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Form 990



Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

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OMB No 1545-0047

2015

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07-01-2015 , and ending 06-30-2016

B Check if applicable

☐ Address change

☐ Name change

☐ Initial return

☐ Final return/terminated

☐ Amended return

☐ Application pending

C Name of organization
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

Doing business as

Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite

1618 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE NW

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
WASHINGTON, DC 20009

F Name and address of principal officer
GARY MILLER
1618 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE NW
WASHINGTON,DC 20009

D Employer identification number

53-0121305

E Telephone number

(202) 667-4737

G Gross receipts \$ 8,536,234

I Tax-exempt status ☐ 501(c)(3) ☒ 501(c) (10) ◀ (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

J Website: ▶ WWW.EASTERNSTAR.ORG

K Form of organization ☐ Corporation ☒ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ▶

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? ☐ Yes ☒ No

H(b) Are all subordinates included? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If "No," attach a list (see instructions)

H(c) Group exemption number ▶

L Year of formation 1876 **M** State of legal domicile DC

Part I		Summary	
Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities "THE PURPOSES OF THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR ARE AS FOLLOWS CHARITABLE, EDUCATIONAL, FRATERNAL, AND SCIENTIFIC " (ARTICLE I(A) OF THE CONSTITUTION)		
	2 Check this box ☐ if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets		
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	3
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	2
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2015 (Part V, line 2a)	5	12
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	0
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0
	b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	0
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	631,103	1,144,442
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	0	68,083
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	31,687	149,742
	12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	159,640	135,427
		822,430	1,497,694
Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	15,050	2,800
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0	0
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	426,212	405,192
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0	0
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶0		
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	718,899	1,210,646
	18 Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	1,160,161	1,618,638
	19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	-337,731	-120,944
	Net Assets or Fund Balances		Beginning of Current Year
20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)		8,544,924	8,372,392
21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)		794,132	739,914
22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20		7,750,792	7,632,478

Part II Signature Block

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

Sign Here

Signature of officer

MICHAEL E BERRY RW GRAND TREAS

Type or print name and title

2017-05-10

Date

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name
JUDITH P BARNHARD

Preparer's signature
JUDITH P BARNHARD

Date
2017-05-10

Check ☐ if self-employed

PTIN
P00024965

Firm's name ▶ MAY & BARNHARD PC CPA

Firm's EIN ▶ 52-1644925

Firm's address ▶ 4840 CORDELL AVENUE

Phone no (301) 656-5794

BETHESDA, MD 20814

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) ☒ Yes ☐ No

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Form 990(2015)

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III ☐

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission

"THE PURPOSES OF THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR ARE AS FOLLOWS CHARITABLE, EDUCATIONAL, FRATERNAL, AND SCIENTIFIC " (ARTICLE I(A) OF THE CONSTITUTION)

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

THE ORGANIZATION'S PRIMARY EXEMPT PURPOSE IS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR AND OTHERWISE SUPPORT CHARITABLE, EDUCATIONAL, FRATERNAL, AND SCIENTIFIC PURPOSES AND PROVIDE GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO STATE, LOCAL AND FOREIGN CHAPTERS OF THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR, WHICH RAISE FUNDS FOR SUCH PURPOSES

4b (Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4c (Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)

(Expenses \$ _____ including grants of \$ _____) (Revenue \$ _____)

4e Total program service expenses ►

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	1	No
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)? 	2	Yes
3 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	3	No
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	4	
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	5	No
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I 	6	No
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II 	7	No
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III 	8	Yes
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21 for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV 	9	Yes
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V 	10	Yes
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI 	11a	Yes
b Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII 	11b	No
c Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII 	11c	No
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX 	11d	No
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X 	11e	Yes
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X 	11f	No
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII 	12a	Yes
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional 	12b	No
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	13	No
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a	No
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV 	14b	Yes
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV 	15	No
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV 	16	No
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)	17	No
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II	18	No
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III	19	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H	20a	No
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	20b	

