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**General Grand Chapter**  
Order of the Eastern Star  
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Dear Sisters and Brothers:

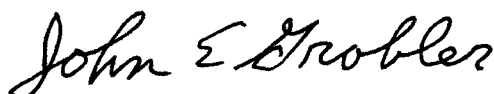
Through the years of its existence, the General Grand Chapter has responded to the devastation caused by many natural disasters. One of the foremost responsibilities of the Order of the Eastern Star is charity. The level nine earthquake that struck Japan caused extensive damage in both property and loss of lives. The damage was compounded by the tsunami that followed, destroying everything in its path as it moved rapidly onshore. Over 4,000 lives have been lost with another 8,000 plus, still missing. In addition, thousands of people have been displaced due to destruction and damage of homes. The Japanese people are one of our strongest allies and desperately require our help in this hour of need. We, the members of the Order of the Eastern Star, locally and worldwide, are challenged to aid in this humanitarian effort to assist the victims of this tragedy.

In May, 2010, a permanent Disaster Relief Fund was established for the General Grand Chapter to collect donations for distribution to recognized reputable 501(c)(3) nongovernmental and nonprofit organizations. Donations may be made to this Fund designated for the Japan Disaster Relief. Make checks payable to: General Grand Chapter – Disaster Relief Fund with Japan Disaster clearly marked in the memo section of your check.

Your donations will make a significant difference and provide relief to the citizens of Japan. Donations to this Disaster Relief Fund may be listed on your Annual Report of Benevolent Donations. This is an urgent request for immediate relief for the hundreds of thousands of victims of this disaster. Your response is prayerfully solicited.

Fraternally,

  
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