their name to the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Early membership consisted of touring theatre troops, including actors, stagehands, and playwrights. The mission of the organization is to unite "in the spirit of liberty, truth, justice, and equality," and "to make human life more desirable by lessening its ills and promoting peace, prosperity, and hope."

The Springfield, Missouri chapter of the Fraternal Order of Eagles has been referred to by many names, including "Aerie No. 294" and the "Ozark Eerie No. 294." As of 2026, the Springfield chapter is known as the "Queen City Eagles," or Aerie No. 3934. They were first organized by P. L. Cassity, a national order member from Texarkana, around 1902. Their predominate cause is "People Helping People," which raises money for the surrounding community.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged in one folder.

Scope and Content Note:

This series consists of membership applications and medical examination forms of Chapter No. 294 of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Springfield, Missouri, from 1911 to 1918, and 1934 to 1946. The documents contain applicant names, date and location of birth, occupation, references, as well as medical information forms that detail the health and possible medical issues of the applicant. The collection is arranged chronologically.

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