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>	21		No
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>	22		No
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>	23		No
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i>	24a		No
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d		
25a	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25a		
b	Is the organization 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25b		
26	Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>	26		No
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>	27		No
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)			
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28a		No
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28b		No
c	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28c		No
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	29		No
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	30		No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>	31		No
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>	32		No
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>	33		No
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i>	34		No
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a		No
b	If 'Yes' to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	35b		
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	36		
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>	37		No
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	38	Yes	

Part V

Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V

		Yes	No			
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable.	1a	5			
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable.	1b	0			
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c			No	
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return.	2a	12			
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions).	2b			No	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a			No	
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O.	3b				
4a	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)?	4a			No	
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: _____ See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).					
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a			No	
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b			No	
c	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	5c				
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?	6a			No	
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b				
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).					
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	7a			No	
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b				
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c			No	
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year.	7d				
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e			No	
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f				
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g				
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7h				
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8				
9a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a				
b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b				
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter					
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12.	10a				
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities.	10b				
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter					
a	Gross income from members or shareholders.	11a				
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them).	11b				
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a				
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.	12b				
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.					
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.	13a				
b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans.	13b				
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand.	13c				
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a			No	
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.	14b				

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure

For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI ☒

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O	1a 3		
b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent	1b 2		
2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	2		No
3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?	3		No
4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4		No
5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?	5		No
6 Did the organization have members or stockholders?	6	Yes	
7a Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?	7a	Yes	
b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	7b		No
8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following			
a The governing body?	8a	Yes	
b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	Yes	
9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O	9	Yes	

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

	Yes	No
10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	10a	Yes
b If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?	10b	Yes
11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	11a	Yes
b Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990		
12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	12a	Yes
b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b	Yes
c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	12c	Yes
13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13	Yes
14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14	Yes
15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	15a	Yes
b Other officers or key employees of the organization	15b	Yes
If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions)		
16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?	16a	No
b If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?	16b	

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ▶

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
☐ Own website ☐ Another's website ☒ Upon request ☐ Other (explain in Schedule O)

19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year

20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records
 ▶ GARY MILLER 1618 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVE NW WASHINGTON, DC 20009 (202) 667-4737

2	Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization ► 0			
3	Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	3	Yes	No
4	For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	4		No
5	Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>	5		No

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.		
(A)	(B)	(C)
Name and business address	Description of services	Compensation
2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization ► 0		

Part VIII

Statement of Revenue

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII

				(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a	Federated campaigns . . .	1a				
	b	Membership dues	1b	358,427			
	c	Fundraising events	1c				
	d	Related organizations	1d				
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e				
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	786,015			
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$					
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f		1,144,442			
Program Service Revenue	2a	REGISTRATION TRI-ANNUAL MEETING	Business Code	68,083	68,083		
			900099				
	b						
	c						
	d						
	e						
	f	All other program service revenue					
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f		68,083			
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		197,453			197,453
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . .					
	5	Royalties					
	6a	Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
	b	Less rental expenses					
	c	Rental income or (loss)					
	d	Net rental income or (loss)					
	7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
			6,887,679				
	b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	6,930,750	4,640			
	c	Gain or (loss)	-43,071	-4,640			
	d	Net gain or (loss)			-47,711		-47,711
	8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18	a				
	b	Less direct expenses	b				
	c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . .					
	9a	Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19	a				
	b	Less direct expenses	b				
	c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities					
	10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances .	a				
				204,878			
b	Less cost of goods sold	b	103,150				
c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . .			101,728	101,728		
	Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code					
11a	SUBSCRIPTION REVENUE	900099	33,699	33,699			
b							
c							
d	All other revenue						
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d		33,699				
12	Total revenue. See Instructions		1,497,694	203,510	0	149,742	

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns All other organizations must complete column (A)

