



2026 PROGRAM GUIDE



MICHIGAN MASONIC CHARITABLE FOUNDATION



Mission

We translate the principles of Freemasonry into care that protects dignity, strengthens families, enriches communities and honors our shared responsibility to one another.

Vision

To be a trusted steward of the Masonic values of care, dignity, and responsibility—ensuring families and communities are strengthened today for generations to come.

Core values

Brotherly Love

Brotherly love calls us to respect, care for, and stand beside one another, recognizing the inherent worth and dignity of every person. It guides how we build relationships rooted in compassion, unity and mutual respect.

Relief

Relief is our commitment to compassionate action, offering support and care to those most in need.

Truth

Truth anchors our work in integrity, transparency, and accountability in all that we do. It ensures our decisions and actions honor our shared responsibility and reflect the highest principles of Freemasonry.

MASONIC HOME



Founded in 1891 in East Grand Rapids, Michigan, the Michigan Masonic Home relocated to Alma and opened to residents in 1911. Since then, the staff and residents of the Michigan Masonic Home, dba Masonic Pathways, have been active members of Gratiot County's vibrant community. Residents of Masonic Pathways enjoy many on-campus amenities such as an outdoor putting green, shuffleboard court, cozy movie theatre, all new library and media center, unique sports lounge, in-room wireless internet, and a daily activity and events calendar that changes regularly.

Along with our independent and assisted living residents, those participating in our short-stay rehabilitation program and living in our Health Care Center have on-campus access to barber and beauty services, a gift shop, and specialized life enrichment activities. Onsite medical and specialty clinics bring primary care and a myriad of other health care services right to you. Call 800-321-9357 for more information.



CHARITY ACCOUNTS



Overview

The Charity Account program provides lodges and chapters with a flexible and empowering way to build, enrich, strengthen, and transform their relief efforts and community philanthropy. Through these accounts, lodges and chapters are able to support any charitable cause of their choosing, placing philanthropy directly in the hands of the members where it rightfully belongs.

Funds from a charity account may be used for a wide range of purposes, including scholarships, local community charities, and relief assistance for a Brother, a masonic family member, or others in need.

For more information, please contact us at (800) 994-7400, scan QR code or copy and paste the link into your browser:

<https://qrco.de/bgITSO>

A matching gift is not required, removing financial barriers and expanding each lodge's and chapter's ability to respond meaningfully to the needs of their communities.

Individuals may also choose to give directly to a lodge or chapter charity account. Every donation increases the annual withdrawal amount and helps support your lodge or chapter, your community, and the masonic family you care about most.

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MASONIC SWEETHEARTS (WIDOWS)



When a man becomes a Mason, he does more than just join a fraternity of men; he becomes a brother, a member of a family with roots planted firmly in honor and tradition. As a brother, he is tasked with caring for those members of his family who most need his support, especially the widows of his fellow Masons.

Caring for Masonic Sweethearts is an obligation Masons take seriously. Whether they are shoveling a snowy path or delivering a holiday gift basket to a sweetheart in their community, Michigan Masons take pride in honoring the legacy of their departed brethren. A Masonic Sweetheart should never have to worry she is alone or that because her husband is gone, she is forgotten.

Lodges who host a widow-based event, such as a dinner or purchase holiday flowers, etc., are eligible for a partial reimbursement of up to 50% for their expenses. Simply complete the sweethearts reimbursement form, attach your receipts, and allow 7-10 days for processing.

The sweethearts reimbursement form is available [here](#), by scanning the QR code or copying and pasting the link directly into your browser.

<https://qrco.de/bgiTVE>



MASONIC YOUTH



We fervently believe in the missions of these groups and are committed to helping these youth become tomorrow's leaders, embracing the Masonic values of honor, integrity, and patriotism.

Any gift, appeal, memorial, or general donation can be designated to the Masonic Youth Groups. The Youth Groups include: The Order of the Demolay and International Order of Rainbow for Girls.



OUTREACH & MEMBER CARE

This service is your trusted masonic resource to help you find solutions to any hardships you or anyone within our Masonic family may experience. This service is available to all Michigan Masons, their wives, widows, mothers, or orphans, as well as members of the Order of Eastern Star. Our Member Care Specialists are experienced, professional staff with social work and human service backgrounds. They partner with lodges and chapters and can address needs including, but not only limited to:

- Financial issues
- Health & Mental health resources
- Health insurance
- Basic needs
- Housing needs
- Employment issues
- Legal needs
- Transportation
- Family or Children's issues
- Senior Care Needs
- Michigan Masonic Home Information



A specialist is waiting to assist:

Mon-Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

800-321-9357

masonsupport@michiganmasons.org

MASONIC ORPHANS



Caring for Masonic orphans is a Masonic obligation ensuring no minor child of a deceased Mason feel that he or she is alone or forgotten and their needs are met without hardship. As a Brother, a Mason is tasked with caring for the orphans of the departed brethren and letting them know they are cherished members of the Masonic family. The definition of a Masonic Orphan is:

- A child of a Master Mason who is deceased, and typically under the age of 18.
- Whose father was a Master Mason in good standing at the time of his death or
- Whose grandfather is or was a Master Mason in good standing and his father is deceased and not contributing support.

Guidelines for this program are located in section 14 of the blue book.

Call 800-321-9357 or email us:

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OUTSIDE RELIEF



Rooted in the principles of charity and benevolence, the Michigan Masonic Outside Relief program underscores a dedication to compassion and community service, striving to uplift and aid those confronted with challenging circumstances in their lives. The Michigan Masonic Outside Relief program is a charitable initiative aimed at providing assistance to Michigan Masons and Michigan Order of the Eastern Star members experiencing financial hardship and who have maintained good standing for a decade or more at the time of their request. Initially, members will collaborate with Member Care specialists through the Outreach and Member Care service, while also engaging in The Greenpath Financial Wellness program offered through our partnership with this reputable longstanding Michigan non-profit organization.

The goal is to help the member in need achieve future financial sustainability.

If no other resources or solutions are available, Member Care specialists will assist the member in need and with lodge sponsorship, in completing the application process. The program serves as a last resort option, offering temporary assistance not exceeding one year of financial support. The Michigan Masonic Blue Book outlines the Outside relief program beginning in Section 11.2. It is recommended that officers of the sponsoring lodge or chapter review this section prior to returning an Outside Relief Application.

Contact us at 1-800-321-9357 or email at masonsupport@michiganmasons.org for further information and assistance.

CHILD I.D.

For over a decade, Michigan Masons have been dedicated to aiding parents and law enforcement in securing peace of mind in the face of the tragic possibility of a missing child through the Michigan Child ID Program. Throughout the state, Masonic Lodges annually distribute thousands of identification kits to parents at community and school events, made possible through the generous volunteerism of the Masons.

Michigan Masons firmly believe that every child deserves to be safe. Despite the unfortunate reality of children falling victim to predators each year, proactive steps can be taken by parents to prevent such horrific tragedies. In collaboration with experts in the field, the Michigan Masons strive to provide parents and communities with information on abduction prevention, recovery identification, and safety, offering the most up-to-date and credible resources available.

For questions or to book your event call: 800-321-9357

or complete the Child ID request form [here](#), scan the QR code or copy and past the link below

<https://qrco.de/bgjUl8>

