

GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA Order of the Eastern Star

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Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Season's Greetings from the Grand East!

Here, at the beginning of the 2020 Holiday season, we wanted to take a moment and express our gratitude for all of you. We are still humbled by the honor of serving you as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. We hope to always be worthy of this grand honor.

It is probably safe to say that for all of us, these holidays will be unique, unlike anything any of us have been through before. The challenges our Order faces, what our community as a whole must deal with, remain. Yet you, the members of our beautiful Order are the inspiration that give us all hope.

Your courage during these times, your boundless love, imagination, and energy, are what will carry us through this difficult time and into the future. We are grateful for all that you do. Our plans may have been altered, but your willingness and ability to find solutions, be flexible, to always smile and be of good cheer, are key to our successfully getting through this ongoing crisis.

Sisters and Brothers, we have already had quite a year and look forward to the year to come. Until we meet again, Happy Thanksgiving, Happy Hanukkah, and Merry Christmas. We remain, with Star Love,

Fraternally Yours,

Sharon Jazwiecki Worthy Grand Matron Bob Hovorka Worthy Grand Patron



California Eastern Star Foundation

Greetings Sisters and Brothers:

Last year at this time, we did not think anyone could have foreseen the COVID-19 pandemic and the impact it would have on our daily lives. Even with this impact and limited fundraising events you responded to our requests in 2020 by donating \$82,465, a sizable amount. This total is about half of the funds received in 2019, a more normal year. If contributions continue to be significantly less than disbursements, our ability to assist our members in the future will be severely impacted.

Your past generosity has been outstanding, and we encourage you to continue assisting our members in these unprecedented times by making contributions to one of the Foundation's Funds. **Our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron have selected the J. Clifford Lee Memorial Cancer Fund and Dogs4Diabetics as their special projects.** Donations to these two funds, or others in the Foundation, may be easily accessed on the oescal.org website. There is a donate button you can select to make your contribution. If you prefer, you may write a check to the California Eastern Star Foundation and note in the memo line which fund should receive your donation and mail to the Grand Chapter of California at 16960 Bastanchury Rd. Suite C, Yorba Linda, CA 92886-1711.

Total donations	\$ 82,465	Total disbursements	\$ 173,398	
Youth	4,286	Youth	2,500	
Benevolent	4,613	Benevolent	21,559	(to 12 recipients)
Scholarships	15,942	Scholarships	71,900	(to 60 recipients)
Patient Comfort	1,034	Patient Comfort	1,611	(for supplies)
M. Rennie	2,034	M. Rennie	11,260	(to 5 recipients)
Disaster	5,298	Disaster	3,000	(to 2 recipients)
WGM Special Projects				
Dogs4Diabetics	25,594	Dogs4Diabetics	22,800	
JC Lee	11,612	JC Lee	32,086	(to 17 recipients)
Cancer Research	399	WFIRM	1,330	
Medical Research	1,445			
Heart Fund	2,687			
Paws for Purple Hearts	7,223	Paws for Purple Hearts	5,352	

Remember, funds are available if you need assistance. Sisters and Brothers, please stay safe and we look forward to seeing you in person once we are permitted to meet again.

In Star Love,

California Eastern Star Foundation Board