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX

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Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.		(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1	Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments See Part IV, line 21	2,800			
2	Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals See Part IV, line 22				
3	Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4	Benefits paid to or for members				
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	60,658			
6	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7	Other salaries and wages	287,350			
8	Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	28,631			
9	Other employee benefits				
10	Payroll taxes	28,553			
11	Fees for services (non-employees)				
a	Management				
b	Legal	27,143			
c	Accounting	45,219			
d	Lobbying				
e	Professional fundraising services See Part IV, line 17				
f	Investment management fees	43,753			
g	Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	26,400			
12	Advertising and promotion				
13	Office expenses	32,327			
14	Information technology	14,927			
15	Royalties				
16	Occupancy	94,009			
17	Travel	81,328			
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	472,925			
20	Interest	10,930			
21	Payments to affiliates				
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	47,935			
23	Insurance	42,369			
24	Other expenses Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O)				
a	REAL & PERSONAL PROPERTY	142,197			
b	PRINTING & PUBLICATIONS	40,428			
c	TELEPHONE & COMMUNICATIONS	13,055			
d	CONTINGENCIES	12,682			
e	All other expenses	63,019			
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	1,618,638			
26	Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here ☐ if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

Part X

Balance Sheet

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X

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					(A)		(B)
					Beginning of year		End of year
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing			412,140	1	598,075
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments			928,004	2	1,008,355
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net				3	
	4	Accounts receivable, net			1,820	4	5,840
	5	Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L				5	
	6	Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions). Complete Part II of Schedule L				6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net				7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use			198,164	8	157,296
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges				9	
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment—cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a	1,875,881			
	b	Less—accumulated depreciation	10b	805,850	969,783	10c	1,070,031
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities			5,652,555	11	5,226,980
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11				12	
	13	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11				13	
	14	Intangible assets				14	
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11			382,458	15	305,815
16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)			8,544,924	16	8,372,392	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses			12,203	17	12,892
	18	Grants payable				18	
	19	Deferred revenue			40,954	19	32,602
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities				20	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D			17,404	21	17,542
	22	Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L				22	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties			385,443	23	380,443
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties				24	
	25	Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17–24). Complete Part X of Schedule D			338,128	25	296,435
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25			794,132	26	739,914
	Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ☒ and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.					
27		Unrestricted net assets			2,332,833	27	2,711,906
28		Temporarily restricted net assets			5,352,959	28	4,855,572
29		Permanently restricted net assets			65,000	29	65,000
Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ☐ and complete lines 30 through 34.							
30		Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds				30	
31		Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund				31	
32		Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds				32	
33		Total net assets or fund balances			7,750,792	33	7,632,478
34		Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances			8,544,924	34	8,372,392

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	1,497,694
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	1,618,638
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-120,944
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	7,750,792
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	2,630
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	0
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	7,632,478

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both		No
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both	Yes	
c	If "Yes," to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O	Yes	
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits		

SCHEDULE D

(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.
► Attach to Form 990.

Information about Schedule D (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1	Total number at end of year	
2	Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)	
3	Aggregate value of grants from (during year)	
4	Aggregate value at end of year	
5	Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? ☐ Yes ☐ No	
6	Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit? ☐ Yes ☐ No	

Part II Conservation Easements.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1	Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply) ☐ Preservation of land for public use (e g , recreation or education) ☐ Protection of natural habitat ☐ Preservation of open space ☐ Preservation of an historically important land area ☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure	
2	Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year	
a	Total number of conservation easements	Held at the End of the Year
b	Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2a
c	Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2b
d	Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2c
3	Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ►	2d
4	Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ►	
5	Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? ☐ Yes ☐ No	
6	Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ►	
7	Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ► \$	
8	Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4) (B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? ☐ Yes ☐ No	
9	In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements	

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a	If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items	
b	If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items	
(i)	Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1	► \$
(ii)	Assets included in Form 990, Part X	► \$
2	If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items	
a	Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1	► \$
b	Assets included in Form 990, Part X	► \$

Part III

Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets

(continued)

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Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)

a☒ Public exhibition

b☐ Scholarly research

c☒ Preservation for future generations

d☐ Loan or exchange programs

e☐ Other

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Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII

5

During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?

☐ Yes☒ No

Part IV

Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a

Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?

