As you know, I have chosen Regenerative Medicine as one of the three projects I am supporting, which can change people's lives for our great Order over the next three years. During your tenure, we are asking each of you to reach out to all your Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons to encourage them to support this great cause.

For the next Triennium, we have researched the various Regenerative Medicine organizations that can provide the medical care and procedures of the future and have centered on the wonderful care and progress displayed by Wake Forest Institute! The word may not be familiar to you, but "regenerative" means to "regenerate" to "recreate" or to "rebuild" using medical technology.

Say the word slowly: re - GEN -er-a -TIVE! Say it again, quickly! This is an exciting time for medical research, and for the Wake Forest’s Institute. That means it is an exciting time for patients young and old in a variety of diseases. This is the ground floor of the future of medicine, and we are onboard!

What we really are saying when we support Wake Forest’s Institute for Regenerative Medicine (WFIRM) is that we are choosing the future of medicine! Instead of choosing old, hurtful methods for treating cancer, the team at WFIRM is working to employ the enzymes, proteins, and stem cells from our own bodies, to create medical treatments that will help us fight disease from within our own bodies.

During this Triennium, you, as the leaders of our Grand Chapters have an opportunity to make a difference to your Grand Chapter, our General Grand Chapter, and for the Order at large. Make sure that you tell the Chapters of our mission and your goals for the MWGM.

You may think that asking each Chapter for a goal of $1000.00 is too much. Not all can make the goal, but I believe that each Chapter can earn $333.34 each year for the purpose of this special charity. The Regenerative Medicine Committee is working hard to get you the tools that you can use to educate everyone and to help Individuals and Chapters set and achieve goals. You are also welcome to add any fundraising events of your own. Checks are to be made payable to: Regenerative Medicine and mailed to the Chairman of the Committee. His name and address are: Mr. Michael Cornell, GGCCC, Regenerative Medicine, 4000 Santa Fe Court, Concord, CA 94521-1719.

Thank you for your support over the next three years. As your Most Worthy Grand Matron, I look forward to working with each of you to achieve this important goal. I also encourage you to use my team of Hummingbirds to reach out to the Chapters as they are my Good Will Ambassadors for their Grand Chapters. If you have any questions, please reach out to our Regenerative Medicine Chairman for the General Grand Chapter, Michael Cornell.

Lovingly,

Helen J. Westmoreland
Mrs. Helen J. Westmoreland
Most Worthy Grand Matron

Robert C. Penoyer
Mr. Robert C. Penoyer
Most Worthy Grand Patron

Attested:
Gary E. Miller
Mr. Gary E. Miller
Right Worthy Grand Secretary
February 22, 2016

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

My name is Michael Cornell, Past Grand Patron. Recently, I was installed as the Chairman of the Regenerative Medicine Committee for the 2015-2018 Triennium of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star™. This is one of the charities that the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Helen J. Westmoreland, is supporting during her term in office.

I know your first question will be what is Regenerative Medicine? Regenerative Medicine works to replace or restore function to damaged or diseased tissues and organs and provide treatment for some of the diseases and injuries currently classified as untreatable.

Their goal is to apply the principles of regenerative medicine to repair or replace diseased tissue and organs. Right now, their research is looking for ways to create insulin-producing cells in the laboratory, engineer blood vessels for heart bypass surgery and apply our regenerative medicine technologies to battlefield injuries as well as many other novel research initiatives.

Why am I sending this letter to each Chapter in your state/province/commonwealth and to you the members? Because I need your help in accomplishing the goals my committee wants to accomplish over the next three years. What are those goals? The first goal is to get the message out about what the project is and what can be accomplished with additional research. Second, is to raise one million dollars to support this research.

I am looking for volunteers throughout the state/province/commonwealth to help me spread the word about the Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine (WFIRM) and the works they have accomplished and the great research in which they are involved. I will provide you with the information you need to promote the project and also the items that we are selling to help reach the goal. WFIRM + OES = IMAGINE. Imagine what can be accomplished, if we reach our goal.

What can the Chapters do to help reach our goal? I would like each Chapter in your state/province/commonwealth to hold one event over the next three years where the proceeds from the event would go towards the Regenerative Medicine Project. Please advise me of the date, location, and time of your event, so one of my committee members or I can possibly attend. Checks are to be made payable to: Regenerative Medicine and mailed to – Mr. Michael Cornell, GGCCC, Regenerative Medicine, 4000 Santa Fe Court, Concord, CA 94521-1719.

If you would like more information on the project or ways that you can assist, please contact me at mjc72@comcast.net or (925) 689-5425.

Fraternally,

Michael Cornell
Chairman, Regenerative Medicine