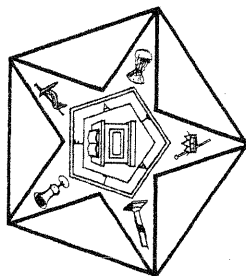


Grand Chapter of Maine  
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# *General Information*

## *Grand Chapter Charity Funds*

The policies and regulations governing the assistance granted by Grand Chapter are regulated by the Constitution, Rules, and Regulations of Grand Chapter and by the Trustees of the Grand Chapter Charity Board. The Board consists of the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron, Associate Grand Patron, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Conductress, Associate Grand Conductress, Grand Sentinel and four members, two of which are elected each year at the Grand Chapter Session for a two year term.

Charity assistance may be given to any member of a subordinate chapter who is in good standing.

If members know of anyone in their chapter who needs assistance, they should inform the Worthy Matron who will contact the Chairman of the Grand Chapter Charity Board.

An application is necessary before regular assistance can be allotted by the Charity Board. All applications are acquired from the Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

All applications must be returned to the Chairman whether completed or not.

All correspondence concerning Charity shall be sent to the Chairman of the Trustees, Grand Chapter Charity. See name and address on list of Grand Chapter Officers and Committees.

A chapter is expected to give as much assistance as possible from their own funds to a needy member before she or he applies to Grand Chapter.

The amount of assistance requested should be fully justified by the data in the application. Complete information must be given in the application. If there is an unused balance after the need is met, it must be returned to the Grand Treasurer.

Changing conditions from year to year make it necessary to have a new application for each fiscal year. Physical or financial changes of the recipient should be reported to the Chairman immediately.

The fiscal year of the Grand Chapter Charity Fund is June 1st to May 31st. Therefore the amount of assistance requested is for the period ending May 31st.

Upon request directly to the Chairman of the Charity Board, assistance may be given from the Special Emergency Fund for emergency situations. Usually this is given on a one time basis and in a lump sum.

Emergency assistance is available from the Worthy Grand Matron who has Charity money allocated to her by the Grand Chapter Charity Board.