☐ Yes☒ No

b

If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table

	Amount
c Beginning balance	1c
d Additions during the year	1d
e Distributions during the year	1e
f Ending balance	1f

2a

Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability?

☒ Yes☐ No

b

If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII

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Part V

Endowment Funds.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a)Current year	(b)Prior year	b (c)Two years back	(d)Three years back	(e)Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance	5,417,959	5,534,055	4,951,994	5,011,695	5,257,844
b Contributions	410,031	481,648	446,776	528,845	401,860
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	100,442	-23,090	730,225	364,522	-165,297
d Grants or scholarships	2,800	15,050	28,525	55,104	50,291
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs	1,005,060	559,604	535,110	897,964	431,791
f Administrative expenses			31,305		
g End of year balance	4,920,572	5,417,959	5,534,055	4,951,994	5,011,695

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Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as

a Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶

b Permanent endowment ▶ 13 000 %

c Temporarily restricted endowment ▶ 87 000 %

The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%

3a

Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by

	Yes	No
(i) unrelated organizations	3a(i)	No
(ii) related organizations	3a(ii)	No
b If "Yes" on 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?	3b	

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Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

Part VI

Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a)Cost or other basis (investment)	(b)Cost or other basis (other)	(c)Accumulated depreciation	(d)Book value
1a Land		20,000		20,000
b Buildings		1,600,630	777,906	822,724
c Leasehold improvements				0
d Equipment		255,251	27,944	227,307
e Other				0
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c)) ▶				1,070,031

Part XI

Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	1,500,324
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	2,630
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	2,630
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	1,497,694
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total revenue Add lines 3 and 4c.(This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	1,497,694

Part XII

Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	1,618,638
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	1,618,638
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c.(This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	1,618,638

Part XIII

Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9, Part III, lines 1a and 4, Part IV, lines 1b and 2b, Part V, line 4, Part X, line 2, Part XI, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
PART III, LINE 1A	NOTE 10 TO THE JUNE 30, 2016, AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS READS AS FOLLOWS THE ORGANIZATION HAS A COLLECTION OF ANTIQUES AND RARE FURNISHINGS. THESE COLLECTION ITEMS ARE NOT RECOGNIZED AS ASSETS ON THE STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS SINCE THEY ARE HELD FOR EXHIBITION RATHER THAN FOR FINANCIAL GAIN.

Part XIII **Supplemental Information** *(continued)*

Return Reference	Explanation
PART IV, LINE 2B	THE ESCROW ACCOUNT LIABILITY ENTITLED "FUNDS HELD AS CUSTODIAN," GENERALLY CONSISTS OF DONATIONS FROM EASTERN STAR MEMBERS AND FOREIGN CHAPTERS. THE MAJORITY OF THE ESCROWED FUNDS REPRESENTS DONATIONS FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES AND RELIGIOUS TRAINING SCHOLARSHIPS. THE FUNDS ARE ACCOUNTED FOR IN A GENERAL LEDGER CONTROL LIABILITY ACCOUNT, AND A SUBSIDIARY LEDGER IS MAINTAINED AND AGREED TO THE CONTROL ACCOUNT, MONTHLY. UPON NOTIFICATION THAT A RECIPIENT HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED, THE ORGANIZATION FORWARDS THE RESPECTIVE PORTION OF THE FUNDS DIRECTLY TO THE CHARITY OR DESIGNATED EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION, RESPECTIVELY. AS OF JUNE 30, 2016, THE BALANCE IN THE ESCROW ACCOUNT LIABILITY WAS \$17,542.
PART V, LINE 4	AS OF JUNE 30, 2016, ENDOWMENT FUNDS CONSIST OF A PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,000 PRINCIPAL AND \$40,482 OF ACCUMULATED EARNINGS, WHICH ARE AVAILABLE FOR GRANTS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE BEQUEST, THE PRINCIPAL IS TO REMAIN INTACT AND PRUDENTLY INVESTED, AND THE EARNINGS FROM THE INVESTMENTS ARE TO BE USED TO CARRY OUT THE CHARITABLE WORK OF THE ORDER. THE REMAINING ENDOWMENT FUNDS CONSIST OF DONOR-IMPOSED TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED AND BOARD-DESIGNATED FUNDS, WHICH ARE ACCOUNTED FOR IN COMPLIANCE WITH DONOR-IMPOSED RESTRICTIONS. THESE FUNDS ARE USED FOR DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE, MAINTENANCE OF THE OES INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS AND THE INTERNATIONAL PEACE GARDEN CHAPEL, AND CONDUCTING A TRIENNIAL CONVENTION.

