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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The WGM stamp project was started in 1969 when Sister Dorothy Stackhouse, WGM recognized the need to increase the funds of our Eastern Star benevolences substantially to better meet the needs of our members. This project, along with the WGP trips have been a tradition in Massachusetts for 51 years, as leading fund-raisers for our benevolences:

I would like to remind our members that the Isadore Forbes Benevolent Fund Board and the Charitable Foundation, Inc. are available to help our members with temporary financial assistance. During this COVID 19 pandemic, we are hoping that our members will seek assistance from our benevolences, if needed.

I have decided to try a new way of fundraising for our benevolences. I am going to have a "WGM Stampless" Project this year. I am asking our members to make donations to the WGM Stamp Project as they have in the past but there will be no stamps. There is a cost to have the stamps printed and by not having the actual stamps, all monies donated will go directly to the Benevolences. I ask that you send your donation to your Chapter Secretary and make a note in the memo section that states that it is for the WGM stamp project by January 1, 2021.

I thank you in advance for your support of this very important project. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Fraternally,

Judy Podymaítís, WGM