

Automatic External Defibrillator (AED)

An AED is a defibrillator designed for lay rescuers and non-medical personnel to treat victims experiencing Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA). We want to provide high-quality AEDs for first aid, ensuring that our members have access to a life-saving automatic defibrillator when they need it.

Defibrillation is a procedure used to treat life-threatening conditions affecting the rhythm of the heart—for example, cardiac arrhythmia. The defibrillator provides an electric charge to the heart in an effort to restore a normal heartbeat, which is an essential component of saving the life of someone who is in cardiac arrest.



The idea of purchasing these units first came to us from Sister Janet Robinson, PGM. She asked us to consider adding this to our agenda in 2025. After minimal conversation, we agreed that the purchase of these defibrillators worked hand in hand with our vision. Thus, the idea was born, and we are happy to have this as one of our 2025

projects. We will create a team to distribute and educate as these devices are purchased and placed. We understand that some Masonic Centers currently have these devices in place, so we will make sure their equipment is up to date and in working order. We want to assure all our members that this type of medical aid will soon be available in all Chapter locations. Please help us to set-up and install AED stations (Defibrillator) in all our Chapter meeting locations. The average cost is \$1500 per AED Station with educational training for our membership.



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