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A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning 09-01-2015 , and ending 08-31-2016

B Check if applicable

☐ Address change

☐ Name change

☐ Initial return

☐ Final return/terminated

☐ Amended return

☐ Application pending

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

Doing business as

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

8101 VALCASI DR STE 101

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
ARLINGTON, TX 76001

F Name and address of principal officer
ELLEN PICKRELL
8101 VALCASI DR SUITE 101
ARLINGTON, TX 76001

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 ▶

D Employer identification number
75-0473155

E Telephone number
(817) 563-1244

G Gross receipts \$ 6,299,158

I Tax-exempt status

☐ 501(c)(3) ☒ 501(c) (8) ◀(insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

J Website: ▶ WWW.GRANDCHAPTEROFTEXASOES.ORG

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

L Year of formation 1906

M State of legal domicile TX

Part I Summary				
Activities & Governance	1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities FRATERNAL ORDER		
	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	10
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	10
	5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2015 (Part V, line 2a)	5	8
Revenue	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	24,000
	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	
	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	346,088	239,179
Expenses	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	222,344	63,217
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	558,848	560,693
	12	Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	129,641	134,790
	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	1,256,921	997,879
	14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	793,548	455,048
Net Assets or Fund Balances	15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)		0
	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	127,871	117,721
	b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶0		0
	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)		
	18	Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	758,321	480,216
	19	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	1,679,740	1,052,985
	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	-422,819	-55,106
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	22	Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	18,662,853	19,211,979
			3,791,436	3,985,940
			14,871,417	15,226,039

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

ELLEN PICKRELL GRAND SECRETARY

Type or print name and title

2017-06-27

Date

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name
ELAINE L SOMMERVILLE CPA

Preparer's signature
ELAINE L SOMMERVILLE CPA

Date
2017-06-27

Check ☐ if self-employed

PTIN
P00204458

Firm's name ▶ SOMMERVILLE & ASSOCIATES PC

Firm's EIN ▶ 41-2024514

Firm's address ▶ 3030 MATLOCK RD STE 201

Phone no (817) 795-5046

ARLINGTON, TX 760152936

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

NONE

2

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

YesNo

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?

YesNo

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 \$)

See Additional Data

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)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i>	1	No
2 Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> (see instructions)?	2	No
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i> 	7	No
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i> 	8	No
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i> 	9 Yes	
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i> 	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI</i> 	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII</i> 	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII</i> 	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX</i> 	11d	No
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i> 	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)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i> 	11f Yes	
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII</i> 	12a	No
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional</i> 	12b Yes	
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV</i>	14b	No
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</i>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i>	18	No
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i>	19	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II	21	Yes	
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III	22	Yes	
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule J	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? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I			
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25a		
		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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28a		No
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28c		No
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	29		No
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	30		No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I	31		No
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I	33		No
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1	34	Yes	
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a	Yes	
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)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	35b	Yes	
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI	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.	4	
1b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable.	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.	8	
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	Yes
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	No
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?			
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	1a	10	
	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			
b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent	1b	10	
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	Yes	
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		No

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		No
b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b		
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		
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 ELLEN PICKRELL 8101 VALCASI DR STE 101 ARLINGTON, TX 76001 (817) 563-1244	

Part VII

Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

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

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

☐ Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) AUDRI ROWELL CHAIRMAN/DIR	2 00	X		X				0	0	0
(2) CARLOTTA FAIRCHILD VICE CHAIR/D	2 00	X		X				0	0	0
(3) BARBARA MARTIN SEC/DIRECTOR	2 00	X		X				0	0	0
(4) RAY HARGIS DIRECTOR	2 00	X						0	0	0
(5) DEBORAH LAND DIRECTOR	2 00	X						0	0	0
(6) JEAN HOBBS DIRECTOR	2 00	X						0	0	0
(7) DEBRA FINCHER DIRECTOR	2 00	X						0	0	0
(8) ROBERT ROYALL JR DIRECTOR	2 00	X						0	0	0
(9) JAMES PARKER DIRECTOR	2 00	X						0	0	0
(10) PHYLLIS WILSON DIRECTOR	2 00	X						0	0	0
(11) MARLENE SCHOLARI GRAND SECRET	20 00			X				26,769	0	0
(12) LORRAINE OWENS GRAND TREASU	10 00			X				6,000	0	0
(13) ELLEN PICKRELL GRAND SECRET	20 00			X				0	0	0
(14) CAROLYN MARTIN GRAND CONDOC	10 00			X				0	0	0

Part VII

1b	Sub-Total			
c	Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A			
d	Total (add lines 1b and 1c)	32,769		

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3 Did the organization list any **former** officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual

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Section B. Independent Contractors

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(A)	(B)	(C)
Name and business address	Description of services	Compensation