SCHEDULE F
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Statement of Activities Outside the United States

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990,
Part IV, line 14b, 15, or 16.
► Attach to Form 990.
► Information about Schedule F (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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CHAPTER

Employer identification number
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Part I

General Information on Activities Outside the United States.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 14b.

- 1 For grantmakers. Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of its grants and other assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance?

☐ Yes ☐ No
- 2 For grantmakers. Describe in Part V the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of its grants and other assistance outside the United States
- 3 Activites per Region (The following Part I, line 3 table can be duplicated if additional space is needed)

(a) Region	(b) Number of offices in the region	(c) Number of employees, agents, and independent contractors in region	(d) Activities conducted in region (by type) (e g , fundraising, program services, investments, grants to recipients located in the region)	(e) If activity listed in (d) is a program service, describe specific type of service(s) in region	(f) Total expenditures for and investments in region
(1) See Add'l Data					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
3a Sub-total	0	0			2,253
b Total from continuation sheets to Part I	0	0			65
c Totals (add lines 3a and 3b)	0	0			2,318

Part II **Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations or Entities Outside the United States.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 15, for any recipient who received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

1	(a) Name of organization	(b) IRS code section and EIN (if applicable)	(c) Region	(d) Purpose of grant	(e) Amount of cash grant	(f) Manner of cash disbursement	(g) Amount of non-cash assistance	(h) Description of non-cash assistance	(i) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
(1)									
(2)									
(3)									
(4)									

2 Enter total number of recipient organizations listed above that are recognized as charities by the foreign country, recognized as tax-exempt by the IRS, or for which the grantee or counsel has provided a section 501(c)(3) equivalency letter ▶ _____

3 Enter total number of other organizations or entities ▶ _____

Part III **Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals Outside the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 16.
Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Region	(c) Number of recipients	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Manner of cash disbursement	(f) Amount of non-cash assistance	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
(1)							
(2)							
(3)							
(4)							
(5)							
(6)							
(7)							
(8)							
(9)							
(10)							
(11)							
(12)							
(13)							
(14)							
(15)							
(16)							
(17)							
(18)							

Part IV Foreign Forms

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Was the organization a U S transferor of property to a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 926, Return by a U S Transferor of Property to a Foreign Corporation (see Instructions for Form 926)*

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Yes

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No
- 2

Did the organization have an interest in a foreign trust during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 3520, Annual Return to Report Transactions with Foreign Trusts and Receipt of Certain Foreign Gifts, and/or Form 3520-A, Annual Information Return of Foreign Trust With a U S Owner (see Instructions for Forms 3520 and 3520-A, do not file with Form 990)*

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Yes

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No
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Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 5471, Information Return of U S Persons with Respect to Certain Foreign Corporations (see Instructions for Form 5471)*

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Yes

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No
- 4

Was the organization a direct or indirect shareholder of a passive foreign investment company or a qualified electing fund during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8621, Information Return by a Shareholder of a Passive Foreign Investment Company or Qualified Electing Fund (see Instructions for Form 8621)*

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Yes

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No
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Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign partnership during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8865, Return of U S Persons with Respect to Certain Foreign Partnerships (see Instructions for Form 8865)*

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Yes

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No
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Did the organization have any operations in or related to any boycotting countries during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 5713, International Boycott Report (see Instructions for Form 5713, do not file with Form 990)*

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Yes

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No

Part V Supplemental Information

Provide the information required by Part I, line 2 (monitoring of funds); Part I, line 3, column (f) (accounting method; amounts of investments vs. expenditures per region); Part II, line 1 (accounting method); Part III (accounting method); and Part III, column (c) (estimated number of recipients), as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information (see instructions).

