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Form 990-EZ

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue ServiceShort Form  
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

▶ Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$500,000 and total assets less than \$1,250,000 at the end of the year may use this form.

▶ The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

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2009

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A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning APR 1, 2009 and ending MAR 31, 2010

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|--|---|--|--|---|
| B Check if applicable:<br><input type="checkbox"/> Address change<br><input type="checkbox"/> Name change<br><input type="checkbox"/> Initial return<br><input type="checkbox"/> Terminated<br><input type="checkbox"/> Amended return<br><input type="checkbox"/> Application pending | Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions. | C Name of organization<br><b>GRAND CHAPTER OF MASS ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR</b>   |  | D Employer identification number<br><b>04-6144335</b> |
|  |   | Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address)<br><b>302 WALNUT STREET, P.O. BOX 600583</b> |  | E Telephone number<br><b>(617)964-0312</b>            |
|  |   | City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4<br><b>NEWTONVILLE, MA 02460-0006</b>   |  | F Group Exemption Number                              |
|  |   |  |  |   |

• Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

G Accounting method: ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual  
Other (specify) ▶

I Website ▶ N/A

H Check ☒ if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990 990-EZ, or 990-PF)J Tax-exempt status (check only one) — ☒ 501(c) ( 8 ) ◀ (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527K Check ☐ if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. A Form 990-EZ or Form 990 return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.

L Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts; if \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ▶ \$ 236,600.

## Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See the instructions for Part I.)

|            |   |  |          |          |
|------------|---|--|----------|----------|
| Revenue    | 1   | Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received   | 1        | 113,705. |
|            | 2   | Program service revenue including government fees and contracts  | 2        |          |
|            | 3   | Membership dues and assessments  | 3        | 63,794.  |
|            | 4   | Investment income  | 4        |          |
|            | 5a  | Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory  | 5a       |          |
|            | 5b  | Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses   | 5b       |          |
|            | 5c  | Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)  | 5c       |          |
|            | 6   | Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G). If any amount is from gaming, check here <input type="checkbox"/>       |          |          |
|            | 6a  | Gross revenue (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1)   | 6a       |          |
| 6b         | Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses                                   | 6b   |          |          |
| 6c         | Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a) | 6c   |          |          |
| 7a         | Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances                                   | 7a   |          |          |
| 7b         | Less: cost of goods sold  | 7b   |          |          |
| 7c         | Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)          | 7c   |          |          |
| 8          | Other revenue (describe ▶ SEE STATEMENT 2 )   | 8  | 59,101.  |          |
| 9          | Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8                                  | 9  | 236,600. |          |
| Expenses   | 10  | Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule STMT 3)   | 10       | 85,655.  |
|            | 11  | Benefits paid to or for members  | 11       | 6,879.   |
|            | 12  | Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits  | 12       | 29,000.  |
|            | 13  | Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors  | 13       | 6,070.   |
|            | 14  | Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance  | 14       | 6,000.   |
|            | 15  | Printing, publications, postage, and shipping  | 15       | 18,339.  |
|            | 16  | Other expenses (describe ▶ SEE STATEMENT 1 )   | 16       | 121,714. |
|            | 17  | Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16  | 17       | 273,657. |
|            | 18  | Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)  | 18       | -37,057. |
| Net Assets | 19  | Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return) | 19       | 385,620. |
|            | 20  | Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)  | 20       |          |
|            | 21  | Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20  | 21       | 348,563. |

## Part II Balance Sheets. If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$1,250,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ.

(See the instructions for Part II.)

|  | (A) Beginning of year | (B) End of year |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 22 Cash, savings, and investments  | 385,620.              | 348,563.        |
| 23 Land and buildings  |                       |                 |
| 24 Other assets (describe ▶ )  |                       |                 |
| 25 Total assets  | 385,620.              | 348,563.        |
| 26 Total liabilities (describe ▶ )   | 0.                    | 0.              |
| 27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21) | 385,620.              | 348,563.        |

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## Expenses

(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts, optional for others.)

