

APPLICATION FOR CANCER ASSISTANCE

Date of Application _____

Date of Diagnosis _____

Date of Update _____

1. Name of Patient requiring aid _____ Age _____

2. Is Patient requiring aid a member of the Order of the Eastern Star? _____

3. Address _____
(street) (city) (zip code)

Telephone (_____) _____ Birth date _____

4. Name of Applicant Member _____

Relationship to Patient _____

a. Member of _____ Chapter No. _____ Located at _____

b. Member Number _____

c. Length of Membership in this Chapter _____ Length of Membership in California _____

d. Is this the first application for assistance? _____

5. If a Brother, Member of _____ Lodge No. _____ F. & A.M.

Location _____

Has the Masonic Lodge been notified of the request for aid? _____

6. Medical Insurance Carrier _____

Policy Number _____ Group Number _____

Address _____

Telephone (_____) _____

Medicare/Social Security Number _____ - _____ - _____

7. Applicant may be contacted on _____ at _____
(date) (time and place)

This application shall be accompanied by a separate medical report by a licensed Doctor of Medicine indicating the diagnosis and the date of diagnosis. All subject matter herein contained shall be considered confidential. I hereby give my permission for the Order of the Eastern Star to contact my medical care providers for information regarding my diagnosis, treatment, and account status.

Signature of Applicant: _____

To be used by the Committees

Date Received: _____

Approved: _____ Area Chairman

Approved: _____ Date: _____
Cancer Assistance Chairman

Amount Approved: \$ _____ Fund: _____ Date Applicant Notified: _____

Sec. 89A. J. CLIFFORD LEE MEMORIAL CANCER FUND. Aid from this fund shall be given to members in good standing of the Order in California Chapters, and/or members of their immediate families who are also members of their household or dependent upon them for support, who are cancer patients and in need of financial assistance. For purposes of this section, immediate families includes spouses and minor children. It may also include parents and/or grandparents if they live with the member and are financially dependent on the member for support. The definition of immediate family does not include siblings or cousins.

(a) The maximum amount of aid in any case for a member shall be fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00), other than in a terminal case and in such cases where the Committee determines that an emergency exists, the maximum may be increased not to exceed an additional one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). A grant of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500.00) shall be made for a non-member, and then only when the dependency of the applicant upon the member of the Order is established by the investigation, except in the matter of a minor child, the maximum can be applied for and granted as for a member of the Order. When the maximum amount of aid has been rendered, the Committee shall return the file to the Chairman of Cancer Assistance with written notification that the aid has been exhausted.

(b) Benefit. Payment will be allowed only for those bills approved by the Committee.

(c) Expenses. All awards and expenses of the Committee shall be charged to the J. Clifford Lee Memorial Cancer Fund.

(d) Vacancy on the Committee. A vacancy on the Committee shall be filled by the Worthy Grand Matron for the unexpired term.

(e) Funds. All contributions to the J. Clifford Lee Memorial Cancer Fund shall be used and expended as herein provided, any provisions of Section 50 of the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Chapter to the contrary notwithstanding.

(f) Assistance from the Fund will not be granted after the death of the proposed recipient of aid unless the application for aid has been made prior to his or her decease, as provided in Subsection (a).

(g) An applicant for aid from the Fund will be reimbursed for bills incurred from the date of diagnosis or the date of initiation into the Order or the date of affiliation with a chapter in California, whichever is later. All bills submitted must be related to the treatment or diagnosis of cancer.

(h) All questions must be answered truthfully, otherwise the grant will be disallowed.

(i) In the matter of an extreme emergency, the Committee (or the Worthy Grand Matron) shall have the power to act as is deemed imminent. Follow-up of case history shall be required the same as for any other application for relief.

(j) In the event of the death of a member receiving aid from the Cancer Fund and where financial assistance for burial is required, the Chapter of which the deceased was a member shall make application for such emergency burial relief to the Chairman of the Benevolent Fund Committee.

Sec. 89B. MARGUERITE RENNIE MEMORIAL FUND. Aid from this fund shall be given to members in good standing of the Order in California Chapters, and/or members of their immediate families who are also members of their household or dependent upon them for support, who are cancer patients and in need of financial aid pursuant to the following conditions.

(a) Benefit. Payment will be allowed only for those bills approved by the Committee.

(b) The maximum amount of aid in any case for a member shall be fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) except in a terminal case in which event, if the Committee determines that an emergency exists, there may be additional aid of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). Aid in the amount of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500.00) may be given for a non-member, who is dependent upon the applicant-member of the Order as established by the Committee; except that if the dependent is a minor child of the applicant-member, such aid may be increased to fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00). When the maximum amount of aid has been rendered, the Committee shall return the file to the Chairman of Cancer Assistance with written notification that the aid has been exhausted.

(c) Expenses. All awards and expenses of the committee shall be charged to the Marguerite Rennie Memorial Fund.

(d) Vacancy on the Committee. A vacancy on the committee shall be filled by the Worthy Grand Matron for the unexpired term.