990 Schedule F, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
PART I - ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION	ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR, GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER (ORGANIZATION"), SELLS OFFICIAL ORDER OF EASTERN STAR RITUALS, BIBLES AND FRATERNAL SUPPLIES, TO FOREIGN CHAPTERS AND FOREIGN INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR ("OES"), WHICH ARE USED IN CONNECTION WITH CARRYING OUT THE EXEMPT PURPOSES OF THE ORDER FOREIGN OES CHAPTERS AND INDIVIDUAL OES MEMBERS, ORDER THESE ITEMS DIRECTLY FROM THE ORGANIZATION, AND THE ITEMS ARE SHIPPED FROM THE USA INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS TO THE CUSTOMER

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CHAPTER

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SOUTH AMERICA	0	0	MEMBERSHIP DUES FROM CHAPTERS, AND SALES OF SUPPLIES		
EUROPE	0	0	MEMBERSHIP DUES FROM CHAPTERS, AND SALES OF SUPPLIES		
EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC	0	0	MEMBERSHIP DUES FROM CHAPTERS, AND SALES OF SUPPLIES		

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NORTH AMERICA	0	0	MEMBERSHIP DUES FROM CHAPTERS, AND SALES OF SUPPLIES		
CENTRAL AMERICA	0	0	MEMBERSHIP DUES FROM CHAPTERS, AND SALES OF SUPPLIES		
THE CARIBBEAN	0	0	MEMBERSHIP DUES FROM CHAPTERS, AND SALES OF SUPPLIES		

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EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC	0	0	RW GRAND SECRETARY TRAVEL TO CHAPTER		513
SOUTH AMERICA	0	0	RW GRAND SECRETARY TRAVEL TO CHAPTER		1,740
EUROPE	0	0	RW GRAND SECRETARY TRAVEL TO CHAPTER		65

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 6	THE ORGANIZATION'S MEMBERS CONSIST OF THE ELECTED GENERAL GRAND OFFICERS, WHICH INCLUDES THE BOARD OF RIGHT WORTHY GRAND TRUSTEES, ALL PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS OF THE STATE GRAND CHAPTERS, ALL WORTHY GRAND MATRONS, WORTHY GRAND PATRONS, ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRONS AND ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRONS OF THE STATE GRAND CHAPTERS, THE THREE WORTHY MATRONS OF EACH FOREIGN CHAPTER OF THIER LEGALLY APPOINTED PROXIES, THE DEPUTIES OF THE MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON AND THE MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRON FOR THE CURRENT TRIENNIAL, CERTAIN ELECTED NON-VOTING HONORARY MEMBERS FROM GRAND, SUPREME OR UNITED BODIES OF THE ORDER NOT UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE ORGANIZATION EACH MEMBER MUST BE AND REMAIN AN ACTIVE MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF SOME SUBORDINATE CHAPTER OWING ALLEGIANCE TO A GRAND CHAPTER UNDER ITS JURISDICTION, OR OF A CHAPTER UNDER THE IMMEDIATE JURISDICTION OF THE ORGANIZATION

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7A	THE ORGANIZATION ELECTS ITS BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT THEIR TRIENNIAL ASSEMBLY, BY A VOTE OF THE VOTING MEMBERS/DELEGATES, ATTENDING THE ASSEMBLY THE ONLY INDIVIDUAL THAT HAD THE RIGHT TO ELECT OR APPOINT ONE OR MORE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY, DURING THE TAX YEAR, IS THE CURRENT MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER II, ARTICLE 1 (C), OF THE ORGANIZATION'S BYLAWS, WHICH STATES THAT [THE MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON] [SHALL] "FILL VACANCIES IN OFFICES OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER AS PROVIDED IN THE CONSTITUTION " THE ONLY INDIVIDUAL THAT HAD THE RIGHT TO SUSPEND ONE OR MORE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY, DURING THE TAX YEAR, IS THE CURRENT MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER II, ARTICLE 1 (J), OF THE ORGANIZATION'S BYLAWS, WHICH STATES THAT [THE MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON] [SHALL] "SUSPEND FROM OFFICE ANY OFFICERS OR COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER UNTIL THE NEXT GENERAL ASSEMBLY, FOR GOOD CAUSE AND AFTER DUE NOTICE AND HEARING, AND WITH THE WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRON OR OF THE RIGHT WORTHY ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON IN CASE OF INABILITY OF THE FORMER TO ACT "