## 28 FRATERNAL MEETINGS AND OTHER VARIOUS CHARITYABLE FUNCTIONS

28a

(Grants \$ \_\_\_\_\_) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

29a

(Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

30a

(Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

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EASTERN STAR**

04-6144335

**Part V Other Information** (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part V)

|   | Yes | No |
|---|-----|----|
| 33 Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity   |     | X  |
| 34 Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes   |     | X  |
| 35 If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining why the organization did not report the income on Form 990-T.   |     |    |
| a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or was it subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?  |     | X  |
| b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?  | N/A |    |
| 36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Sch. N  |     | X  |
| 37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. <span style="float:right">0.</span>   |     |    |
| b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?  |     | X  |
| 38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the period covered by this return?  |     | X  |
| b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved  | N/A |    |
| 39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:  |     |    |
| a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9  | N/A |    |
| b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities   | N/A |    |
| 40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under:<br>section 4911 <span style="float:right">N/A</span> ; section 4912 <span style="float:right">N/A</span> ; section 4955 <span style="float:right">N/A</span>   |     |    |
| b Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or is it aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I   | N/A |    |
| c Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 <span style="float:right">N/A</span>  |     |    |
| d Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization <span style="float:right">N/A</span>   |     |    |
| e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T  |     | X  |
| 41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed. <span style="float:right">MA</span>   |     |    |
| 42a The organization's books are in care of <span style="float:right">BARBARA MILLER</span> Telephone no. <span style="float:right">617-964-0312</span><br>Located at <span style="float:right">302 WALNUT STREET P O BOX 600583, NEWTONVILLE, M</span> ZIP + 4 <span style="float:right">02460-0006</span>   |     |    |
| b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?<br>If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: <span style="float:right"></span><br>See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts. |     | X  |
| c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.?<br>If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country. <span style="float:right"></span>  |     | X  |
| 43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here <span style="float:right">[ ]</span><br>and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year <span style="float:right">43 N/A</span>  |     |    |
| 44 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ   |     | X  |
| 45 Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ  |     | X  |

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**Part VI** Section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts only. All section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must answer questions 46-49b and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51

- 46 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I
- 47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II
- 48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E
- 49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?
- b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?
- 50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

|     | Yes | No |
|-----|-----|----|
| 46  |     |    |
| 47  |     |    |
| 48  |     |    |
| 49a |     |    |
| 49b |     |    |

| (a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000 | (b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position | (c) Compensation | (d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation | (e) Expense account and other allowances |
|--|--|------------------|---|--|
| N/A  |  |                  |   |  |
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f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000

- 51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

N/A

| (a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000 | (b) Type of service | (c) Compensation |
|--|---------------------|------------------|
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d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000

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|--------------------------|---|-------------------|---|
| Sign Here                | Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge. |                   |   |
|                          | Signature of officer<br><i>Barbara L. Miller</i>  | Date<br>6/12/2010 |   |
|                          | Type or print name and title<br>Barbara L. Miller, Grand Treasurer  |                   |   |
| Paid Preparer's Use Only | Preparer's signature<br><i>[Signature]</i>  | Date<br>06/02/10  | Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>                       |
|                          | Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address and ZIP + 4<br>SHAHEEN, PALLONE & ASSOCIATES, PC<br>861 TURNPIKE STREET<br>NORTH ANDOVER, MA 01845   | EIN<br>no         | Preparer's identifying number (See instr.)<br>Phone no (978) 686-7200 |

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions

☒ Yes ☐ No

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| FORM 990-EZ | OTHER EXPENSES | STATEMENT | 1 |
|-------------|----------------|-----------|---|

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| DESCRIPTION                   | AMOUNT   |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| GRAND CHAPTER OPERATIONS      | 75,893.  |
| CHARITABLE GIFTS              | 26,452.  |
| OTHER ADMINISTRATION          | 19,369.  |
| TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 16 | 121,714. |

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| FORM 990-EZ | OTHER REVENUE | STATEMENT | 2 |
|-------------|---------------|-----------|---|

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| DESCRIPTION                        | AMOUNT  |
|------------------------------------|---------|
| INTEREST                           | 12,378. |
| INSURANCE                          | 17,674. |
| COST REIMBURSEMENT                 | 1,848.  |
| SALE OF SUPPLIES, FINES, ETC.      | 8,807.  |
| GRAND CHAPTER REGISTRATION         | 6,830.  |
| GRAND CHAPTER SESSION OTHER INCOME | 10,129. |
| TRANSFER FROM OTHER FUNDS          | 1,435.  |
| TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 8       | 59,101. |

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|-------------|------------------------|-----------|---|
| FORM 990-EZ | PAYMENTS TO AFFILIATES | STATEMENT | 3 |
|-------------|------------------------|-----------|---|

AFFILIATE'S NAME

AFFILIATES ADDRESS

CHARITABLE AND EDUCATION FUNDS

302 WALNUT ST  
NEWTONVILLE, MA 02460

PURPOSE OF PAYMENT

AMOUNT

CHARITABLE

85,655.

TOTAL INCLUDED ON FORM 990-EZ, LINE 10

85,655.

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INFORMATION REGARDING TRANSFERS  
ASSOCIATED WITH PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACTS

STATEMENT 4

- A) DID THE ORGANIZATION, DURING THE YEAR, RECEIVE ANY FUNDS,  
DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, TO PAY PREMIUMS ON A PERSONAL  
BENEFIT CONTRACT? . . . . . [ ] YES [X] NO
- B) DID THE ORGANIZATION, DURING THE YEAR, PAY PREMIUMS,  
DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT? . . [ ] YES [X] NO

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STATEMENT 5

FRATERNAL MEETINGS AND MASSACHUSETTS GRAND CHAPTER SESSIONS AND OTHER  
VARIOUS CHARITABLE FUNCTIONS.