

Eastern Star Charity Foundation

Good Afternoon Sisters and Brothers

This is just a quick reminder about your Eastern Star Charity Foundation and what it's purpose is. The Foundation is composed of sisters and brothers just like yourselves. Any member of the Order can become a member of the Foundation and we are a very diverse organization with regard to the knowledge and background of it's members. There are several committees within the Foundation. Some that have knowledge of finance, some that are involved in coordinating special activities for the entertainment of the residents of our many health care facilities and others that oversee the Sunshine Fund of the Foundation. All are very important and necessary parts of YOUR Eastern Star Charity Foundation.

We would like to give a formal welcome to the newest member of the Foundation, Sister Jean Casertano. Sister Jean has been a member of Eastern Star for over 50 years and has held various offices in multiple chapters over the years. She has served as Worthy Matron many times. She is always willing to fill a station at chapter needing help.

The Sunshine Fund is something that we have all heard about and hopefully never have to call upon. When the need arises, it can be a true lifesaver. I must remind you all that ANY information that is given to the Sunshine Committee is kept strictly confidential and only the members of that committee will ever know who made a request, what it was for, and the amount of the request. Requests can be made for many reasons. Difficulty with a water bill, fuel bill, food needs and most especially medical needs. While there are limits as to how much money can be spent and how often, most requests are granted.

The Sheaf

As many of you remember there was a newsletter called The Sheaf that was mailed out several times a year with information about chapter activities, member special events, and many other informative things about Eastern Star. This has not been delivered in quite some time. We have not forgotten about the Sheaf but since COVID took over our lives it has been tabled. We are talking about a new and updated format for this publication, mainly going to an email delivery system to cut costs. This will probably NOT be the only available method of receiving the newsletter. We do understand that some of our membership either do not have email capability or prefer not to use it for this type of content. We are trying to work out how to make this publication available to any and all of our members in the best manner possible. We are also trying to decide on the best method to have information delivered to the Editor so that it may be printed in a timely manner.