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11	THE FORM 990 IS PREPARED BY THE ORGANIZATION'S INDEPENDENT CPA/PAID-PREPARER ("CPA") AND A DRAFT IS SENT TO THE RIGHT WORTHY GRAND SECRETARY ("RWGS") AND THE RIGHT WORTHY GRAND TREASURER ("RWGT") FOR REVIEW AND TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ASK QUESTIONS AND GIVE OTHER NECESSARY FEEDBACK TO THE CPA AFTER THIS REVIEW, ANY CORRECTIONS, ADDITIONS, ETC , ARE INCORPORATED BY THE CPA AND A FINAL DRAFT IS SENT TO THE RWGS AND RWGT FOR A FINAL REVIEW AND TO ACHIEVE A COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING OF THE FORM 990, AND ANY SCHEDULES AND SUPPORTING STATEMENTS AFTER THIS PROCEDURE, THE RWGS DISTRIBUTES A COPY OF FORM 990 TO EACH OF THE TRUSTEES THE TRUSTEES REVIEW THE FORM 990 AND ACCOMPANYING SCHEDULES AND STATEMENTS, AND HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ASK QUESTIONS PRIOR TO FILING ONCE ALL THE TRUSTEES ARE IN AGREEMENT WITH THE ORGANIZATION ASSUMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FORM 990, IT IS FILED ELECTRONICALLY

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	EACH YEAR, TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS MUST RE-EXAMINE THE WRITTEN CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY ("POLICY"), AND SIGN A STATEMENT AFFIRMING THAT EACH TRUSTEE AND OFFICER IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE POLICY

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15	THE SECRETARY OF THE ORGANIZATION IS THE EQUIVALENT OF A CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, THE TREASURER IS INVOLVED ON A LIMITED BASIS THE COMPENSATION FOR THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER ARE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND APPROVED BY THE VOTING DELEGATES AT THE TRIENNIAL CONVENTION TRADITIONALLY, INCREASES IN OFFICER COMPENSATION ARE BASED ON THE INCREASE IN CONSUMER PRICE INDEX OR A FRACTION THEREOF THERE ARE NO INCENTIVE/PERFORMANCE BASED COMPENSATION POLICIES OR CONSIDERATIONS

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	NO DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC

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FORM 990,PART VI,LINE9- OFFICER,DIRECTOR,TRUSTEE,KEY EMPLOYEE MAILING ADDRES	MICHAEL E BERRY , RW GRAND TREASURER 5805 GLEN PARK ROAD LOUISVILLE, KY 40222 BETTY J BRIGGS, CHAIRMAN - RWGT CURRENT 2403 CAMELOT AVENUE, NW CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52405 PAULA ARGUS, CHAIRMAN RWGT PAST BOARD OF RIGHT WORTHY GRAND TRUSTEES 1687 E 6525 SOUTH SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84121-2550 DENNIS PAUL JORDAN, TRUSTEE 2354 E. SOUTH BEAR CREEK DRIVE MERCED, CA 95340-9157 JO L CULLIFER, TRUSTEE 47 HUNTING CREEK WAY MIDLAND, GA 31820-5000 ALMA LYNN BANE, RW GRAND SECY PAST 2214 VIENNA DRIVE GRANBURY, TX 76048

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FORM 990, PART XII, LINE 1	MODIFIED CASH