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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	154,368				
	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	84,811				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$						
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f ▶		239,179				
Program Service Revenue	2a	BULLETIN	Business Code					
			900099	48,004	48,004			
	b	REGISTRATION FEES	900099	15,213	15,213			
	c							
	d							
	e							
	f	All other program service revenue						
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f ▶		63,217				
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) ▶		430,352			430,352	
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . ▶						
	5	Royalties ▶						
	6a	(i) Real		(ii) Personal				
	b	Less rental expenses						
	c	Rental income or (loss)						
	d	Net rental income or (loss) ▶						
	7a	(i) Securities		(ii) Other				
		5,403,621						
	b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses		5,273,280				
	c	Gain or (loss)		130,341				
	d	Net gain or (loss) ▶		130,341				130,341
	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				
				157,719				
	b	Less cost of goods sold		b	27,999			
c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . ▶			129,720	129,720			
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code						
11a	MISCELLANEOUS OTHER REVENUE			5,070	5,070			
b								
c								
d	All other revenue							
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d ▶			5,070				
12	Total revenue. See Instructions ▶			997,879	198,007		560,693	

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.	361,898			
2	Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22.	93,150			
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.	30,538			
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.	82,695			
8	Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions).				
9	Other employee benefits.				
10	Payroll taxes.	4,488			
11	Fees for services (non-employees):				
a	Management.				
b	Legal.	2,172			
c	Accounting.	27,505			
d	Lobbying.				
e	Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17.				
f	Investment management fees.	50,167			
g	Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)				
12	Advertising and promotion.				
13	Office expenses.	154,629			
14	Information technology.	10,562			
15	Royalties.				
16	Occupancy.	67,491			
17	Travel.				
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials.				
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings.	53,600			
20	Interest.				
21	Payments to affiliates.	29,191			
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization.	10,143			
23	Insurance.	56,365			
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	AUTO EXPENSES	16,629			
b	AWARDS	1,762			
c					
d					
e	All other expenses				
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e.	1,052,985	0	0	0
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 ☐

				(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing		59,770	1	51,986
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments		262,653	2	239,222
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net			3	
	4	Accounts receivable, net		81,590	4	77,240
	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		11,278	8	7,960
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		85,956	9	148,791
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment—cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 88,659			
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 50,750	10,553	10c	37,909
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities		18,151,053	11	18,648,871
	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			15	
	16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)		18,662,853	16	19,211,979
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses		62,395	17	31,531
	18	Grants payable			18	
	19	Deferred revenue		168,825	19	269,867
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities			20	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		3,345,094	21	3,583,700
	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			23	
	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		215,122	25	100,842
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25		3,791,436	26	3,985,940
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		5,400,769	27	5,736,391
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets			28	
	29	Permanently restricted net assets		9,470,648	29	9,489,648
	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		14,871,417	33	15,226,039
	34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances		18,662,853	34	19,211,979

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	997,879
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	1,052,985
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-55,106
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	14,871,417
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	409,728
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	
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	15,226,039

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 ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual ☐ Other _____ 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 ☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis		No
2b	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 ☐ Separate basis ☒ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis	Yes	
2c	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
3b	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		

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Form 990, Part III, Line 4a

4a	(Code	) (Expenses \$	including grants of \$	) (Revenue \$	)
THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR OF TEXAS PROVIDES SUPPORT TO MEMBERS AND LOCAL CHAPTERS THROUGHOUT TEXAS AS WELL AS PROVIDING BENEVOLENCE PROGRAMS TO ITS MEMBERS AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS TO THE CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN OF ITS MEMBERS					

SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Supplemental Financial Statements

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► 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.

Name of the organization GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR	Employer identification number 75-0473155
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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	2a
b	Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c	Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c
d	Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d
3	Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ► _____	
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)

3 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

4 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

c Beginning balance

d Additions during the year

e Distributions during the year

f Ending balance

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
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	13,806,327	14,485,936	13,799,964	13,269,404	12,667,415
b Contributions	19,000	110,000			
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	912,023	-44,621	1,061,217	686,760	604,600
d Grants or scholarships	401,046	744,988	267,701		2,611
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses	200,000		107,544	156,200	
g End of year balance	14,136,304	13,806,327	14,485,936	13,799,964	13,269,404

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

a Board designated or quasi-endowment 32 870 %

b Permanent endowment 67 130 %

c Temporarily restricted endowment

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

(i) unrelated organizations

(ii) related organizations

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

4 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				
b Buildings		9,897	9,897	
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		41,262	34,603	6,659
e Other		37,500	6,250	31,250
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c))				37,909

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	
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12			
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a		
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	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	
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	
5	Total revenue Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)		5	

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	
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	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	
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	
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)		5	

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

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SCHEDULE D, PAGE 2, PART IV, LINE 2B	THE ORGANIZATION HOLDS FUNDS FOR THE BENEFIT OF A MEMBER'S LOCAL CHAPTER INTEREST EARNED ON THE PRINCIPAL IS REMITTED PRO RATA TO EACH ENDOWED MEMBER'S CHAPTER THE GRAND CHAPTER RECEIVES THE INTEREST IN THE EVENT OF THE CHAPTER'S DEMISE

Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
SCHEDULE D, PAGE 2, PART V, LINE 4	THE ENDOWMENT FUND'S PRINCIPLE MUST BE INVESTED IN PERPETUITY, AND THE INCOME FROM ENDOWME NT INVESTMENTS MAY BE SPENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE RETIREMENT HOME AND FOR EDUCATIONAL SCH OLARSHIPS AS AUTHORIZED AND APPROVED BY THE GRAND CHAPTER

Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
SCHEDULE D, PAGE 3, PART X	THE GRAND CHAPTER IS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT IS EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAXES UNDER SECTION 501(C)(8) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE AS OTHER THAN A PRIVATE FOUNDATION, EXCEPT ON NET INCOME DERIVED FROM UNRELATED BUSINESS ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEARS ENDED AUGUST 31, 2016 AND 2015, THE ORGANIZATION HAS NOT CONDUCTED UNRELATED BUSINESS ACTIVITIES THAT ARE MATERIAL TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TAKEN AS A WHOLE ACCORDINGLY, NO PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES IS INCLUDED IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS THE ORGANIZATION BELIEVES THAT IT HAS APPROPRIATE SUPPORT FOR ANY TAX POSITIONS TAKEN, AND AS SUCH, DOES NOT HAVE ANY UNCERTAINTAX POSITIONS THAT ARE MATERIAL TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TAX RETURNS OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR THE YEARS 2013, 2014, AND 2015 ARE OPEN TO EXAMINATION BY THE RELEVANT TAXING AUTHORITIES FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS FROM THE DATE THE RETURNS ARE FILED

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Part III

Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22.
Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a)Type of grant or assistance	(b)Number of recipients	(c)Amount of cash grant	(d)Amount of non-cash assistance	(e)Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f)Description of non-cash assistance
(1) SCHOLARSHIPS	54	44,750			
(2) BENEVOLENT AID	15	48,400			

Part IV

Supplemental Information. Provide the information required in Part I, line 2, Part III, column (b), and any other additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
SCHEDULE I, PAGE 4, PART IV	THE BENEVOLENCE MONEY GOES TO VARIOUS CHAPTERS TO ASSIST MEMBERS THE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE GRANTED TO APPLICANTS QUALIFYING THROUGH A QUALIFIED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AND ARE PAID DIRECTLY TO THE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION FOR THE INDIVIDUAL RECIPIENTS

SCHEDULE O (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

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Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
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► Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 6	THE ORGANIZATION HAS VOTING MEMBERS AND NONVOTING MEMBERS IN ORDER TO BE A VOTING MEMBER, YOU MUST BE EITHER THE CURRENT WORTHY MATRON OR WORTHY PATRON, OR A PAST MATRON OR PAST PATRON

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 7A	THE VOTING MEMBERS ELECT THE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE ORGANIZATION

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 7B	THE VOTING MEMBERS VOTE ON THE BUDGET, ANY RESOLUTIONS OF THE BOARD, AND ANY CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE ORGANIZATION

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 11B	THE FORM 990 IS PREPARED BY AN OUTSIDE ACCOUNTING FIRM IT IS THEN REVIEWED AND SIGNED BY THE GRAND SECRETARY PRIOR TO FILING WITH THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE THE FORM 990 IS PRO VIDED VIA EMAIL TO THE ENTIRE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 15A	THE TOP MANAGEMENT OFFICE OF THE ORGANIZATION IS A NON-PAID POSITION

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 15B	THE OFFICERS' SALARIES ARE DECIDED BY THE BOARD AND VOTED ON BY THE MEMBERS THAT ELECT THE GOVERNING BODY

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 19	THE ORGANIZATION MAKES ITS GOVERNING DOCUMENTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35b, 36, or 37.

▶ Attach to Form 990.▶ Information about Schedule R (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33.					
(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity

Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.							
(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
						Yes	No
(1)EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS 8101 VALCASI DR SUITE 101 ARLINGTON, TX 76001 75-2244311	CHAR CARE	TX	501C3	7	GRAND CHAP	Yes	

Part III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income(related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512- 514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?		(i) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
							Yes	No		Yes	No	

Part IV Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end- of-year assets	(h) Percentage ownership	(i) Section 512 (b)(13) controlled entity?	
								Yes	No

Part V Transactions With Related Organizations Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36.

Note. Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule

1 During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?

a Receipt of **(i)** interest, **(ii)** annuities, **(iii)** royalties, or **(iv)** rent from a controlled entity

b Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)

c Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)

d Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)

e Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)

f Dividends from related organization(s)

g Sale of assets to related organization(s)

h Purchase of assets from related organization(s)

i Exchange of assets with related organization(s)

j Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)

k Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)

l Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)
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m Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)

n Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)

o Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)

p Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses

q Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses

r Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)

s Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)

	Yes	No
1a		No
1b	Yes	
1c		No
1d		No
1e		No
1f		No
1g		No
1h		No
1i		No
1j		No
1k		No
1l		No
1m		No
1n	Yes	
1o	Yes	
1p		No
1q		No
1r		No
1s		No

2 If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds			
(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1)EASTERN STAR HOME	B	358,653	CASH

Provide the following information for each entity taxed as a partnership through which the organization conducted more than five percent of its activities (measured by total assets or gross revenue) that was not a related organization. See instructions regarding exclusion for certain investment partnerships.

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Part VII **Supplemental Information**

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule R (see instructions)

Return Reference	Explanation
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