(e) Funds. All contributions to the Marguerite Rennie Memorial Fund shall be used and expended as herein provided, any provisions of Section 50 of the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Chapter to the contrary notwithstanding. Only interest income from the fund may be drawn upon for grants and expenses.

(f) An applicant for aid from this fund must be a member in good standing of a California Chapter when filing the application.

(g) An applicant for aid from this fund must not currently be a recipient of assistance from the J. Clifford Lee Memorial Cancer Fund and must not have an application for assistance from the J. Clifford Lee Memorial Cancer Fund pending at the time of making application to the Marguerite Rennie Memorial Fund.

(h) If, prior to making application to the Marguerite Rennie Memorial Fund, the applicant was a recipient of aid from the J. Clifford Lee Memorial Cancer Fund, assistance will not be granted unless the maximum aid available from the J. Clifford Lee Memorial Cancer Fund has first been received by the member.

(i) Assistance from the fund will be terminated if, while assistance is being received from the Marguerite Rennie Memorial Fund, the applicant makes application to and is granted assistance from the J. Clifford Lee Memorial Cancer Fund.

(j) Assistance from the fund will not be granted after the death of the proposed recipient of aid unless the application for aid has been made prior to his or her decease, as provided in subsection (a).

(k) An applicant for aid from the fund will be reimbursed for bills incurred from the date of diagnosis or the date of initiation into the Order or the date of affiliation with a chapter in California, whichever is later. All bills submitted must be related to the treatment or diagnosis of cancer. (l) All questions must be answered truthfully, otherwise the grant will be disallowed.

(m) In the matter of an extreme emergency, the Committee (or the Worthy Grand Matron) shall have the power to act as is deemed imminent. Follow-up of case history shall be required the same as for any other application for relief.

(n) In the event of the death of a member receiving aid from the Cancer Fund and where financial assistance for burial is required, the Chapter of which the deceased was a member shall make application for such emergency burial relief to the Chairman of the Benevolent Fund Committee.

Sec. 89C. CANCER ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE.

(a) Applications. All applications for assistance shall be made upon forms provided by Grand Chapter through the Worthy Matron or, in her absence, the Secretary of the Chapter in which membership is held. The name of the member receiving assistance shall not be announced.

(b) Investigation. Completed application forms shall be sent to the appropriate area committee member for investigation if the applicant resides in California. Applications for members residing outside of California shall be sent to the chairman of the committee who will refer the application for investigation. After investigation, the application, diagnosis from the medical doctor, and the investigation report with recommendation shall be forwarded to the chairman of the committee. The chairman shall notify the applicant as to whether the applicant has been approved for assistance.

(c) Referral of Bills. If the applicant has been approved, the chairman shall inform the applicant as to whether the J. Clifford Lee Memorial Cancer Fund or the Marguerite Rennie Memorial Fund has been selected to provide the applicant with assistance. The chairman of the Cancer Assistance Committee shall forward the applicant's documents to the chairman of the selected fund. The applicant shall be advised to forward his or her bills to the chairman of the selected fund for review. Payment will be allowed only for those bills approved by the chairman of the selected fund.

(d) Expenses. Expenses of the committee shall be charged to either the J. Clifford Lee Memorial Cancer Fund or the Marguerite Rennie Memorial Fund whichever is providing the assistance.

(e) Members of the Committee. In making appointments to this committee due consideration shall be given to the residential area of the appointee, accepting for this purpose, as far as possible, the districts as established for the Benevolent Fund Committee.

(f) Vacancies on the Committee. Vacancies on the committee shall be filled by the Worthy Grand Matron for the unexpired term.

(g) An applicant for assistance must be a member in good standing of a California chapter when filing the application for assistance.

(h) Assistance from the Funds will not be granted after the death of the proposed recipient of aid unless the application for aid has been made prior to his or her demise, as provided in subsection (a).

(i) An applicant for assistance will be reimbursed for bills incurred from the date of diagnosis or the date of initiation into the Order or the date of affiliation with a chapter in California, whichever is later. All bills submitted must be related to the treatment or diagnosis of cancer.

(j) In the matter of an extreme emergency, the committee of either the J. Clifford Lee Memorial Cancer Fund or the Marguerite Rennie Memorial Fund, or the Worthy Grand Matron shall have the power to act as is deemed imminent. Follow-up of case history shall be required the same as for any other application for assistance.

(k) In the event of the death of a member receiving assistance from either cancer fund and where financial assistance for burial is required, the Chapter of which the deceased was a member shall make application for such emergency burial relief to the chairman of the Benevolent Fund Committee.

(l) Exhaustion of Funds and Transfer of Application. When the Chairman of Cancer Assistance receives notification from the Committee of the J. Clifford Lee Memorial Cancer Fund or the Marguerite Rennie Memorial Fund that a member has exhausted the funds available from that fund, the Chairman shall contact the member and perform such investigation as may be necessary to determine if assistance is desired from the other fund and if the member qualifies for such assistance. The application of an eligible member who desires further assistance shall be forwarded to the chairman of the other fund along with any pertinent information obtained by the Chairman of Cancer Assistance during the investigation. The date of application for the second fund shall be considered to be the date on which the application is forwarded to the second fund.